

Current BSA Local Councils

(228 Councils +5 special 'sub-Councils'; as of May 2026)

- "Council Date" is the year when the Council began under its current name—predecessor Councils may go back farther.
- Council numbers were originally assigned roughly in alphabetical order by state & HQ city, and are NOT based on Council age.

[Listed alphabetically by state, & then by Council # within each state]

	Council	Council #	HQ City	HQ State	Council Date	Notes
1.	Greater Alabama	1	Birmingham	AL	1998	
2.	Alabama-Florida	3	Dothan	AL	1963	
3.	Mobile Area	4	Mobile	AL	1927	
4.	Tukabatchee Area	5	Montgomery	AL	1946	
5.	Black Warrior	6	Tuscaloosa	AL	1922	
6.	Great Alaska	610	Anchorage	AK	2005	
7.	Midnight Sun	696	Fairbanks	AK	1960	
8.	Grand Canyon	10	Scottsdale	AZ	1993	
9.	Catalina	11	Tucson	AZ	1922	
10.	Natural State	18	Little Rock	AR	2023	
11.	Golden Gate Area	23	Pleasanton	CA	2020	
12.	Sequoia	27	Fresno	CA	1925	
13.	Pacific Skyline	31	Foster City	CA	1994	
14.	Long Beach Area	32	Long Beach	CA	1944	
15.	Greater Los Angeles Area	33	Los Angeles	CA	2015	
16.	Marin	35	San Rafael	CA	1923	
17.	Orange County	39	Orange	CA	1972	
18.	Piedmont *	42	Piedmont	CA	1921	* duplicate name
19.	California Inland Empire	45	Redlands	CA	1972	
20.	Golden Empire	47	Sacramento	CA	1937	
21.	San Diego-Imperial	49	San Diego	CA	2004	
22.	Western Los Angeles County	51	Van Nuys	CA	1985	
23.	Los Padres	53	Santa Barbara	CA	1994	
24.	Silicon Valley Monterey Bay	55	San Jose	CA	2012	
25.	Ventura County	57	Camarillo	CA	1921	
26.	Verdugo Hills	58	Glendale	CA	1922	
27.	Greater Yosemite	59	Modesto	CA	1998	
28.	Pathway to the Rockies	60	Colorado Springs	CO	2021	
29.	Greater Colorado	61	Denver	CO	2022	
30.	Adventure West	62	Greeley	CO	2021	
31.	Connecticut Rivers	66	East Hartford	CT	1995	
32.	Greenwich	67	Greenwich	CT	1912	
33.	Housatonic	69	Derby	CT	1921	
34.	Connecticut Yankee	72	Milford	CT	1998	
35.	Del-Mar-Va	81	Dover	DE	1936	
36.	Central Florida	83	Orlando	FL	1922	
37.	South Florida	84	Miami Lakes	FL	1945	
38.	Gulf Stream	85	Palm Beach Gardens	FL	1937	
39.	North Florida	87	Jacksonville	FL	1939	
40.	Southwest Florida	88	Fort Myers	FL	1968	
41.	Greater Tampa Bay Area	89	Tampa	FL	2016	
42.	Suwannee River Area	664	Tallahassee	FL	1924	
43.	Gulf Coast	773	Pensacola	FL	1935	
44.	Chattahoochee	91	Columbus	GA	1964	
45.	Atlanta Area	92	Atlanta	GA	1939	
46.	Georgia-Carolina	93	Augusta	GA	1941	
47.	Flint River	95	Griffin	GA	1930	
48.	Central Georgia	96	Macon	GA	1923	
49.	South Georgia	98	Valdosta	GA	2012	
50.	Coastal Georgia	99	Savannah	GA	2014	
51.	Northwest Georgia	100	Rome	GA	1933	

