

Community Relations

**SUBJECT: USE OF FACILITIES BY THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND
PATRIOTIC YOUTH GROUPS**

To the extent the BOCES receives funds made available through the United States Department of Education and maintains a "designated open forum" or a "limited public forum," as those terms are defined in federal regulation, it will not deny any group officially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America or any other patriotic youth group listed in Title 36 of the United States Code equal access or a fair opportunity to meet. Likewise, the BOCES will not discriminate against any group that requests to conduct a meeting within the BOCES' designated open forum or limited public forum, including denying access or opportunity or discriminating for reasons based on the group's membership or leadership criteria or oath of allegiance to God and country.

The BOCES will provide groups officially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America or other Title 36 patriotic youth group access to facilities and the ability to communicate using school-related means of communication on terms that are no less favorable than the most favorable terms provided to other outside youth or community groups.

The BOCES is not required to sponsor any group officially affiliated with Boy Scouts or any other Title 36 patriotic youth group.

20 USC Section 7905
36 USC Subtitle II
34 CFR Parts 75, 76, and 108

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #3280 -- Use of BOCES Facilities, Materials, and Equipment

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