

Overview

Unit Commissioners are district leaders who help Scout units succeed. A commissioner plays several roles, including friend, representative, unit “doctor,” teacher, and counselor. They coach and consult with adult leaders of Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Venturing crews. Commissioners help maintain the standards of the Boy Scouts of America.

Unit commissioners will focus on the following four primary areas:

1. Supporting unit growth through the Journey to Excellence.
2. Contacting units and capturing their strengths and needs in Commissioner Tools.
3. Linking unit needs to district operating committee resources.
4. Supporting timely charter renewal.

Responsibilities

1. Support 2-4 units simultaneously
2. Log 6 meaningful contacts/meetings per year with each unit
3. Attend monthly commissioner meetings
4. Commit 4-5 hours per month of time to the role

Requirements

The outstanding commissioner:

1. Is an enthusiastic leader of adults.
2. Inspires confidence and builds morale in unit adults.
3. Has practical knowledge of Scouting or, more important, is a fast-track learner.
4. Is diplomatic and can handle difficult unit situations while maintaining good relations with unit adults.
5. Strongly believes in Scouting and its ideals.
6. Respects cultural and socioeconomic differences.
7. Respects personality differences.
8. Adapts well to changing unit circumstances.
9. Is persistent, yet patient, with unit adults.
10. Stays focused on specific unit needs, and helps each assigned unit become more effective with its program.