

THE SCOUTING FOR ALL ALLIANCE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, “THE ALLIANCE”

1. What is the Scouting for All Alliance for Human Rights

The Scouting for All Alliance for Human Rights is made up of individual grassroots organizers, community based organizations and national organizations committed to getting the Boy Scouts of America to rescind its discriminatory policy, harmful to both our gay youth and straight youth. The “Alliance” has been established in an attempt to help mobilize, network, and support efforts across the country and internationally. The formation of the Alliance is also a way to recognize those individuals and groups who are taking a stand against the social injustice of the BSA. Alliance members view the discriminatory policy of the Boy Scouts of America as a human rights violation. As Alliance members we believe the BSA’s policy of discrimination is a human rights violation because it discriminates against individuals because of one’s sexual orientation and atheists because of their belief. All other Americans can become members of the Boy Scouts of America. Bill Clinton, as President in 1996, said, “To discriminate against an American is un-American.” The Alliance asks, would we as a society tolerate the BSA discriminating against people of color? What if the Boy Scouts of America said, African American youth and adults were not allowed in Scouting? How would the American people respond? The Alliance asks, would we as a society tolerate the Boy Scouts of America discriminating against Mormons or Catholics or any religion because of their religious beliefs? The answer is that those who believe in social justice for all would not tolerate any form of discrimination against any segment of our society. When gay youth and adults, and atheists are discriminated against we as Alliance members are offended and feel violated as a people. We stand together in seeking healing change within the Boy Scouts of America, a program which currently has lost the vision of the World Scouting movement. This vision is based on the World Scouting movement’s principle that scouting was created as an outdoor program for all children.

II. How Does an Organization or Group Become an Alliance member?

An individual grassroots organizer, community based organization or national organization can become an Alliance member by simply making the commitment to advocate for the end of the Boy Scouts of America’s policy of discrimination against gay youth and adults, and atheists. Many of you are already doing this. All a representative of your group has to do is contact the Scouting For All National Headquarters at info@scoutingforall.org and ask to become a member. The Scouting For All Coordinator for the Alliance will contact you to welcome you and ask you for the contact information your group would like posted as an Alliance member. Contact information should include the following:

Name of your group or organization

Email Address

Web Page (if applicable)

Phone

City and State

A brief statement of support or something about your group

III. How Does the Alliance Work?

All Alliance members including individual grassroots organizers, community based organizations, and national organizations are listed by state and city. Being listed on the Scouting For All web page will assist you in recruiting others to join your effort. Upon request Alliance members will receive Scouting For All literature, videos, window stickers, and brochures. Scouting For All will also be available to send out Press Releases and Action Alerts pertinent to any event or strategy the Alliance member may be sponsoring, to get the BSA to rescind its policy. Scouting For All will also be available to provide Alliance members consultation. Members of the Alliance are encouraged to contact one another for local and national support and to also work closely with the Scouting For All Regional Director in your area.

If for some reason an Alliance member wants to leave the Alliance all you have to do is to ask the Scouting For All Alliance Coordinator or your Regional Director to remove your organization from the Alliance membership list.

**APPLICATION TO JOIN
SCOUTING FOR ALL'S ALLIANCE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**

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**Scouting For All
"The Alliance"
P.O. Box 600841
San Diego, CA 92120-0841**

Complete and Return to Scouting For All

Name of Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____ Position: _____

How to contact your organization (this information will be posted on our webpage, www.scoutingforall.org):

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Website Address: _____

Brief Description of your Organization & Statement of Support for Scouting For All:
