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Scouting *LDS* News

Our efforts as Young Men advisers and Scout leaders can have eternal consequences.

David L. Beck

Capturing the Vision of Scouting

...Scouting is more than camping and merit badges. Scouting is spirituality, duty, growth, and leadership. When the Church adopted Scouting in 1913, leaders wanted a program that would develop and strengthen young men. Properly trained leaders can better understand Scouting and appreciate the program's potential to help young men grow.

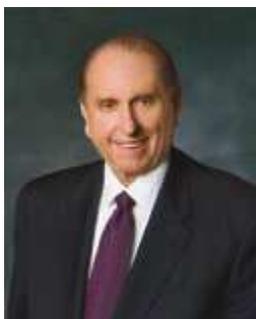
We have a legacy of doing hard things in the Church. We've always done hard things, and we will continue to do hard things. Hard things stretch us and allow us to bless others. Our youth are the future of the Church, and they must be prepared for difficult days ahead. Scouting is one way to help prepare our young men to do hard things, such as serve as faithful full-time missionaries. When properly implemented, Scouting and Duty to God strengthen faith in Jesus Christ, character, relationships, and skills. In addition, they provide opportunities for young men to develop abilities that are es-



sential to the priesthood ministry to which they are called, such as leading and serving.

...Scouting has proved for many young men to be a major component in building a bridge to activity in the kingdom of God. Scouting's outdoor program is part of its message of self-reliance, but it's more than that. It's a relationship-building program in which young men work with each other and with their advisers, doing things that stretch them physically and emotionally. It puts them in contact with nature, freeing them from the distractions of a world that is growing increasingly noisy.

For more of the vision of Scouting with President Beck visit <http://media.ldscdn.org/pdf/lds-magazines/ensign-june-2012/2012-06-15-capturing-the-vision-of-scouting-eng.pdf>



THE POWER OF SCOUTING

"Impossible to measure is the great good which has come from this organization during the past century. . . . I believe in Scouting. I believe in the goals of the organization. I believe in the power of Scouting to bless and enrich lives for good."

President Thomas S. Monson, "President Monson Discusses Strengths of Scouting," <http://lds.org/study/prophets-speak-today/unto-all-the-world/president-monson-discusses-strengths-of-scouting>.



FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

The Focus

A Friend of Scouting provides a vital portion of the financial support we need to teach Scouting principles that will result in a positive influence on character, citizenship, and personal fitness. The youth of today are America's future leaders. You can help shape that future by investing in Scouting today.

Scouting exists because of the volunteer and financial support provided by Scout families and the community

This is true as much today as 100 years ago. It is easy to share how their money is spent. Every FOS Brochure has a pie chart showing income and expenses. This year I encourage you to speak from the heart. Share why Scouting is important to you and how Scouting has affected your son's life. Your honesty will help you share the message of Scouting.

The contributions you collect today will help Scouting

long into the future. How?

New packs and troops will be started and many more boys will benefit from Scouting. The council's summer camp's will receive the care they need. District programs will continue to reach new leaders and families new to Scouting. New leaders will receive the training and support they need. The council will also provide a staff ready and willing to help units succeed as they travel the Scouting journey.



Chairman's Corner *Brian Roberts-District Chairman*

As I'm sure most of you are aware, the BSA has been in the news recently regarding a possible policy change in its standards for membership and leadership within its organization. I found this on the Church's website regarding that that policy:

"The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is carefully assessing the consequences of this policy change on the Church's program to build and strengthen young men, but it has not commented on it and a decision will not be made until we have assessed all of the implications. We caution others not to speculate about our position or to assume that individual Latter-day Saints inside or outside the Scouting movement speak for the Church. Neither has the Church launched any campaign either to effect or prevent a policy change."

We have the opportunity to be the first ones to express our faith in President Monson and his counselors regarding this decision. President Monson has been a member of the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America since 1969. The Church is one of the oldest and currently the largest chartered organization of the BSA.