52.	Northeast Georgia	101	Jefferson	GA	1935
53.	Aloha	104	Honolulu	HI	1957
54.	Mountain West	106	Boise	ID	2020
55.	Grand Teton	107	Idaho Falls	ID	1993
56.	Prairielands	117	Champaign	IL	1992
57.	Three Fires	127	St Charles	IL	1992
58.	Northeast Illinois	129	Vernon Hills	IL	1971
59.	W. D. Boyce	138	Peoria	IL	1973
60.	Mississippi Valley	141	Quincy	IL	1993
61.	Abraham Lincoln	144	Springfield	IL	1925
62.	Pathway to Adventure	456	Chicago	IL	2014
63.	Blackhawk Area	660	Rockford	IL	1927
64.	Rainbow	702	Morris	IL	1928
65.	Hoosier Trails	145	Bloomington	IN	1973
66.	Buffalo Trace	156	Evansville	IN	1955
67.	Anthony Wayne Area	157	Fort Wayne	IN	1927
68.	Crossroads of America	160	Indianapolis	IN	1972
69.	Sagamore	162	Kokomo	IN	1973
70.	La Salle	165	South Bend	IN	1991
71.	Illowa	133	Davenport	IA	1967
72.	Hawkeye Area	172	Cedar Falls	IA	1952
73.	Winnebago	173	Waterloo	IA	1939
74.	Mid-Iowa	177	Des Moines	IA	1970
75.	Northeast Iowa	178	Dubuque	IA	1935
76.	Coronado Area	192	Salina	KS	1939
77.	Jayhawk Area	197	Topeka	KS	1929
78.	Quivira	198	Wichita	KS	1940
79.	Blue Grass	204	Lexington	KY	1928
80.	Lincoln Heritage	205	Louisville	KY	1993
81.	Calcasieu Area	209	Lake Charles	LA	1930
82.	Istrouma Area	211	Baton Rouge	LA	1925
83.	Evangeline Area	212	Lafayette	LA	1924
84.	Louisiana Purchase	213	Monroe	LA	2003
85.	Southeast Louisiana	214	New Orleans	LA	1999
86.	Norwela	215	Shreveport	LA	1923
87.	Katahdin Area	216	Orono	ME	1929
88.	Pine Tree	218	Portland	ME	1933
89.	National Capital Area	82	Bethesda	MD	1937
90.	Baltimore Area	220	Baltimore	MD	1925
91.	Cape Cod & Islands	224	Yarmouth Port	MA	1992
92.	Spirit of Adventure	227	Woburn	MA	2015
93.	Heart of New England	230	Rutland	MA	2018
94.	Western Massachusetts	234	Holyoke	MA	2008
95.	Mayflower	251	Milford	MA	2017
96.	Michigan Crossroads	780	Eagle	MI	2012
97.	Northern Star	250	St Paul	MN	2005
98.	Twin Valley	283	Mankato	MN	1969
99.	Central Minnesota	296	Sartell	MN	1926
100.	Gamehaven	299	Rochester	MN	1925
101.	Mississippi Riverlands	303	Flowood	MS	2026
102.	Pine Burr Area	304	Hattiesburg	MS	1935
103.	Natchez Trace	748	Tupelo	MS	2022
104.	Ozark Trails	306	Springfield	MO	1994
105.	Heart of America	307	Kansas City	MO	1974
106.	Pony Express	311	St Joseph	MO	1932
107.	Greater St Louis Area	312	St Louis	MO	1995
108.	Great Rivers	653	Columbia	MO	1951
109.	Montana	315	Great Falls	MT	1973

