

# **Scout's Safety-Tip Coloring Book**



## **Keeping kids safe and strong**



66 I'm Scout and keeping kids safe and strong is what I do. I travel the country, visiting Associa-managed communities and talking to kids and their parents about everything from pool safety and first-aid to staying active through sports and activities like soccer and ballet. You can recognize me by my blue bandana — I never leave home without it! \*\*\*

**Scout's Story:** As a puppy, Scout spent his days exploring the neighborhood with his owner, Zach. Zach was a curious little boy who was always getting into potentially dangerous things like playing with his daddy's tools and talking to strangers. Lucky for Zach, Scout was always looking out for him. In fact, that's how Scout got his name.

To keep Zach out of trouble, Scout introduced him to sports and the neighborhood playground. Scout knew that exercise plays a big role in keeping kids strong and healthy, so he was always scouting out new ways for Zach to stay active. He even got him to try karate and ice-skating.

After Zach left for college, Scout wondered who could he watch out for now? One day when Scout was out walking with Zach's mom, he saw a bunch of kids hanging out on the corner of a busy street. He thought they might have more fun, and be more safe, if he could lead them to a safer place to play. Scout started barking and guided the kids to the neighborhood playground. When they saw where Scout was leading them, the children cheered, clapped and thanked Scout for showing them a fun place to play.

Scout loved helping those kids. He decided then and there he would help keep kids safe and strong by teaching them safety rules and encouraging them to try sports and activities that would help them live active lives. Now he travels all over the country scouting out ways to keep kids active and safe at home and around their communities.



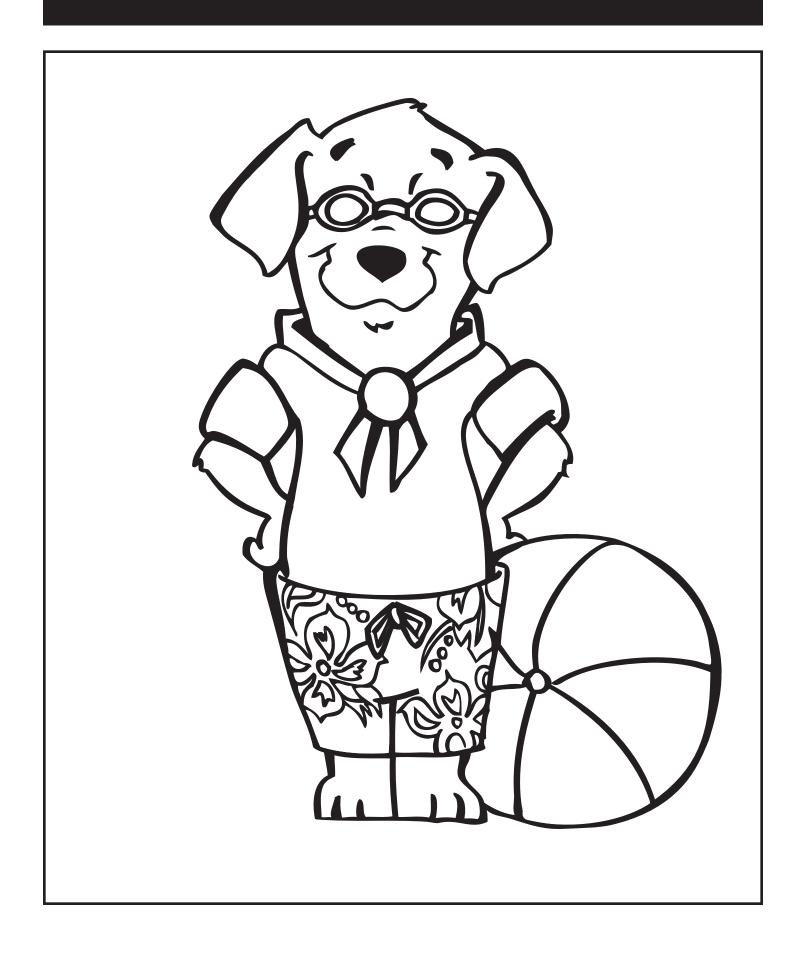
Tip 1: Always wear a helmet and protective pads when biking.



### Tip 2: Always buckle up.



**Tip 3: Never swim without a grownup present.** 



Tip 4: Always wear sunscreen when playing outside.



