

Unit Commissioners

The unit commissioner is a generalist whose passionate overriding mission in Scouting is to help units succeed. Specific responsibilities include:

- Help each unit earn the Quality Unit Award.
- Use the annual commissioner service plan, with its scheduled opportunities for commissioner contact with units.
- Know each phase of the Scouting program. Review Scouting program literature.
- Visit unit meetings.
 - a) Observe the unit in action and determine the degree to which the descriptions in the literature are being followed.
 - b) If called upon, participate or help in some of the regular activities of the unit.
- Visit regularly with the unit leader.
 - a) Listen to what the unit leader has to say.
 - b) Offer encouragement and support.
 - c) Using the literature and profile sheet, help the leader see new opportunities for improvement.
 - d) Maintain the best possible relationship with unit leadership.
 - e) Help the leader with forms and applications.
 - f) Encourage unit participation in district and council program events and training opportunities.
- Work to assure effective and active unit committees.
 - a) Visit with the unit committee periodically.
 - b) Observe the committee in action.
 - c) Using the literature, offer suggestions for improvement.
 - d) Work with the committee to solve problems and improve unit operation.
- Keep in touch with the chartered organizations of the units you serve.
 - a) Meet and orient the chartered organization representative.
 - b) Meet the head of the organization and explain your role as helper of units.
 - c) Help develop a good relationship between unit leaders and chartered organization leaders.
- Know the neighborhood in which your units are located.
 - a) Help graduating members of one program join the next level of Scouting.
 - b) Identify potential sources for new youth members.
 - c) Cultivate men and women of good moral character who might become scouting leaders.
 - d) Know chartered organizations and prospective ones.
 - e) Learn about resources and characteristics of the neighborhood, which may affect a unit.
- Know the district and council.
 - a) Identify resources that can help the unit.
 - b) Know scheduled events that will help the unit.
 - c) Work closely with the professional staff.

- d) Use members of district operating committees to help meet specialized needs of your units.
- Set the example.
 - a) Adopt an attitude of helpfulness.
 - b) Keep promises.
 - c) Be concerned about proper uniforming.
 - d) Be diplomatic.
- Continue to grow in experience and knowledge.
 - a) Attend commissioner training experiences and earn the commissioner training awards.
 - b) Meet with, and share information with, other commissioners.
- Involve unit personnel in Cub Scout roundtables, Boy Scout roundtables.
- Make certain that proper techniques are used to select and recruit unit leaders.
- Facilitate the on-time annual charter renewal of all assigned units.
 - a) Help the unit conduct a membership inventory of youth and adults.
 - b) Help the unit committee chairman conduct the charter renewal meeting.
 - c) See that a completed charter renewal application is returned to the council service center.