

Significant Dates

Since 1910, boys with disabilities have participated fully in Scouting. Significant dates in Scouting's program for disabled youth include the following:

1923. A special award is created for Scouts with disabilities who are unable to meet certain requirements.

1962. *Boys' Life* begins printing in Braille.

1965. Mentally retarded individuals age 18 and over are permitted to register in Scouting.

1971. A grant from Disabled American Veterans enables the BSA national office to establish a professional position of director, Scouting for the Handicapped.

1971. The *Scouting for the Physically Handicapped* pamphlet (revised in 1994) is published.

1972. An improved scouting program goes into effect with more flexible advancement requirements.

1973. *Scouting for the Hearing Impaired* (revised in 1990) is published.

1974. *Scouting for the Blind and Visually Impaired* (revised in 1990) is published.

1975. *Understanding Scouts with Handicaps; Understanding Cub Scouts with Handicaps*, and *Exploring for the Handicapped* training manuals are published.

1977. The Signing for the Deaf interpreter strip is approved.

1978. The National Executive Committee approves the removal of age restrictions on advancement for all severely disabled members.

1979. The National Executive Board approves the substitution of merit badges for the Eagle Scout rank by disabled Scouts.

1980. *Scouting for the Handicapped* (revised in 1984), a resource manual, is published.

1986. *In-School Scouting Training Course* for special education teachers is published.

1987. *Scouting for the Learning Disabled* manual is published.

1991. *Scouting for Youth with Mental Retardation* manual is published.

1992. *Camp Director's Primer to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990* manual is distributed to local councils.

1993. Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Exploring divisions each establish a national sub-committee on Scouts with disabilities.

1994. *Explorers with Disabilities Program Helps*, designed to involve all posts with Explorers with disabilities, is released.

1995. *Scoutmaster's Guide to Working with Scouts with Disabilities* is published.