Although the future will always hold change the past and present show that Scouting has had a wonderful effect on our youth both in and out of the church. President Monson has said the following on the effect of Scouting: ***"Impossible to measure is the great good that has come from [Scouting] during the past century. Skills have been learned, values have been established, good deeds have been done, and lives have been enriched."***

Thank you for your help as we continue to promote this wonderful program.

JUMPING IN TRAINING vs. GUESSING



Further, "Attend to thy calling and thou shalt have wherewith to magnify thine office." (D&C 24:9).

Knowing is always better than guessing. Leaders find their responsibilities difficult and burdensome when they lack training. It is important to know all the expectations of serving as a Scout Leader.

For a Scout leader the Scout motto "Be Prepared" means "Be Trained," but what does "Being Trained" mean for an LDS Scout leader?

1. Understand the aims and methods of Scouting
2. Understand BSA policies and church Scouting policies
3. Take Youth Protection Training
4. Understand the delivery of Scouting through advancement.
5. Understand the role of other Scout Leaders.
6. Follow BSA leader resources and program guides.

The aims and methods and the delivery of Scouting are taught through leader specific training.

Come Follow Me

As you are aware, the Church has a new curriculum for youth titled “Come Follow Me”. A critical piece of the curriculum is an emphasis on understanding and following the patterns in the Savior’s way of teaching—loving and knowing those He taught, preparing by fasting and prayer, using the scriptures, sharing real-life examples, asking questions, trusting those he taught, inviting people to act, and being an example. The learning activities of Sunday lessons in Sunday School and Aaronic Priesthood quorum meetings are designed to help the youth search for and discover for themselves the truths of the gospel. As these principles have been employed in gospel teaching, I have seen increased interest in learning among the youth – they are more anxiously engaged.

It seems to me that if we were to seek to understand and follow the Savior’s pattern of teaching in our application of the Scouting program, we would see a similar increase in the program’s effectiveness in the lives of the boys as well as our own. President Monson has said, “Scouting helps our boys to walk uprightly the priesthood path to exaltation . . . The priesthood program of the Church, with its accompanying activities, including Scouting, will help and not hinder you as you journey through life. . . . If ever there were a time when the principles of Scouting were vitally needed—that time is now. If ever there were a generation who would benefit by keeping physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight—that generation is the present generation.”

As you prayerfully consider your application of the Scouting program in your calling, I encourage you to follow the Savior’s

pattern of teaching in your Scouting activities as you do in your Sunday lessons. Inasmuch as President Monson has endorsed Scouting as a piece of the “priesthood path to exaltation”, I consider it essential to follow the Savior’s way of teaching in Scouting to achieve His purposes. My encouragement to each of you is to 1) get and remain properly trained in Scouting by attending Basic Training as well as monthly Roundtable meetings; and 2) use as best you can Scouting program as envisioned by the Boy Scouts of America as a service to your young men. It is my hope that Aaronic Priesthood young men in boy-led Scout troops will be more anxiously engaged and prepared agents in all aspects of their lives: temporal as well as spiritual.

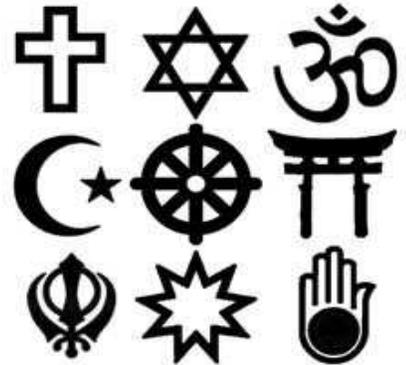
The calling of the Stake Young Men Presidency in Scouting is as Unit Commissioners whose role is help Scout units succeed. Each in the presidency is a Unit Commissioner over several troops. Our Commissioner responsibility is divided as follows: Mike Potter – Spring Hill, Three Lakes, Jefferson; Huff Meyer – Brownville, Oak Creek, Tadena; Greg Owen – Sweet Home, Pioneer, Riverview, Snow Peak. We look forward to helping your units succeed.

