

# Mapping Scout Requirements to the Church Program for Children and Youth


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On January 1, 2020, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints formally commenced a new Personal Development program for Children and Youth. The introduction of the Parents and Leaders guide states: “Working together, parents and leaders help children and youth deepen their conversion, become worthy disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, and become men and women of integrity.”

The guide further provides three activity areas as follows: **Gospel learning** that inspires personal commitment. **Service and activities** that edify body and spirit. **Personal development** that produces fulfilling growth.

The introductory guide for children and youth gives four personal development areas: “Jesus Christ developed in all areas of His life—**spiritually** (favor with God), **socially** (favor with man), **physically** (stature), and **intellectually** (wisdom)—and so can you!”

There are many places our youth and parents can go to find ideas for goals, and through prayer and inspiration our children and youth can tailor goals specifically for them. One proven source for helping to develop resiliency in youth is the Family Scouting program. Our children and youth are welcome to continue in Scouting, and both boys and girls may participate. By taking into account the four areas of development and mapping them to core Scouting requirements, families can see how these activities span all areas of the initiative. Examples of this correlation are completed on the following pages for Cubs, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts and Exploring, with the Scouts BSA focusing on Eagle Scout requirements. The concentric circles show the Scouting requirements as they align to the Church Program for Children and Youth. This layout emphasizes the importance of keeping Jesus Christ and his gospel at the center in all areas of our lives. These circles can also serve as a fun idea generator for parents, youth and leaders as they identify goals to further their development. We encourage families to use [JustServe.org](https://www.justserve.org) to assist them in finding service opportunities as church members and Scouts. By including Scouting goals in their development plan, our children and youth can efficiently complete nationally recognized awards that will help them in their future mission, education, career and family pursuits.

Youth are encouraged to keep track of their goals in the new [Gospel Living App](#), by going to “My Life”, then tapping the “+” sign, and then touching the “Create New Goal” icon. Youth are reminded to follow the Program's Pattern for Growth, which is: **Discover** what you need to work on. **Plan** how you will do it. **Act** on your plan in faith. **Reflect** on what you have learned. 

We hope the following charts will help you integrate elements of Scouting within your Personal Development goal areas...Enjoy!

# Cub Scouts and The Children & Youth Program



## Spiritual

**Children Ages 5-10  
as per BSA guidelines**

See [scouting.org/programs/cubscouts](https://scouting.org/programs/cubscouts)  
for more information.

**Intellectual**

**Social**

**Physical**

Earn the Light and Truth Award  
(New religious award for Latter-day Saint Cub Scouts)

Plan a Family Home Evening Lesson

Learn about your ancestors

Learn about your Duty to God  
Establish a habit of prayer or study

Design and build  
a pinewood derby car  
Memorize the Scout Oath  
and Law

Learn to use and care for  
a pocket knife

Make a first aid  
kit

Learn about Scouting in  
another country

Attend a Day Camp

STEM/Nova Awards

Learn about a sport

Learn about nutrition

Pass the BSA beginner swim test

Exercise regularly

Plant a shrub or tree

Make a nutritional snack or meal for your family

Go on a hike

Go camping

Earn the Outdoor Activity Award

SCOUTStrong

Plan and organize an  
outing for your family

Select a chore and  
complete it over time

Participate in a flag  
ceremony

Write a thank you

Hornaday Unit Award

Participate in Community  
Service

Messengers of Peace

Build a birdhouse

Plan and perform a skit

Help set up a tent

Plant a garden

Learn to fish

Earn the World  
Conservation Award

Interpreter Strip

**Service & Activities**

**Personal Development**

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# Scouts BSA and The Children & Youth Program



