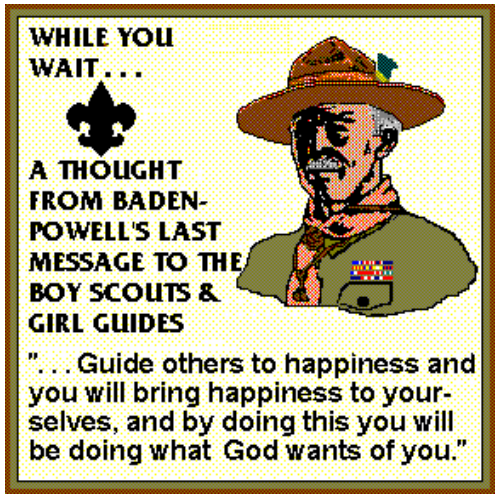
WHY SHOULD YOU BECOME A COMMISSIONER?



TO FULFILL THE PROMISE!

Scouting has always stood ready to serve our nation. Helping out in our communities, doing our best to stand up for what is right in all ways and areas of life.

A youth joins a unit because Scouting promises the excitement and adventure that prepares him to be tomorrow's leader.

The key fulfillment of this promise is in the hands of people like you. Because of you, boys and young adults will stay in the Scouting program longer. You can unlock the door to Scouting's adventure so that one day he will say, "It was all that I hoped for and more!"

Will you consider becoming a commissioner and be part of SHARING THE FRIENDSHIP?

MISSION, VISION, AND CONCEPT STATEMENT FOR COMMISSIONERS

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

VISION STATEMENT

The Boy Scouts of America is the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training.

In the future Scouting will continue to

- offer young people responsible fun and adventure;
- instill in young people lifetime values and develop in them ethical character as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law;
- train young people in citizenship, service, and leadership;
- serve America's communities and families with its quality, values-based program..

CONCEPT STATEMENT

A commissioner is a friend to a unit. He or she does for unit leadership what a friend would do. For instance: congratulating them for their successes, helping them understand how they can improve, and keeping them in touch with other great resources.

SHARING THE FRIENDSHIP

I NEED YOU!

BECOME A COMMISSIONER

Join a long line of heroes who have assisted Scouting units through unchanging values and friendship.

SHARING THE FRIENDSHIP

"Sharing the Friendship" involves several roles, including: *friend, representative, teacher, counselor, and unit doctor.*

A Friend is someone who has the attitude, I care, I am here to help, what can I do for you?" Caring makes commissioner service successful! A friend who makes him/herself known and accepted today will be called on in a future time of trouble. To do this you must develop good communication through regular contacts. This will allow you to stay informed and to do a good job.

A Representative is someone who realizes his/her attitude affects their success, because it influences other people. Our attitude and actions tell unit people how we feel about the program and service we provide. The average unit leader is totally occupied in working with youth. They have little, if any, contact with the Boy Scouts of America other than your visits.

A Teacher is someone who participates in the growth of unit leaders by sharing their knowledge or by directing them to resource materials. Their commissioner furthers his/her teaching role by promoting and ensuring that unit leaders attend roundtables, district trainings, and council sponsored events.

A Counselor is someone who listens in such a way as to help units solve their own problems. An effective counselor picks a time and place without interruptions. He/she guides them with leading questions instead of giving advice.

A Unit Doctor is someone who knows that prevention of a problem is better than a cure, and will act quickly when a symptom is found.

WHY WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD BE "SHARING THE FRIENDSHIP."

As we look to the future, we see greater challenge and unlimited opportunity for today's youth. The future of our country, its society, and institutions depends upon quality people like you who can be part of "Sharing the Friendship" with dedicated unit leaders.

We believe you are the quality person Scouting needs:

- Successful in your career or profession.
- Can get things done.
- A "People Person"
- Well liked and respected
- Demonstrates integrity and good character.

WHAT YOU WOULD DO AS A COMMISSIONER

- Be part of a team "Sharing the Friendship."
- Visit monthly with assigned unit/s.
- Make contact with the charter organization at least once every six months.
- Faithfully fulfill a one year, renewable commitment as a commissioner.
- Attend district and commissioner training meetings including Basic Commissioner training.
- Communicate monthly to the district commissioner the condition of your units.

WE PROVIDE TRAINING.

No previous Scouting experience is required to be a commissioner. However, you must be willing to complete commissioner training and have a burning desire to serve our youth and to learn what resources are available for you and the units you serve.

YES! I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT "SHARING THE FRIENDSHIP."

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

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Previous Scouting Background: (Optional)

Position _____ District/Council _____ Year _____

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