

WHAT THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA DOES FOR SCOUT LEADERS AND SCOUTING UNITS

SERVICE IS OUR BUSINESS

TO HELP THE LEADER WITH ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIT, THE COUNCIL MAINTAINS SCOUT SERVICE CENTERS WITH CLERICAL STAFF TO:

1. Handle registrations, Boys' Life subscriptions, and special requests to the national office and other organizations.
2. Maintain a supply of literature, insignia, forms, certificates, etc., needed by the leader to carry on the units' program.
3. Keep records of advancement, membership, training, etc., necessary to unit operation.
4. Produce monthly and special council bulletins to keep leaders informed of latest local and national Scouting news, coming events, etc.
5. Produce notices, minutes, agendas, etc., for district and council committees that are developing programs for leader and unit benefit.
6. Handle phone calls and visitors for information related to unit operations and Scouting procedures.
7. Provide dozens of regular and special forms, applications, scoreboards, certificates, and literature helpful in unit program.
8. Produce district and council calendars and schedules, programs, kits, and special aids to assist leaders and their committees.
9. Make reservations for videos, equipment, long-term camping, short-term camps, camporees, jamborees, high-adventure bases, training courses, meetings, Cub Scout leader pow wows, Exploring activities, annual council and district meetings, troop leader and den chief events.

TO ASSIST LEADERS, THE COUNCIL EMPLOYS A TRAINED, FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL STAFF TO COUNSEL, GUIDE AND INSPIRE:

1. Through information training in unit operation.
2. Through person-to-person counseling on unit relationships, administrative and operational problems.
3. Through guidance of all committees, commissioners, roundtables, meetings, conferences, courses, district and council activities in the development of programs that directly benefit leaders and units.
4. Through contacts with the community resources (clubs, churches, government, etc.) secure help for all units that they alone could not obtain. The use of parks, recreational areas, use of buildings for special affairs, picnic areas, campsites and swimming facilities are a few examples.

TO PROVIDE THE UNIT WITH DISTRICT AND COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE, THE COUNCIL:

1. Plans and conducts various types of activities in which units participate, such as Scouting Anniversary Week and Scout shows.
2. Organizes camporees, Cub Scout day camps, jamborees, high-adventure trips, Explorer events, etc.
3. Works with various community groups to arrange for Scout participation in civic affairs and good turn projects.
4. Recruits and trains a corps of commissioners for assisting with unit program and maintaining standards.

TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND RELATIONSHIPS SUPPORT, THE COUNCIL PROVIDES THE LEADERSHIP WITH:

1. A library of videotapes and players for use in training and promotional programs, at no cost to the units.
2. Informal and formal training courses with most of the cost of literature and materials, etc., and all staff time included in the council budget.
3. Monthly roundtables for the benefit of leaders, committee members, assistants, and den leaders providing materials, staff and other costs.
4. Scouter's Key, training awards, Den Leader's Training Award, Silver Beaver, other Scouter recognition and Award of Merit.
5. A merit badge counselor corps in more than 100 subjects.
6. A variety of advancement forms and certificates without charge. These are processed in the thousands each year.

TO SUPPORT UNIT CAMPING AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, THE COUNCIL:

1. Maintain a 2,400 acre Scout Ranch with one great Scout Camp for year-round camping and Cub Scout family outdoor events. Our Scout camp serves as year-round activities, camping and training centers.
2. Employ full-time camp ranger for the protection of the Scout camping properties and the convenience of units using facilities.
3. Provides unit leaders' guidebook, camp videos, folders, literature, and other aids to help units with their outdoor program.
4. Provides scholarships or "camperships" for Scouts who need some help to have a summertime camp experience.
5. Offers units the high adventure of Philmont Scout Ranch, high-adventure bases, national jamborees, and other special events. These would not exist without a council giving leadership and coordination.

TO HELP THE LEADER DEVELOP UNIT PROGRAM, THE COUNCIL PROVIDES:

1. Program helps, program planning charts and calendar of activities, meetings and special events.
2. Awards such as ribbons, certificates, round-up awards, etc.
3. Round-up, camporee, and Scouting Anniversary Week kits, posters and other materials.
4. Sample song sheets, ceremonies, parents' night program outlines, training aids, etc.
5. Source materials and personnel
6. Materials, books pamphlets, folders, videos, and special help from the National Council and cooperating organizations.

TO PROTECT THE UNIT LEADER AND OUR YOUTH MEMBERS, THE COUNCIL:

1. Screens requests for services, money-earning proposals, guarding against improper use of Scouting commercialism and exploitation.
2. Maintains a liability policy for the protection of all leaders.
3. Have staff members available on what is practically an around-the-clock, around-the-calendar basis to meet any emergency.
4. Conduct background checks on all new registered leaders.