110.	Cornhusker	324	Lincoln	NE	1929	
111.	Mid-America	326	Omaha	NE	1965	
112.	Las Vegas Area	328	Las Vegas	NV	2005	
113.	Nevada Area	329	Reno	NV	1929	
114.	New Hampshire	330	Manchester	NH	1929	
115.	Northern New Jersey	333	Oakland	NJ	1998	
116.	Jersey Shore	341	Toms River	NJ	1992	
117.	Monmouth	347	Morganville	NJ	1940	
118.	Patriots' Path	358	Cedar Knolls	NJ	1999	
119.	Garden State	690	Westampton	NJ	2013	
120.	High Desert	412	Albuquerque	NM	2024	
121.	Conquistador	413	Roswell	NM	1953	
122.	Twin Rivers	364	Albany	NY	1990	
123.	Baden-Powell	368	Binghamton	NY	1998	
124.	Longhouse	373	Syracuse	NY	2010	
125.	Great Falls	380	Buffalo	NY	2024	
126.	Allegheny Highlands	382	Falconer	NY	1973	
127.	Theodore Roosevelt	386	Massapequa	NY	1997	
128.	Greater Hudson Valley	388	Stony Point	NY	2021	
129.	Seneca Waterways	397	Rochester	NY	2009	
130.	Leatherstocking	400	Utica	NY	2016	
131.	Greater New York Councils *	640	New York City	NY	1967	* 5 sub-Councils
	Bronx	641	New York City	NY	1967	borough Council
	Brooklyn	642	Brooklyn	NY	1967	borough Council
	Manhattan	643	New York City	NY	1967	borough Council
	Queens	644	New York City	NY	1967	borough Council
	Staten Island	645	Richmond	NY	1968	borough Council
132.	Old North State	70	Greensboro	NC	1992	
133.	Daniel Boone	414	Asheville	NC	1925	
134.	Mecklenburg County	415	Charlotte	NC	1942	
135.	Central North Carolina	416	Albemarle	NC	1937	
136.	Piedmont *	420	Gastonia	NC	1924	* duplicate name
137.	Occoneechee	421	Raleigh	NC	1929	
138.	Tuscarora	424	Goldsboro	NC	1923	
139.	Cape Fear	425	Wilmington	NC	1989	
140.	East Carolina	426	Kinston	NC	1932	
141.	Old Hickory	427	Winston-Salem	NC	1942	
142.	Northern Lights	429	Fargo	ND	1974	
143.	Great Trail	433	Akron	OH	1971	
144.	Buckeye	436	Canton	OH	1958	
145.	Dan Beard	438	Cincinnati	OH	1956	
146.	Tecumseh	439	Springfield	OH	1929	
147.	Lake Erie	440	Cleveland	OH	2017	
148.	Simon Kenton	441	Columbus	OH	1994	
149.	Miami Valley	444	Dayton	OH	1949	
150.	Black Swamp Area	449	Findlay	OH	1992	
151.	Erie Shores	460	Toledo	OH	1999	
152.	Muskingum Valley	467	Zanesville	OH	1956	
153.	Arbuckle Area	468	Ardmore	OK	1945	
154.	Cherokee Area *	469	Bartlesville	OK	1925	* duplicate name
155.	Last Frontier	480	Oklahoma City	OK	1939	
156.	Indian Nations	488	Tulsa	OK	1957	
157.	Cascade Pacific	492	Portland	OR	1993	
158.	Pacific Crest	697	Eugene	OR	2024	
159.	Juniata Valley	497	Reedsville	PA	1930	
160.	Moraine Trails	500	Butler	PA	1973	
161.	Northeastern Pennsylvania	501	Moosic	PA	1990	
162.	Minsi Trails	502	Allentown	PA	1968	

