

## **Scouting Abbreviations and "Initialisms" -- Acroynms in Common Use**

I wanted to keep this file short, so I've tried to avoid definitions, and just list what the letters stand for. I hope this will clarify some of what you read, but I also hope you will avoid excessive abbreviating when you write or speak. Some of these are in very common use by Scouting people of all kinds. Others are very obscure, but have appeared in messages on list servers and e-mail messages.

AA	Associate Advisor (U.S. Explorer Post)
AAC	Assistant Area Commissioner
AC	Area Commissioner
ACL	Assistant Cub Leader
ADC	Assistant District Commissioner
APC	Assistant Provincial Commissioner
APL	Assistant Patrol Leader
ARC	Assistant Regional Commissioner
ASM	Assistant Scoutmaster
ASPL	Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
AT	Appalachian Trail
BL	Boy's Life (U.S. magazine)
BLT	Basic Leadership Training (see also CBLT, SBLT)
BP	Baden-Powell (Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell)
BP&P	By-laws, Policies & Procedures (Boy Scouts of Canada)
BS	Boy Scouts
BSA	Boy Scouts of America
BSC	(very rare) Boy Scouts of Canada
CA	Assistant Cubmaster
CBLT	Cub Basic Leadership Training
CC	Committee Chairman
CI	Cub Instructor
CJ	Canadian Jamboree
CL	Cub Leader
CM	Cubmaster
CO	Chartered Organization (local org. who holds a unit charter)
COR	Camp-o-ree; Chartered Organization Representative
CP	Chartered Partner
CS	Cub Scout
CSP	Council Shoulder Patch
CTWB	Cub Trainer Wood Badge
DA	Assistant Den Leader
DAC	District Activities Chairman
DAM	District Award of Merit
DC	District Commissioner
DCL	District Cub Leader

DCM	District Cubmaster
DE	District Executive
DL	Den Leader (U.S. Cubs)
DOB	Do Our Best (in Cub Grand Howl)
DRP	Declaration of Religious Principle
DSL	District Scout Leader
DYB	Do Your Best (in Cub Grand Howl)
EA	Explorer Post Advisor
EOA	Explorer Officers' Association
FD	Field Director
GGC	Girl Guides of Canada
GL	Group Leader
GS	Girl Scouts
GSA	incorrect form of GSUSA
GSM	Group Scoutmaster
GSUSA	Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
HB	Handbook
HQ	Headquarters
IHQ	International Headquarters
JAL	Junior Activity Leader
JLT	Junior Leader Training
JOTA	Jamboree-on-the-Air (ham radio)
MAL	Member-at-Large (re: committees)
MB	Merit Badge
MC	Committee Member (U.S.)
NOAC	National Order of the Arrow Conference
OA	Order of the Arrow
PFE	Provincial Field Executive
PL	Patrol Leader
PLC	Patrol Leaders' Council
POR	Policy, Organisation and Rules (U.K., Aus.)
PTC	Philmont Training Center
QM	Quartermaster
RC	Regional Commissioner
RT	Roundtable
SIT	Scouter-in-Training
SA	Assistant Scoutmaster (U.S.)
SBLT	Scout Basic Leader Training
SLHB	Scout Leaders' Handbook
SE	Scout Executive
SLWB	Scout Leader Wood Badge
SM	Scoutmaster
SME	Sustaining Membership Enrollment
SMF	Scoutmastership Fundamentals
SOR	Scout-o-Rama
SPL	Senior Patrol Leader

SWTH	Scouting with the Handicapped (Can., now called SYD)
SYD	Scouting for Youth with Disabilities
TLC	Troop Leaders' Council (see PLC)
TTT	Train the Trainer
UW	United Way
VIQ	Venturer Interest Questionnaire
WA	Assistant Webelos Den Leader
WAGGGS	World Association of Girl Guides and Girls Scouts
WB	Wood Badge
WDL	Webelos Den Leader
WJ	World Jamboree
WL	Webelos Den Leader

Here are some other terms also in use, but I won't include abbreviations for them, unless I know abbreviations are already in use:

Assistant County Commissioner  
District Cub Scout Leader  
Group Scout Leader

Here are some COMMON terms in use with computers:

BBS	[Computerized] Bulletin Board System
<BG>	Big Grin
BTW	by the way
CIM	CompuServe Information Manager (program to call CIS automatically)
CIS	CompuServe Information Service
CO	[Online] Conference (CIS)
DL	download, also Data Library on CIS, now called LIB
ENS	Executive News Service (available on CompuServe)
EPSF	Encapsulated PostScript File
FWIW	for what it's worth
FYI	for your information
GIF	Graphics Interchange Format (for color pictures)
<gr>	grin
IMHO	in my humble opinion (also IMO: in my opinion)
IOW	in other words
ITOH	on the other hand
PD	public domain (uncopyrighted)
PPN	old name for CIS ID#
RLE	Run Length Encoded (for black and white pictures)
ROTFL	Rolling on the Floor Laughing
<VBG>	Very Big Grin
YIB	Yours in Brotherhood
YIS	Yours In Scouting

YITWBS    Yours in the World Brotherhood of Scouting