



Unit Commissioner

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.