

Linked Units Camping Policies

Question: Can Scouts BSA girl troops be combined with Scouts BSA boy troops into a “camping unit”? *A “camping unit” is the combination of multiple separate chartered troops into one “unit” who comes to camp, combining Scouts and leadership into one unit. This could be for council or district events.*

Answer: No. Program integrity requires single gender units. For details on unit leadership requirements, review the [Barriers to Abuse](#).

Question: How many leaders need to attend when linked units are camping?

Answer: Each Troop must always have at least two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over in camp. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth. Two adult leaders per unit includes “linked troops” meaning the male troop has two leaders and the female troop has two leaders.

Question: Can we create a provisional troop for Scouts BSA girl and boy campers?

Answer: No, a single provisional troop for both boys and girls are not allowed because program integrity requires single gender units. Female provisional campers would be in a provisional Scouts BSA girl troop, and boy provisional campers would be in a provisional Scouts BSA boy troop.

Question: Can linked Scouts BSA girl and boy troops share a campsite?

Answer: Yes, if your camp layout and amenities meet all the requirements of the [Barriers to Abuse](#), including privacy and separate accommodations.

Question: Can a parent bring their daughter to camp with their son’s troop?

Answer: No. Program integrity requires single gender units. If the daughter is a member of a Scouts BSA girl troop, she may attend as a provisional camper and take part in a provisional Scouts BSA girl troop, if available.

Question: Can any Scouts BSA member attend camp on their own?

Answer: Yes, as part of a provisional unit at camp.