

If you wish to nominate someone:

Nominator information
Send to: Dan Beard Council
10078 Reading Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45241

Your name: _____

Your current position in the unit: _____

Your telephone number: _____

Your email address: _____

Pack/Troop/Team/Crew: _____

Nominee information

Name of the person nominated for Unit Commissioner:

What is their current role in the unit? (If any): _____

Telephone number of the nominee: _____

Email address of the nominee: _____

Is the nominee a registered adult leader? Y / N

Please describe why the person being nominated would make a good Unit Commissioner:

If you wish additional information or wish to volunteer, please contact:

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DAN BEARD COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



**Become a Unit
Commissioner for
the BSA!!**

What to do FIRST?

Read this pamphlet!

Commissioners are care about people, are detail-oriented and problem solvers, and always like to have FUN!

**What do Unit Commissioners DO?
Help Units succeed!**

The UC Top Ten:

1. Regularly visits with unit leaders at Roundtable and at unit meetings to see them in action, listen, assess needs, and help determine ways to encourage each unit to succeed.
2. Learn and understand each phase of the Scouting program
3. Sets a good example of Scouting ideals, communicates well, and demonstrates great people skills.
4. Continues to grow through training, experience, and Commissioners' meetings.
5. Promotes training for all unit leaders.
6. Works with the "Annual Service Plan" (a special calendar that helps a UC know what to talk about on unit visits).
7. Promotes Roundtable as a means of learning more about Scouting programs and activities.
8. Helps Units do their best to achieve the highest Journey to Excellence Award every year.
9. Helps maintain good relationships between units and their charter partners.
10. Works with Units to assure on time charter renewal, understands unit inventories, holds charter renewal meetings, and signs completed charters when they're turned in.

How does one become a Unit Commissioner?

Say YES to the District Commissioner!

While the District Chair is responsible for the Operations of the District, the **District Commissioner** is responsible for the people who volunteer their time for the District. They appoint Asst. District Commissioners, Roundtable Commissioners, and Unit Commissioners (UC).

What does a UC do first?

Meet with the District Commissioner and Asst. District Commissioners to discuss your strengths and experiences as an adult leader, talk about what types of unit you would like to work with (Pack, Troop, Team or Crew), and find out about the training available for beginning commissioners.

Study the "*Commissioner Fieldbook for Unit Service*" (BSA #33621A) to become familiar with the UC 'job.' Other guides: "*Commissioner Basic Training Manual*", "*Commissioner Helps for Packs, Troops and Crews*", and the "*Boys' Life Unit Commissioner Program Notebook*".

Visit the Council's web site to find copies of BSA forms, current events flyers, and calendars. Keep one copy for reference and give hand-outs to your units when you meet with them. Keep this info as up-to-date as possible so you can advise units about upcoming events.

Your Commissioner's Bookshelf should contain the most recent handbooks and program materials for your units, i.e.:

Packs: Annual pack calendar, and *Cub Scout Leader Book*

Troops and Teams: 3-volume set of *Troop Program Features*, District Merit Badge Counselor List, Annual *Merit Badge Requirements* booklet, *BSA Handbook*, *Scoutmaster's Handbook*, *Committee Guidebook*, etc.

Crews: "*Venturing Leader Manual*," "*Silver Award Guidebook*," and "*Ranger Guidebook*."

Chartered Organization pamphlet and training guide

Put important Scouting dates onto your calendar, such as council events, district events, your units' meeting times, committee meetings, campouts and other activity dates. You won't be able to attend them all, but the info is at your fingertips!

**What does the UC do second?
(And third, fourth, fifth... Get It?!)**

Meet with your units!

Get to know them. You are their *Friend and Helper*. The most important thing you can do as a unit commissioner is attend unit meetings, get to know the unit's leaders and Scouts, visit at camporees and summer camps. Let them know that you are the first person they should ask when they need help. You should also get to know the Charter Organization Representative so that they know their units are being cared for by you, and that you are available to help build the Scouting relationship with the organization.

Why is being a Unit Commissioner important?

Commissioning is the service department of Scouting. Unit leaders need to know that they're not alone, and that there are caring, knowledgeable volunteers willing to help them do the best job they can delivering the Scouting Promise to the youth in their units.

If you truly care about developing the character of young people through the movement called the Boy Scouts of America, then you belong on the Commissioner Staff. It doesn't matter if you have years of Scouting service or none at all. What's really important is that you have a heart for service and that you are passionate about doing something meaningful for youth.

We can teach you what you need to know, but we can't teach you to care.

Being a good unit commissioner is perhaps the most rewarding position in all of Scouting because of the legacy you create by the good experiences that the youth have in your units. When your units succeed, you succeed. Nothing else you can do with your volunteer time will have such a positive and long-lasting impact on the United States of America.

Consider asking about how to become a Unit Commissioner in the BSA. It will be the most fun, and the most meaningful work, that you'll have as an adult in any youth program.