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Message from Teresa Hoover, Council Advancement Chairman:

Crossovers are complete. New Scouts have joined our Troops. Now is your opportunity to take inventory of the skills and interests of the parents that come with those new Scouts. Hand out interest sheets to the new parents to see who might be qualified to teach a Merit Badge that is either not yet covered in your area or register as an additional counselor. Merit Badge Counselor training is offered online and during scheduled events. You may also contact the Sagamore Council office to see who is available to administer training in your area. The District Advancement chairs will be sending out an updated Merit Badge Counselor list. As you know, as the boys advance in rank, more merit badges are required. Help make sure merit badge counselors are available for the merit badges that interest the boys.

Double your efforts on reporting advancement to Sagamore Council as it occurs. Many may choose to wait until Courts of Honor to report but that delays the Scouts. Report all advancement as it happens. Report as soon as advancement is completed and then award the advancement at the Court of Honor. It is important to have a designated Advancement Chair for each unit if at all possible. This leaves the Unit leaders free to work closely with the Scouts at the meeting and not have to spend that valuable time on paperwork. Keep the records up to date so the boys are allowed to be rewarded for their efforts. Thank you for all you do for our Scouts.