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Girl Scouts File Trademark Complaint Against Rival Boy Scouts

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The Girl Scouts of the United States of America have filed suit to force the Boy Scouts of America to put the “Boy” back into “Boy Scout.” The two venerable youth organizations will soon face off in a high-stakes trademark battle in federal court. The Girl Scouts filed a trademark complaint in November 2018 in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. In it, the Girl Scouts claim the Boy Scouts' use of the trademarks SCOUTS, SCOUTING and SCOUTS BSA without the word “boy” for programming for girls has and will continue to create confusion for families seeking to enroll their daughters in Girl Scouts.

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