



# **Guide to Safe Scouting**

## **A Unit Leader's Guide for Current Policies and Procedures to Safe Activities**

The purpose of the *Guide to Safe Scouting* is to prepare adult leaders to conduct Scouting activities in a safe and prudent manner. The policies and guidelines have been established because of the real need to protect members from known hazards that have been identified through eighty-plus years of experience. Limitations on certain activities should not be viewed as stumbling blocks; rather, policies and guidelines are best described as stepping-stones toward safe and enjoyable adventures. Unit leaders should be aware of state or local government regulations that supersede Boy Scouts of America policies and guidelines.

### **Scouting Safety Begins with Leadership**

A health and safety course syllabus and video introduce the concept of the "sandwich principle," with emphasis on the importance of qualified supervision and discipline, and features The Risk Zone and *Guide to Safe Scouting*

### **BSA Rules and Policies**

**Bold type throughout the *Guide to Safe Scouting* denotes BSA rules and policies.**

**Pick up your copy of the *Guide to Safe Scouting* at the Pine Tree Council Scout Shop or download it on-line at [www.pinetreebsa.org](http://www.pinetreebsa.org)**