

BSA Judge Silverstein Confirmation Ruling
Comms Materials
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General FAQ

1. What does this mean for the BSA?

The Bankruptcy Court has approved our Plan of Reorganization, which brings us only one step away from emerging from bankruptcy, and from being able to equably compensate survivors while ensuring the mission of Scouting continues.

2. Does this confirmation order mean the BSA has emerged from bankruptcy?

Not yet – but we are only one step from emergence. In order to officially emerge from the financial restructuring process, we must receive approval of our Plan of Reorganization from the US District Court.

3. Why are we starting an appeal process with the District Court?

The BSA expects that certain parties will appeal the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Plan of Reorganization. We can emerge from the restructuring process once the District Court appeals process is complete, unless the requirement is waived.

4. When do you think the BSA will fully emerge from bankruptcy?

Given the ongoing complexity of the case, we cannot accurately predict when emergence will take place, but we hope it will be by the end of the first quarter of 2023. As always, we will keep you informed as the BSA navigates the final stages of this process with the District Court.

5. Is the BSA running out of money?

When pursuing our financial restructuring, we were able to continue operating in order to carry out our mission to serve youth, families, and local communities through our program. Throughout this process, we have continued to provide Scouting's unparalleled experiences to our members.

6. When will survivors get paid?

The BSA expects that certain parties will appeal the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Plan of Reorganization. The District Court's approval of the Plan of Reorganization will facilitate the release of settlement funds to the Trust for compensating survivors and will allow us to emerge from the Chapter 11 process. Once we emerge from the financial restructuring process, the Trust will begin to be formed and distributions to survivors will commence; however, it may take some time for all survivors to receive their payment. The timeline and process by which funds are distributed will be dictated by the settlement trustee.

7. Where can I learn more about this announcement and the future of the BSA?

We have posted information about this process including information for the Scouting community, at www.BSArestructuring.org. This site includes a Milestones page, which will be your best source for the latest updates as we navigate the final steps of this process.

8. Can people still join Scouting?

Yes! Scouting continues and regular unit meetings and activities, district and council events, other Scouting adventures and countless service projects will take place as usual. Visit www.BeAScout.org to find a unit near you.

9. Have local councils filed for bankruptcy?

Only the national organization has filed for restructuring. However, the local councils have participated in the BSA's financial restructuring process from the beginning through the Ad Hoc Committee of Local Councils (AHCLC)—a committee that has been instrumental in raising the

funds needed to provide equitable compensation to survivors. As a result of this, local councils are contributing more than \$640 million to the Trust to compensate survivors.

10. Is Scouting safe today?

Scouting today is safer than ever before. While any instance of abuse is one too many, it's important to know that the vast majority of claims in the BSA's financial restructuring case were before 1990 and predate our modern youth protection policies.

Over many years, the BSA has developed some of the strongest youth protection policies found in any youth-serving organization, which are informed by respected experts in the fields of child safety, law enforcement, and child psychology. The BSA's multi-layered safeguards include the following measures, all of which act as barriers to abuse:

- Extensive, mandatory youth protection training for all volunteers and employees;
- Partnership with the Barbara Sinatra Children's Center Foundation to educate and empower youth through the new "Protect Yourself Rules" videos to educate children to understand and recognize abuse while empowering them to get help any time they are made to feel uncomfortable;
- A leadership policy that requires at least two youth-protection trained adults be present with youth at all times during Scouting activities and bans one-on-one situations where adults would have any interaction alone with children – either in person, online, or via phone or text;
- A BSA team dedicated to addressing concerns raised about any individual in Scouting;
- A thorough screening process for new adult leaders and staff including criminal background checks; and
- The prompt mandatory reporting of any allegation or suspicion of abuse to law enforcement.

In addition, we have worked with survivors on terms in our Plan of Reorganization to further enhance our Youth Protection program, including the retention of a Youth Protection Executive and the formation of a Youth Protection Committee, which includes multiple survivors.