



Join the Commissioner Service

Commissioners help units succeed.

Unless Scouting units are strong and efficient, the program won't reach the boys. The concept for the Commissioner Service focuses on the units. The Commissioner's specific mission is to keep units operating at maximum efficiency so that they can deliver the program. Today's Unit Commissioners are results-oriented. They are successful in their mission when the units regularly accept new boys and effectively deliver the ideals of Scouting to their members.

A Unit Commissioner plays several roles, including friend, representative, unit "doctor", teacher, and counselor. These roles are necessary to help units through the various phases they experience as the adult leadership changes in the units. Unit Commissioners help maintain continuity during these cycles of leadership changes in the units.

Unit Commissioners make regular contact with unit leaders throughout the year. Their telephone calls and personal visits provide unit leaders with an additional source for information and ideas for sustaining unit operations and delivery of a quality program. Unit Commissioners are the unit's primary contact for tapping into District Staff resources. They also assist unit leaders with the annual rechartering process and to help manage the successful completion of the Journey to Excellence Unit Award Program.

An additional responsibility of the Commissioner Service is to provide a regular schedule of monthly Roundtables. Roundtables are developmental training and information sharing opportunities for the units. They provide schedules and information for district and council activities along with unit program ideas and unit committee operations help.

Anyone can volunteer for the Commissioner Service. Registered Scouters with past experience as a Unit Leader or Committee Chairman are most sought after. Basic Commissioner Training is provided 3 times a year and continuing education is available via the College of Commissioner Science and at the Philmont Scout Reservation Leadership Center. Roundtable Commissioners for both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, as well Roundtable Staff members, are also being sought.

Anyone Interested in learning more about the Commissioner Service should contact either their Unit Commissioner or David Sitler, District Commissioner, (612) 245-8085 or dmsitler@msn.com.