

About the Program Participant Enrollment Form

We ask parents to fill out the *Program Participant Enrollment Form* at the beginning of each Scouting year. The purpose for gathering this information is to ensure that leaders have the appropriate knowledge to help your child participate in the activities of Scouts Canada's programs. This information is used for the benefit of your child's experience while involved in Scouting. Our leaders appreciate the private and sensitive information contained on these forms and they take appropriate precautions when storing and providing access to this information on a need to know basis.

We'd like to provide you with some background information about the various sections of the form.

Participant Information: This section collects basic information on members such as name, address, etc. Here are some examples of how this information allows us to understand more about your child:

- Faith Affiliation: our principle of Duty to God and our program's spiritual emphasis allow us to ensure the appropriate programming. This also helps us recognize dietary needs and our desire to provide culturally sensitive programming and activities.
- School and Grade: to better understand whom in that section attends the same school and grade.
- There is also a checkbox for parents to indicate whether there are other medical, family circumstances, and cultural or faith requirements our leaders need to know for your child's ideal experience in our program.

Medical/Emergency Information: This is important both to allow leaders to be aware of any possible needs in advance of a program activity (for example – an allergy to insect bites), and to have the information available to assess and react should an emergency occur.

Parent/Guardian Involvement: The leaders in your child's group are volunteers. The enjoyment your child receives from the program will increase with your help. We look forward to your support.

Emergency Procedures and Emergency Contact Information: This information ensures we can seek the best support for your child should an emergency occur. Our leaders will let you know as soon as possible should an emergency occur that requires immediate medical attention for your child.

Privacy Policy Information and Photo Release Consent: Scouts Canada is committed to respecting the privacy of our members and their families. You can view our privacy policy by clicking here <http://sunshine.scouts.ca/bpp/section%2012000.pdf>. The check boxes allow you to choose not to be informed of fundraising and other member benefits, to retain your child's full Scouting record, and to consent to the use of images of your child participating in Scouting activities, in Scouts Canada's publications, ads and website.

Consent to Participate: In this section, you are consenting for your child to becoming a member of Scouts Canada. Participation in Scouts Canada is voluntary, and involves a certain degree of risk when participating in some of our activities. If you have any questions about the type of activities your child will participate in, please contact your child's leader.