

# LDS Scouting Positions

## Ward Bishop

### Executive Officer / Head of the Chartered Organization

*Wherefore, now let every man learn his duty, and to act in the office in which he is appointed, in all diligence.* D&C 107:99

**The Purposes of Your Calling:** Select worthy adult leaders to work with the youth in the ward.

**The purposes of LDS Scouting are twofold. Those of the Aaronic Priesthood are:**

- (1) Become converted to the gospel of Jesus Christ and live by its teachings.
- (2) Magnify Priesthood callings and fulfill responsibilities of his priesthood office.
- (3) Give meaningful service.
- (4) Prepare to receive the Melchizedek Priesthood and temple ordinances.
- (5) Commit to, prepare for, and serve an honorable full-time mission.
- (6) Prepare to become a worthy husband and father.

**Second,** it is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people, and other ways to prepare them to make ethical choices during their lifetime in achieving their full potential. The values we strive to instill are based on the Scout Oath and Law. The aims of Scouting are to develop in youth (1) a strong ethical character, (2) an active, participating citizenship, including leadership ability, and (3) personal fitness: physical, mental, emotional and moral.

#### **Guidelines of Your Stewardship:**

The bishop is the executive officer or the head of the chartered organization (in LDS Scouting, the chartered organization is the ward). Most executive officers of organizations which have charters with local councils of the BSA are extremely busy individuals who are unable to devote a great deal of time to Scouting. Therefore, the BSA authorizes the head of the chartered organization (in the Church, this is the bishop) to designate someone else who can represent the ward in Scouting matters. Accordingly, the bishop assigns one of his counselors or another worthy adult to serve as the ward's representative to the district, and to therefore serve as a voting member of the district committee. This person is called the chartered organization representative (COR or CR). The LDS COR should be seen as an active supporter of Scouting in both word and deed. To show support to the district, the ward COR might consider helping plan or carry out some portion of responsibility at one of the district events. Most importantly, all CORs of LDS units in the district need to attend the annual district business meeting in order to vote on issues that will impact the members and programs of LDS Scout units.

In addition to obligations on the district committee, the COR helps the ward units by arranging places for the ward units to hold their meetings, providing necessary financial support, and (if a member of the bishopric) by calling adults to serve as leaders in Scouting and providing orientation and training to these leaders. The COR also conducts the ward monthly Key Scout Leaders' meeting at which representatives from all the Scout units in the ward meet to coordinate schedules and discuss the boys' advancement progress.