Interest Topic: New Member Coordinator

Time Available

20-30 minutes. Questions and Summary  15 minutes

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

• To explain to scouting leaders what the role of the New Member Coordinator (NMC) is in their unit.
• To show where the resources are to help train your new member coordinators.

Suggested Presenter(s)

Have one or more of the following people present this topic:

• The district membership chair would be the best facilitator, as the new member coordinator will work with the district membership committee.
• The topic could also be facilitated by a current New Member Coordinator.

Presentation Method

Discussion and questions from the group would work best, with unit specific concerns or questions discussed after the roundtable

Provide copies of the New Member Coordinator materials from National.

Provide an attractive display for the midway

BSA Reference Materials

• New Member Coordinator on Scouting Wire
• Why every Scout unit need a New Member Coordinator from Bryan on Scouting
• Training videos for this position can be found at the training section on my.scouting.org

Presentation Content

Scouting Must Do More to Help Families Join:

• Families who have no background in Scouting are looking for someone that will help them understand what they have signed their children up for.
• Scouts and their families that transition from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouts, and from Boy Scouts to Venturing also need help getting settled into their new programs.
• The New Member Coordinator helps makes those connections and answer those concerns. By their presence, the New Member Coordinator will help everyone in Scouting have a more fulfilling experience.

Why Does My Unit Need One:

• Every unit benefits by having more people involved in Scouting.
• Since the role of the New Member Coordinator does not require them to actively lead the program, they have the time and attention to answer questions from families and help them become more familiar with the Scouting program.
• As families become more comfortable with the program, they will participate more, and stay involved longer.
• The New Member Coordinator will link resources in the unit to help the scout and the family participate in the program.

Why Just One – Have Two or Three!:

• Having more than one New Member Coordinator allows each of them to focus on a smaller group of families and their scouting related concerns.
• Again, having more parents involved make lighter work for everyone in Scouting!
• The New Member Coordinator is a registered Scouter and the registration code for this position is "NM."
• The NMC also counts as a committee member position in the unit charter/recharter and can help units meet the minimum committee member requirements.
• Training is available to help the New Unit Coordinators succeed. They need to set up a my.scouting.org account to take the training.

But what if The Coordinator Needs Help:

• The District Membership Committee mentors New Member Coordinators in the units.
• The Unit leaders and the Unit Commissioner will also help.

What Does a New Unit Coordinator Do:

• Everyone feels more interested and involved when someone makes them welcome and shows that they care about their success.