Mike Potter
Stake Young Men President
Lebanon Oregon Stake

Roundtable A Guide to Unit Success

- Exchange of Ideas
- Scout Meeting Ideas and Helpful Advice
- Get Help with for Scouting Program

REGISTERING BOYS OF OTHER FAITHS



Supporting non-member Scouts has created problems in recent years. Some wards have non-member boys because there is no pack or troop in the neighborhood. In other cases, the family prefers the LDS program. Questions arise on how to cover their costs.

The church is in discussions with national BSA officials about outside recruiting. Outside recruiting is being considered as a missionary effort and to help wards with small Scouting programs.

The Church Handbook for Scouting in the United States offers some guidance...*(8.15) young men and boys of other faiths who agree to abide by Church standards should be welcomed and encouraged to participate in Scouting activities. Expenses for their participation are paid in the same manner as for other youth. Voluntary contributions from their families may be accepted and handled in accordance with Church policy.*





What is District Roundtable?

Roundtable Meetings are provided as supplemental training for volunteers at the pack, troop, and crew

level. The objective of roundtable is to give leaders program ideas; information on policy, events, and training opportunities; and an opportunity to share experiences and enjoy fun and fellowship with other Scouting leaders. The roundtable commissioner and roundtable staff demonstrate elements of a model meeting that leaders may use as a pattern for their own scout meetings. The roundtable experience will inspire, motivate, and enable adult leaders to provide a stronger program for their Scouts.

Leaders should be encouraged to meet with fellow Scouters (adult leaders) and find out what is happening in the Calapooia District. Roundtable provides all leaders with an opportunity to share experiences and enjoy fun and fellowship with other Scouters. Encourage all of your leaders to attend Roundtable each month.

Cub Scouts Program

The Cub Scout Program is centered on core values presented each month in den and pack meetings. The Roundtable Staff will teach leaders how to conduct the

next month's meetings. It is a great place to get information and ask questions from experienced leaders.

Character development in Cub Scouting is about encouraging our Cubs to foster the core values of Cub Scouting. Cub Scout leaders should try to incorporate the Core Values in all aspects of the Cub Scouting program. The Cub Scout Roundtable program will demonstrate to leaders the various methods of incorporating these values in the scouting program.

Boy Scout Program

Boy Scouting is the flagship program of the Boy Scouts of America utilizing outdoor activities such as camping, aquatics and hiking to achieve the aims of character, citizenship and personal fitness training.

The vision for your Boy Scout Roundtable is to offer a focused program on fun, excitement, and teaching practical Scouting skills. The training method is learning by doing and watching rather than a lecture format. Boy Scout leaders, young and old, participate in the skills necessary to learn the methods of the Scouting program. In the Boy Scout, the boys do the real work in meetings and camping trips. Adults are taught how to implement the program and teach the boys the tools to be successful. Roundtable is a great place for leaders to share ideas, learn new skills, and reinforce the skills and methods of scouting.



Varsity Scouting *An excellent program for the Teachers Quorum*

What is Varsity Scouting? Varsity Scouting is not the same type of Scouting as is conducted in a Scout Troop. It is different. It is designed to meet the needs of Teacher age young men. It is a boy designed program based on their interests and needs. The program is run by young men with the help of a Coach and Assistant Coaches and a committee of adults. Key features are High Adventure, Sports, Service, Personal Development, and Advancement.

Varsity Scouts are a Team. Varsity Scouting is organized as a Team and functions as a Team. Every member has a job to do. There are

no spectators. The Scout unit is called a Varsity Scout Team.

Varsity Scout Program Areas of Emphasis. The Varsity Scout program is based on five areas of emphasis:

- **High Adventure and Sports**
- **Service**
- **Personal Development**
- **Advancement**
- **Special Programs and Events**

More information can be found in the *Scouting Handbook for Church Units in the United States* or through the Albany Scout Office.