



AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY

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American Rose Society and the Boy Scouts of America

ARS History

Founded in 1892, the American Rose Society is the oldest single plant horticultural society in America and the largest National Rose Society in the world. The ARS is a nonprofit organization dedicated exclusively to the cultivation and enjoyment of roses. The ARS supports its members by providing rose horticulture, photography and arrangement programs, as well as resource publications, certified rose education, and continuing rose research. We have more than 234 affiliated rose societies in our national network.

BSA

The BSA is a congressionally chartered youth serving organization since 1916 that has supported and helped community organizations achieve their objectives in serving families of America.

ARS Mission Statement

The American Rose Society exists to promote the culture, preservation and appreciation of the Rose and to improve its standard of excellence for all people, through education and research.

BSA Mission Statement

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

ARS Vision Statement

The rose is America's National Floral Emblem. As an educational, non-profit organization, we aspire to be the best source and most ardent advocate for rose education, horticultural information, history, research and preservation; for our members, affiliated rose societies and their members, and for all people.

Collaboration



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The BSA is desirous of lending support to citizenship, character development, and personal fitness of boys, girls, young men and women through community-based organizations.

American Rose Society & the Boy Scouts of America Suggested Ideas to Facilitate a Memorandum of Understanding

The American Rose Society being the largest and oldest single plant organization in the United States and the Boy Scouts of America being the largest youth serving organization in the United States and with the mission of the ARS to provide education to the public and to preserve the rose, a collaboration with the BSA would be very beneficial for both organizations. Furthermore, many ARS members are currently or have been members of the BSA, so there is a unique understanding of both organizations' needs. Below are some ideas how the ARS and the BSA could mutually prosper working together.

- Certified Consulting Rosarians from the American Rose Society could be solicited to become merit badge counselors for troops in local councils.
- Local Rose Societies could assist local packs and troops in their area with the BSA Adopt-A-School Program.
- Research and other academic resources from the ARS could be brought in to assist with providing information to be included in merit badge books.
- Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Cub Scouts could participate in the ARS's National Rose Photography Contest. It could be promoted in Boy's Life that a Scout could win a National Award from the ARS.
- Local Rose Societies could be used to assist in providing programs for Cub Scout Family Camping Programs.



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