

## 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.

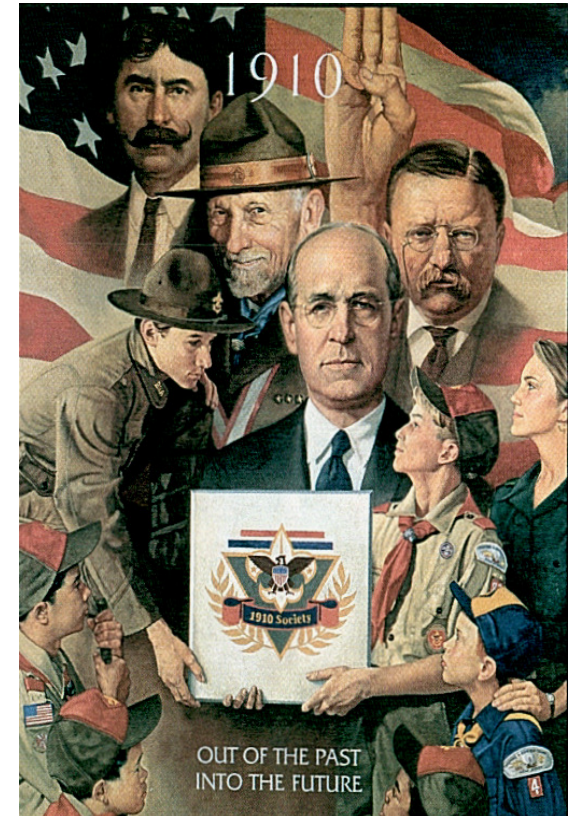
In the future, Scouting will continue to

- 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 introducing them to a wide variety of resources, opportunities, and fun.

## SHARING THE FRIENDSHIP



## 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 visits. This will keep you well informed and able to help.

**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. The 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 & respected.
- Demonstrates integrity and good character.

## WHAT YOU WOULD DO AS A COMMISSIONER.

- Be part of a team “Sharing the Friendship.”
- Visit monthly with two or three assigned units (either committee meeting, unit meeting, or personal visit with unit leader). Normally one pack, one troop, and one crew assigned to a unit commissioner.
- Attend monthly commissioner meeting to report on unit visits and receive training on commissioner service and latest BSA info.
- Faithfully fulfill a one year, renewable, commitment as a commissioner.

## WE PROVIDE TRAINING.

No previous Scouting experience is required to be a commissioner. However, you should be willing to complete Commissioner Basic Training and have a burning desire 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: (not required)  
Position \_\_\_\_\_ Council \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

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