## Spiritual

Youth Ages 11-17  
as per BSA guidelines

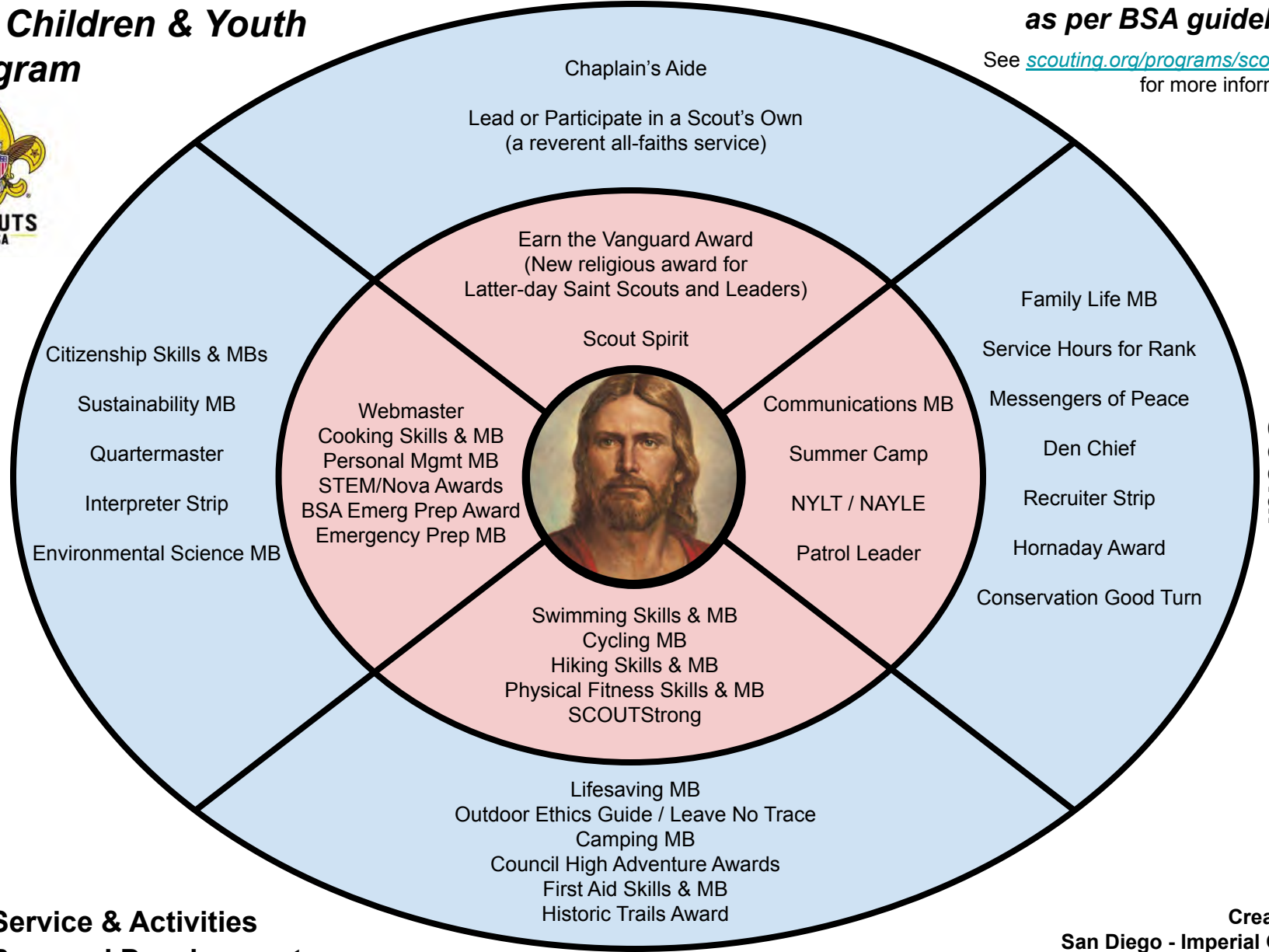
See [scouting.org/programs/scoutsbsa](https://scouting.org/programs/scoutsbsa)  
for more information.

Intellectual

Social

## Physical

- Service & Activities
- Personal Development
- MB = Merit Badge**



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# Venturing and The Children & Youth Program



## Spiritual

**Youth Ages 14-20  
as per BSA guidelines**

See [scouting.org/programs/venturing](https://scouting.org/programs/venturing) for more information.