163.	Columbia-Montour	504	Bloomsburg	PA	1931	
164.	Westmoreland-Fayette	512	Greensburg	PA	1937	
165.	Pennsylvania Dutch	524	Lititz	PA	1995	
166.	Cradle of Liberty	525	Philadelphia	PA	1996	
167.	Laurel Highlands	527	Pittsburgh	PA	2011	
168.	Hawk Mountain	528	Reading	PA	1970	
169.	French Creek	532	Erie	PA	1972	
170.	Susquehanna	533	Williamsport	PA	1975	
171.	Chief Cornplanter	538	Warren	PA	1952	
172.	Chester County	539	Exton	PA	1919	
173.	New Birth of Freedom	544	Mechanicsburg	PA	2010	
174.	Washington Crossing	777	Doylestown	PA	2015	
175.	Puerto Rico	661	Guaynabo	PR	1965	
176.	Narragansett	546	Cranston	RI	1930	
177.	Palmetto	549	Spartanburg	SC	1935	
178.	Coastal Carolina	550	Charleston	SC	1941	
179.	Blue Ridge	551	Greenville	SC	1932	
180.	Indian Waters	553	Columbia	SC	1978	
181.	Sioux	733	Sioux Falls	SD	1927	new name pending
182.	Cherokee Area *	556	Chattanooga	TN	1944	* duplicate name
183.	Great Smoky Mountain	557	Knoxville	TN	1943	
184.	Chickasaw	558	Memphis	TN	1925	
185.	West Tennessee Area	559	Jackson	TN	1939	
186.	Middle Tennessee	560	Nashville	TN	1949	
187.	Sequoyah	713	Johnson City	TN	1931	
188.	Texas Trails	561	Abilene	TX	2003	
189.	Golden Spread	562	Amarillo	TX	1986	
190.	Capitol Area	564	Austin	TX	1934	
191.	Buffalo Trail	567	Midland	TX	1923	
192.	Circle Ten	571	Dallas	TX	1928	
193.	Bay Area	574	Galveston	TX	1937	
194.	Sam Houston Area	576	Houston	TX	1936	
195.	South Texas	577	Corpus Christi	TX	2003	
196.	Three Rivers	578	Beaumont	TX	1970	
197.	Alamo Area	583	San Antonio	TX	1928	
198.	Caddo Area	584	Texarkana	TX	1936	
199.	East Texas Area	585	Tyler	TX	1931	
200.	Northwest Texas	587	Wichita Falls	TX	1937	
201.	Longhorn	662	Fort Worth	TX	1948	
202.	South Plains	694	Lubbock	TX	1925	
203.	Texas Southwest	741	San Angelo	TX	2012	
204.	Rio Grande	775	Harlingen	TX	1947	
205.	Crossroads of the West	590	Ogden	UT	2020	
206.	Green Mountain	592	Waterbury	VT	1972	
207.	Colonial Virginia	595	Newport News	VA	1992	
208.	Tidewater	596	Virginia Beach	VA	1935	
209.	Shenandoah Area	598	Winchester	VA	1927	
210.	Blue Ridge Mountains	599	Roanoke	VA	1972	
211.	Heart of Virginia	602	Richmond	VA	2003	
212.	Virginia Headwaters	763	Staunton	VA	2020	
213.	Blue Mountain	604	Kennewick	WA	1923	
214.	Mount Baker	606	Everett	WA	1994	
215.	Chief Seattle	609	Seattle	WA	1954	
216.	Inland Northwest	611	Spokane	WA	1987	
217.	Pacific Harbors	612	Tacoma	WA	1993	
218.	Mountaineer Area	615	Wheeling	WV	2024	
219.	Buckskin	617	Charleston	WV	1949	
220.	Glacier's Edge	620	Madison	WI	2005	

221. Gateway Area	624	La Crosse	WI	1925
222. Samoset	627	Weston	WI	1930
223. Bay-Lakes	635	Appleton	WI	1973
224. Three Harbors	636	Milwaukee	WI	2011
225. Chippewa Valley	637	Eau Claire	WI	1928
226. Potawatomi Area	651	Waukesha	WI	1931
227. Transatlantic	802	Brussels	Belgium	1953
228. Far East	803	Okinawa	Japan	1965

Special Information

“Mega” Councils

- The **Greater New York Councils** (#640) covers New York City, and consists of five sub-Councils, each covering one of the city's five boroughs under the direction of the Greater New York Councils (note the “s”). BSA counts this as one Council.

Bronx	#641	Brooklyn	#642	Manhattan	#643
Queens	#644	Staten Island	#645		
- **Michigan Crossroads Council** (#780) covers most of Michigan, and formerly consisted of four "Field Service" Councils that each functioned like separate Councils under the direction of Michigan Crossroads Council. However since 2021 the Council now divides its territory into a large number of districts within two administration “divisions” (called President Ford Division and Great Lakes Division).

US Territories

Five US territories have permanent non-military populations:

Territories in the Caribbean Sea

- **Puerto Rico** is its own Council
- **US Virgin Islands** are part of the National Capital Area Council

Territories in the Pacific Ocean (all part of Hawaii's Aloha Council)

- **American Samoa**
- **Guam**
- **Northern Mariana Islands**

Councils that Cover exactly one State (no more, no less)

- **Green Mountain Council** covers **Vermont**.
- **New Hampshire Council** covers **New Hampshire**.
- Also, **Puerto Rico Council** covers the island territory of **Puerto Rico**.