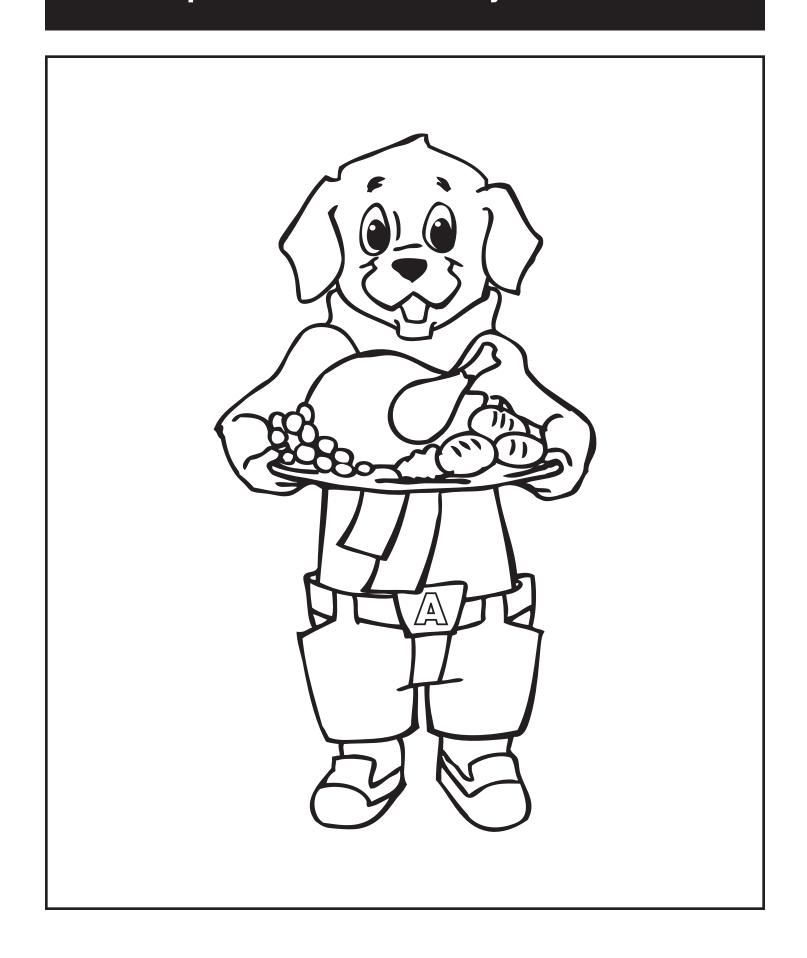
**Tip 5: Never talk on a cell phone while skateboarding.** 



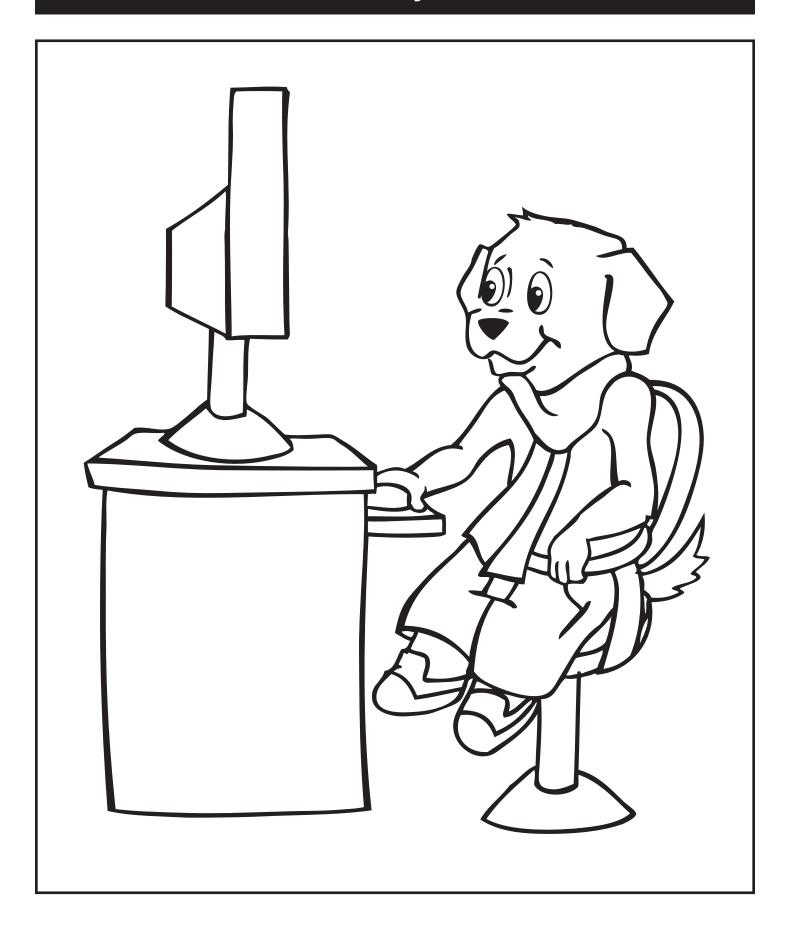
# Tip 6: Stay away from open fire. Cooking over an open fire should be done with the help of grownups.



Tip 7: Don't bite off more than you can chew.



Tip 8: Tell your parents right away if you read anything on the Internet that makes you feel uncomfortable.



## **What safety tips can you think of for Scout?**





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