

LDS Stake Leadership and Their Responsibilities in Scouting

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Pretest

- Why is becoming an eagle scout so important?
- What percentage of missionaries entering the MTC are eagle scouts?
 - 84-87%
- What makes a successful scouting program?

Keys to Success

- The results must be in the boys not the program
- Boys must be the leaders, not the advisors
- Integrate scout and quorum planning
- Plan the activities around the boys and their personal development
- We must teach the YM how to do HARD THINGS!!
- All things must center on relationship with our Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ
 - Testimony
 - Personal spiritual experiences

Introduction - Philmont

- What is our objective?
 - Strengthen the Aaronic Priesthood
 - Real growth through scouting
 - Strengthen the shepherds
 - Engage each YM to fulfill his Duty to God and become a faithful Priesthood holder
- How do we do that?
 - Understand and Experience Learn / Act / Share
 - ???

Purpose of Scouting in the Aaronic Priesthood and Primary

Scouting can help young men and boys enhance close relationships with their families and the Church while developing strong and desirable traits of character, citizenship, and physical and mental fitness. Under priesthood leadership, Scouting should complement the efforts of Aaronic Priesthood quorums and Primary classes in building testimonies in young men and boys. Scouting under Church sponsorship should become an extension of the home, Primary classes, and Aaronic Priesthood quorums. Scouting functions as part of the Church's activity program for boys and young men. Scouting activities should be planned to fulfill gospel-centered purposes.

Scouting Handbook, p. 1

Stake Leader Scout Roles

- Stake High Councilors over AP and Primary
 - “Register with the BSA as assistant district commissioners.”
 - “Receive appropriate BSA training, participate in the monthly district commissioner meetings, and work closely with the district commissioner and unit commissioners in their stake.”

Scouting Handbook, p. 2

Stake Leader Scout Roles

- Stake Young Men Presidency
 - “Register with the BSA as unit commissioners, serving as liaisons to the individual Scouting units (troops, teams, crews) in the stake.”
 - “The stake presidency may designate other members of the stake to serve with the stake Young Men presidency as unit commissioners.”

Scouting Handbook, p. 2

Stake Leader Scout Roles

- Stake Primary Presidency
 - “May register with the BSA as unit commissioners, or the stake presidency may designate other members of the stake to serve as unit commissioners under the direction of the stake Primary presidency.”
 - “Be careful not to overburden members who have other obligations.”
 - “Unit commissioners function as liaisons to the Cub Scout program and the Scouting program for 11-year-old boys in each ward.”

Scouting Handbook, p. 2

LDS Unit Commissioners

- Serve as resources to help Scouting units succeed throughout the stake.
- Each Cub pack, Scout troop, Varsity team, and Venturing crew should be served by a unit commissioner.

Scouting Handbook, p. 2

LDS Unit Commissioner Responsibilities

- “Register with BSA and receive required training.”
- “Learn about Scout policies, procedures, and evaluation programs.”
- “Establish a close relationship with adult Scout leaders in wards, interact with them regularly, and report the condition of Scouting in the stake to the assistant district commissioner.”
- “Provide initial orientation, ongoing support, and instruction for all Scout units in the stake.”

LDS UC Responsibilities (cont.)

- “Inform Scouting units of training opportunities, charter renewal deadlines, health and safety issues, and activities in the stake and in the BSA local district and council.”
- “Provide meaningful communication between Scouting units and the stake and between Scouting units and the BSA local district.”
- “This can be done at roundtable meetings, stake leadership meetings, or any other time.”

Scouting Handbook, p. 2

Odds and Ends

- 100% certification with youth protection
- Be trained
- Use tour permits where applicable
- Ensure safety guidelines are followed (*Handbook 2*, chapter 13; and *Guide to Safe Scouting*)
- We are the chartered organization; the customer
- Follow two deep leadership guidelines
- Don't sustain or set apart scout leaders until background check process is complete

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