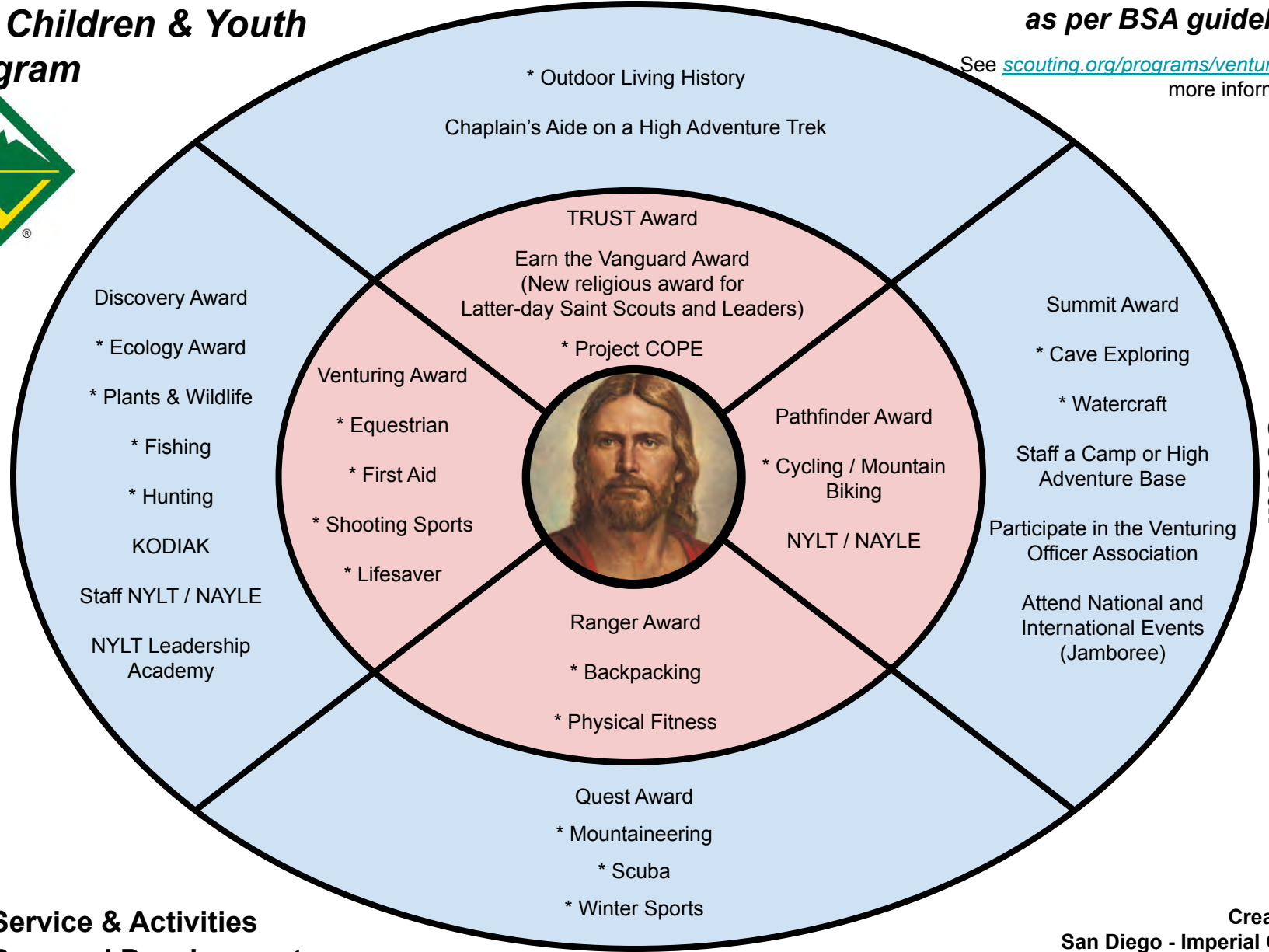
**Intellectual**

**Social**

## Physical

- Service & Activities**
- Personal Development**
- \* Ranger Challenge Electives**

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# Sea Scouts and The Children & Youth Program



## Spiritual

**Youth Ages 14-20  
as per BSA guidelines**

See [seascout.org](http://seascout.org) for more information.

