

A Bibliography of the Boy Scouts of America

Part M: Lone Scouts of America, Sea/Senior Scouting/Exploring, Professional Scouting, Public Relations, Periodicals

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The following is a bibliography on a variety of subjects containing both primary and secondary sources regarding the Boy Scouts of America. Additions to this listing will be made upon receipt of additional information. If you are aware of a source that is not listed, please send the following information to davidp.peavy@paxtu.org: author, title, journal name (volume number, issue number & page numbers), place of publication, and publisher.

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