

Resources

Note: The Scout and his parents are your first and best resource!

Boy Scout Publications Relevant to the Different Special Needs

A Scoutmaster's Guide to Working with Scouts with Disabilities #33056A
Understanding Cub Scouts with Disabilities
Scouting for the Hearing Impaired #33061A
Scouting for the Blind and Visually Impaired #33063C
Scouting for Youth with Emotional Disabilities #32998C
Scouting for Youth with Physical Disabilities #33057C
Scouting for Youth with Mental Retardation #33059B
Scouting for Youth with Learning Disabilities #33033063A
Advancement Committee Policies and Procedures #33088C
Disabilities Awareness Merit Badge Pamphlet
Application for Alternate Merit Badges, #58-730
Ethics in Action (Cub Scout awareness activities)

These are available through the Scout Shop, but call first (303-477-4830) to see what they have in stock. They can also be ordered through:

BSA National Distribution Center
2109 Westinghouse Blvd.
PO Box 7143
Charlotte, NC 28241-7143
1-800-323-0732

Scout with Disabilities and Special Needs, Fact Sheet #02-508
Eagle Scouts, Fact Sheet #02-516

This is available at www.scouting.org. Follow the fact sheet links in the site.

<http://www.boy Scouts-marlin.org/wswd/>

This is a council site that has a huge section about Special Needs Scouting (note that it hasn't been updated in awhile and occasionally doesn't work).

Denver Area Council Resource Persons:

Randy Bishop: Commissioner, Special Needs District
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Andrea Mosby: Special Needs Director (Scouting professional)
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Carol Meyers: Valley District Advancement Committee Special Needs Advisor and Trainer
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Betsy Glesner: Arapahoe District Assistant District Commissioner and Trainer
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Other Resources: (list current in 2001)

Boys' Life Magazine in Braille, Library of Congress for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Washington, DC, (800) 424-8567 or Volunteer Service for the Blind, Philadelphia, PA, (215) 627-0600

Recordings the *Boy Scout Handbook* and **various merit badge pamphlets**. Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic, Princeton, NJ, (800) 221-4792

Boy Scout Handbook in Braille. The Lighthouse of Houston, Houston, TX, (713) 527-9561

BSA merit badge pamphlets. National Braille Association, Rochester, NY (716) 427-8260

Boy Scout Handbook and **other Scout literature** in large print and Braille. American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, KY, (800) 223-1839

Also check locally with:

Hospitals and Military as they often have access to special equipment

Veteran's hospitals for information from doctors and therapists

Special Olympics

Service Organizations such as Lions Clubs or Kiwanas

For volunteers, contact your local Chamber of Congress or Senior Center

Jayjo Books. A series of books called Taking (insert name of disability) to School, Educational books appropriate for grade school children. Each story tells of a child with a disability. The emphasis is on "more alike than different" and "you can't catch what I've got." Available at bookstores, and on line at www.jayjo.com. The Special Needs district has a set of these for check out to units. Contact Carol Meyers if you are interested.

Internet Resources: (current as of Feb. 2005)

www.ericec.org Council for Exceptional Children: ERIC, Clearinghouse on Disabilities and Gifted Education, has information about a wide variety of disabilities and links to other sites about specific disabilities.

A few lifted from ERIC:

<http://www.chadd.org>

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder

<http://www.autism-society.org>

Autism Society of America

<http://www.schwablearning.org/>

A Parent's Guide to Learning Differences

<http://www.DBSAAlliance.org>

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA)

Adaptive Equipment and Techniques:

<http://www.winsurf.org/>

Access Sport America

<http://www.skiwinterpark.com/media/winterpresskit/nscd.htm>

National Sports Center for the Disabled

(also via www.nscd.org)

Please help us: If you have any other resources that would help this list, please contact one of the council people listed above.