

The Mount Baker Council, Boy Scouts of America and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church) – A Legacy Partnership for over a Century

The Mount Baker Council and the BSA is proud of the long partnership with the LDS Stakes and Wards within our five-county area of the Pacific Northwest. As part of our rich heritage with the LDS Church in providing life changing experiences for young people, our partnership has been extremely successful in delivering a positive youth programs rooted the values found in the Scout Oath and Law. The BSA and the LDS Church has had a significant impact (serving 29.5% of the total youth population) on the leadership development of young men and our communities are the beneficiaries of this partnership.

In a joint statement, the BSA and the LDS Church announced that on December 31, 2019 it will no longer be a chartering partner with the Boy Scouts of America. Until that date, to allow for an orderly transition, the intention of the Church is to remain a fully engaged partner in Scouting for boys and young men ages 8–13 and encourages all youth, families, and leaders to continue their active participation and financial support.

As mentioned in the joint statement, the LDS Church continues to grow worldwide with many of its members living outside the United States and the Church is committed to delivering a youth program that can be delivered universally.

Many members of the LDS Church are cherished friends, leaders and fellow Scouts within the Mount Baker Council. We know that Scouting will remain a beloved program for many LDS families and we are confident that many will continue within the legacy of the BSA youth program beyond 2019. We will ensure that the transition to a Scouting unit will be easy as possible and close to home.

Mount Baker Council is a strong council with amazing leadership and we will continue to welcome all youth who want to start or continue the scouting trail. Furthermore, this is time for growth for us as we continue to expand our outreach with both Lions and Scouting for Girls at all scouting levels, while supporting all our scouts with great programming and a world class camp.