Councils that Cover an entire State plus more

- **Aloha Council** covers **Hawaii** plus American Samoa, Guam, & Northern Mariana Islands.
- **Crossroads of the West Council** covers **Utah** plus parts of Idaho & Wyoming.
- **Del-Mar-Va Council** covers **Delaware** plus parts of Maryland & Virginia.
- **Narragansett Council** covers **Rhode Island** plus parts of Connecticut & Massachusetts.
- **Northern Lights Council** covers **North Dakota** plus parts of Minnesota, Montana, & South Dakota.
- **Sioux Council** covers **South Dakota** plus parts of Iowa, Minnesota, & Wyoming.

Island Councils (Councils that are located entirely on islands)

- **Aloha Council**—the Hawaiian Islands plus the islands of American Samoa, Guam, & Northern Mariana Islands
- **Puerto Rico Council**—island territory of Puerto Rico, including Vieques & Culebra islands
- **Theodore Roosevelt Council**—Nassau & Suffolk counties on Long Island
- honorable mention to the **Greater New York Councils**—4 of its 5 borough Councils (sub-Councils) are entirely on islands (Brooklyn & Queens on Long Island; and Manhattan & Staten Island on their namesake islands), but the Bronx is on the mainland

Non-contiguous Councils

Councils typically merge with an immediately adjacent Council, but there are currently two Councils that resulted from mergers of pairs of non-contiguous Councils:

- **Laurel Highlands Council**—In 2014, the Potomac Council (Cumberland, MD) merged with Pittsburgh's Laurel Highlands Council, even though there are two other Councils in between their respective areas.
- **Golden Empire Council**—In 2025, the Southern Sierra Council (Bakersfield, CA) merged with Sacramento's Golden Empire Council, even though there is a substantial distance (and other Councils) between their respective areas.

States with the most Councils

- **Pennsylvania**—all or parts of 21 Councils
- **Texas**—all or parts of 19 Councils
- **California**—all or parts of 18 Councils

The only State that doesn't have an in-state Council Headquarters

- **Wyoming**—has no Council headquarters. The state is divided among four Councils headquartered in four adjacent states (Colorado, Idaho, South Dakota, Utah).

Council Name Facts (interesting or otherwise)

Longest Council Names

- **Silicon Valley Monterey Bay** (27 letters+spaces); 16 other council names consist of more than 20 letters+spaces

Shortest Council Names

- **Aloha, Marin, Sioux** (5 letters each); also the **Bronx** 'borough council' of the Greater New York Councils

Council Names that are Too Popular or Too Similar

Four pairs of Councils have identical or confusingly similar names:

- **Cherokee Area** (Bartlesville OK) & **Cherokee Area** (Chattanooga TN)
- **Piedmont** (Piedmont CA) & **Piedmont** (Gastonia NC)
- **Sequoia** (Fresno CA; named after the tree) & **Sequoyah** (Johnson City TN; named after the creator of the Cherokee syllabary)—different spelling, different meaning, but same pronunciation
- **Blue Ridge** (Greenville SC) & **Blue Ridge Mountains** (Roanoke VA) are confusingly similar

Most Common Words

- **area**—part of 40 Council names
- **great** or **greater**—part of 13 Council names
- **valley; of**—part of 8 Council names each
- **trail** or **trails**—part of 7 Council names
- **river** or **rivers**—part of 6 Council names (plus one 'riverlands')

Compass Directions (30 Councils use points of the compass)

- **west/western; north/northern**—6 Councils each [not counting 'Westmoreland']
- **northeast/northeastern; south/southern**—4 Councils each
- **east; northwest**—3 Councils each
- **southwest**—2 Councils
- **southeast**—1 Council

Colors (13 Councils have a color in their name)

- **blue**—part of 4 Council names
- **black; gold** (actually **golden**)—part of 3 Council names each
- **green; orange**—part of 1 Council name each [not counting Greenwich]

Numbers (4 Councils have a number in their name)

- **three**—used in 3 Council names
- **ten**—used in 1 Council name

People (or Places Named for People)

