

LDS Scouting Positions

Ward Primary Presidency Committee Member / Pack Trainer

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: Through your ward outlined Scouting Program, help the assigned boys in your ward, ages 8, 9, 10, and 11 to achieve the Scouting Purposes.

The Purposes of LDS Cub Scouting

- (1) Character development.
- (2) Spiritual Growth.
- (3) Good citizenship.
- (4) Sportsmanship and fitness.
- (5) Family understanding.
- (6) Respectful relations.
- (7) Personal achievement.
- (8) Friendly service.
- (9) Fun and adventure.
- (10) Preparation for Boy Scouting.
- (11) Preparing to receive the Aaronic Priesthood.

Methods of Cub Scouting

- (1) Home and neighborhood centered.
- (2) Family involvement.
- (3) Advancement Plan.
- (4) Den.
- (5) Ideals: Cub Scout Promise, The law of the Pack, The Cub Scout Sign, Handshake, Motto, The Salute.
- (6) The Uniform.
- (7) Activities.

These methods are what make Cub Scouting happen in the lives of boys and their families.

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:

A member of the Primary Presidency acts as a member of the Troop Committee, which generally has 3-8 members, and which provides program support, planning, advancements, finance, equipment, outdoor programs, and transportation.

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Another member of the Presidency is a Cub Scout Pack Committee Member, usually 3-8 members, which provides support in training, outings, and advancements.

Members of the Presidency involved with Scouting should:

- Register as an adult with the Boy Scouts of America.
- Become trained with Cub Scout and Boy Scout Fast Start, using Cub Scout and Boy Scout Fast Start Videos if available, and Basic Training; attend Advanced Training if possible for their respective positions.
- Get to know and become closely aware of all Cub Scouts and Eleven-Year Old Scouts in your ward.
- Work with and report to the Chartered Organization Representative who is usually a bishopric counselor.
- Eleven-Year Old Scouts are a patrol of the Scout Troop under the direction of their Eleven-year Old Scouts Leaders.
- Maintain a Personal Achievement Record on each young man to be reviewed with the bishopric member (CR) every six months.
- Read and follow the guidelines of the LDS Scouting Handbook for all activities and campouts.
 - Direct that Eleven-Year Old Scouts participate in one overnight camp three times each year.
 - Women leaders do not participate in overnight activities.
 - Two qualified male leaders must supervise overnight activities.
- Oversee a working advancement program, and utilizing the Personal Achievement Record, with the goal being the Eagle award.
- Encourage the importance of earning the Arrow of Light Award by the time each Webelos Scout is 11 years old.
- Encourage leaders to develop a *tentative* troop and Pack activity plan for the entire year. Then plan and carry out a *definite* calendar for at least three months in advance. Refer to the *Scouting Magazine* for assistance for Cub Scouting.
- Implement the outlined Scouting program.
- Read and follow the manuals.
- Maintain the standards of a chartered organization and BSA.
- Ensure that the Eleven-Year Old Scout patrol functions properly regarding coordinated camping and hiking.
- Continuously encourage leaders to plan and operate a Quality Unit Award Program.
- Secure adult assistance and resources as needed through your pack/troop Committees.
- Become proficient at being a good leader through study, awareness, and application.
- Encourage parent involvement.
- Encourage the *Boys' Life Magazine* subscription coming into the family homes
- Maintain two-deep leadership in all activities.
- Funding: The ward budget allowance covers all Primary expense, including those associated with Cub Scouting, Scouting for eleven-year-old boys
- **Rule One: Make it fun!**

Qualifications You Should Develop

- Ability to work closely with your young men and unit leaders.
- Ability to organize time effectively.
- Ability to develop leadership and team spirit and follow the Scouting Program as outlined.
- A testimony and good relationship with the Lord

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Meetings/Activities to attend

- Weekly Cub Scout Pack and Eleven-Year Old Scout Patrol meetings.
- Monthly ward Key Scout Leaders Meeting, as invited by CR.
- District Roundtable each month.
- District and Council activities.
- General Church meetings.

Average amount of time spent in your calling per week: 4-6 hours

Handbooks or supplemental materials available, and see website order form:

LDS: Scouting Handbook

BSA:

- #33105 Boy Scout Handbook
- #33107 CS Big Bear Cub Scout Book
- #33212B CS Ceremonies for Dens & Packs
- #34304C CS Cub Scout Program Helps
- #33847 CS Den Advancement Report
- #33122A CS Group Meeting Sparklers
- #33221A CS Leader Book
- #33832 CS Leader How-To Book
- #U425 CS PowWow Book
- #33853A CS Webelos Leader Guide
- #U430 CS Webelos Resource Book
- #33108 CS Webelos Scout Book
- #33106 CS Wolf Cub Scout Book
- #33819A CS Pack Record Book
- #33827 CS Individual Cub Scout Record
- #AV01V022 Cub Scout Fast Start Video
- #AV026 Boy Scout Fast Start