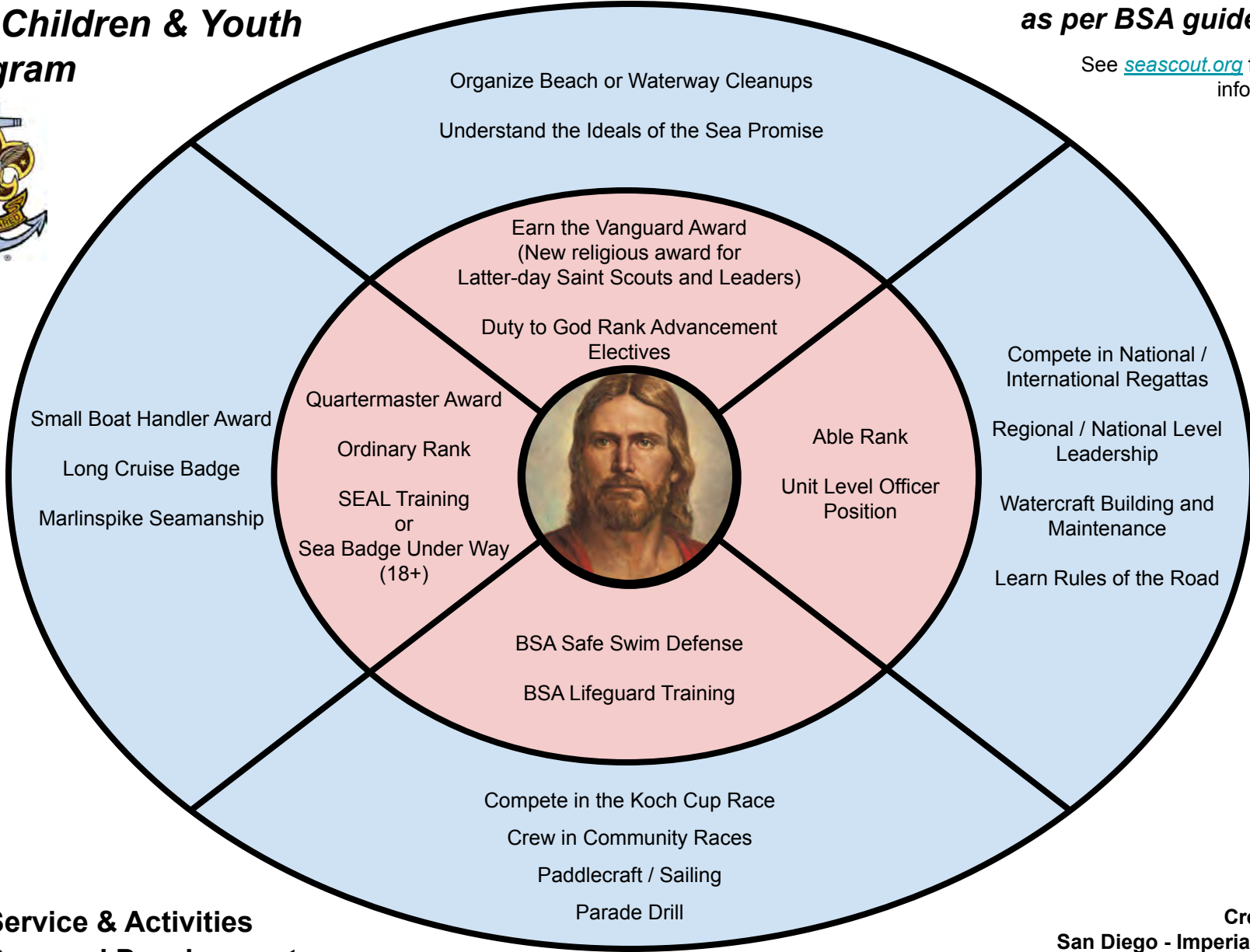
**Intellectual**

**Social**

## Physical

- Service & Activities**
- Personal Development**

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# Exploring and The Children & Youth Program



**Youth Ages 10-20  
as per BSA guidelines**

Exploring provides activities and mentorship in 12 broad career fields. See [exploring.org](http://exploring.org) for more information.

