



WHAT is a Unit Commissioner?

A Unit Commissioner is a volunteer Scouter who works directly with Scout units and leaders to help them provide the highest quality Scouting program possible. As friends, teachers and counselors to unit leaders, Commissioners represent the ideals, principles and policies of the Boy Scout program while providing the resources of the district and council to the units they serve. The primary purpose of the Unit Commissioner is to help units succeed.

WHO can become a Commissioner?

Commissioners are adults with a passion for Scouting who are willing to help one or more units provide a quality Scouting program for their youth members. Prior experience in Scouting is helpful but not necessary. A friendly personality, a desire to help others succeed, the ability to listen, and a willingness to learn are "musts." Former Scout unit leaders, local business and community leaders, retired adults and others desiring to help support Scouting are great candidates for this position. These volunteers may be just what some pack, troop, team, crew, or ship needs! Those interested should contact the District Commissioner in their District.

WHAT Is Commissioner Service?

Youth experience Scouting in Packs, Troops, Crews, Teams, and Posts. The healthier the unit, the more wonderful things will happen for these youth involved in Scouting. To help make this occur, the Boys Scouts of America provides a program of unit service through adult Scouters specifically commissioned to help chartered organizations and unit leaders to achieve the aims of Scouting by using the methods of Scouting.

These commissioned Scouters wear a shoulder patch with a wreath surrounding the Scout symbol. Commissioner Service is the organization within Scouting that provides a program of unit service. Because of the importance of unit service to the successful delivery of the Scouting program, you will find Commissioners at every level of Scouting. And all of these Commissioners are there as a team to help assure that individual Scouts get the best possible program.