- **8 frontiersmen, explorers, and various 18th & 19th century Americans** (Matthew Arbuckle [Oklahoma's Arbuckle Mountains are named after this US general], Joseph Baker [British 3rd Lieutenant w/ Vancouver Expedition], Daniel Boone, Sam Houston, Henry Hudson, Simon Kenton, Sieur de la Salle, and Anthony Wayne)
- **8 people with states named after them** (King Charles I [N. & S. Carolina, from Latin for Charles], Queen Elizabeth I [Virginia, from her nickname of the Virgin Queen], Queen Henrietta Maria [wife of Charles I; Maryland], King George II, King Louis XIV, William Penn, Thomas West [3rd Baron De La Warr], and future King James II [at the time, he was Duke of York])
- **8 American Indians** (Blackhawk, Chief Cornplanter, Chief Marin, Samoset, Chief Seattle, Sequoyah, Tecumseh, and Chief Tuskaloosa [city of Tuscaloosa named after him; his name means 'Black Warrior', hence the name of that Council])
- **4 US Presidents** (Andrew Jackson [as Old Hickory], Abraham Lincoln [once as Abraham Lincoln & once as Lincoln Heritage]; Theodore Roosevelt [and an early Scouting supporter]; George Washington [actually named after Washington Crossing on the Delaware River])
- **3 early Scouting founders** (Baden-Powell, Dan Beard, and W.D. Boyce)
- **1 fictional person** (Evangeline [Louisiana parish named after title character in Longfellow poem 'Evangeline'])

Special Note on Names of US Presidents

I've spotted only seven US Presidents with councils bearing their first & last names (counting U.S. Grant). There have been additional councils with just the last name of a president, but usually these were named after a city or county or river or other location that was named after the president rather than named directly for the president.

- **George Washington Council** (1st president)—2 councils:
Hibbing, MN, 1925–29 (now part of the Voyageurs Area Council)
Pennington, NJ, 1937–99 (its successor council was ultimately split among four NJ & PA councils)
- **Andrew Jackson Council** (7th president)—2 councils:
Florence, AL, 1926–30 (now within the Greater Alabama Council)
Flowood, MS, 1937–2026 (now within the Mississippi Riverlands Council)
- **Abraham Lincoln Council** (16th president)—1 council: Springfield, IL, 1925–present
- **U.S. Grant Area Council** (18th president)—1 council: Freeport, IL, 1927–71 (now part of the Blackhawk Area Council)
- **Theodore Roosevelt Council** (26th president)—2 councils:
Phoenix, AZ, 1962–93 (now part of the Grand Canyon Council)
Massapequa, NY, 1997–present
- **Calvin Coolidge Council** (30th president)—1 council: Bellows Falls, VT, 1936–65 (now part of the Green Mountain Council)
- **Gerald R. Ford Council** (38th president)—1 council: Grand Rapids, MI, 1975–95 (now part of the Michigan Crossroads Council)

Councils, Regions, Areas, & CST's

At first, the national BSA office supported troops directly, while allowing any group of men to form a local council to meet the needs of their community. In 1913, BSA began issuing charters to 'First Class' and 'Second Class' councils. First Class councils served areas with large populations and could afford to pay a full-time Scout Executive. Second Class councils were run by volunteers. By 1945 there were 549 local councils. The trend ever since has been to consolidate, with 236 councils as of January 2025.

To coordinate councils and build Scouting, the national office first created 8 large **Sections** covering the continental US in 1913:

- Eastern States Section
- Southeastern States Section
- Middle West Section
- Northwest Section
- Southern Central States Section
- Mountain States Section
- Southern Pacific States Section
- Northern Pacific States Section

In 1921, the Sections were reorganized into 12 **Regions**, which coincided with the twelve US Federal Reserve districts. These regions were numbered rather than named, using roman numerals I through XII.

In 1972, the twelve regions were consolidated into six named **Regions**:

- East Central
- North Central
- Northeast
- Southeast
- South Central
- Western

In 1992, the six regions were further consolidated into four named **Regions**:

- Central
- Northeast
- Southern
- Western

In 2021, BSA consolidated/reorganized the 27 areas of those four regions into 16 numbered **National Service Territories**. These were further reorganized and consolidated into 14 numbered **Council Service Territories** in 2024 (still numbered from 1 through 16, but omitting numbers 2 & 11).