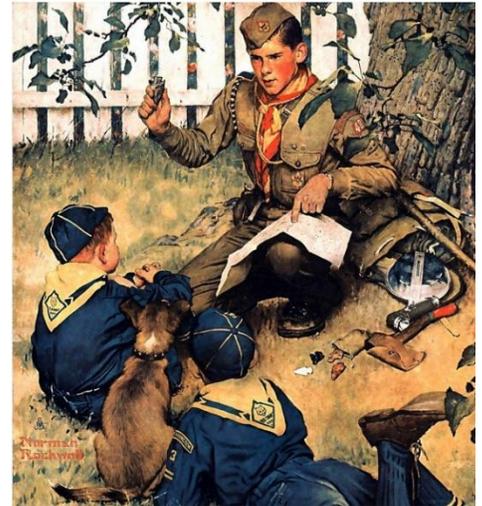


Unit-To-Unit Connections

Points to ponder

- Forming and building positive connections with various units in the district and council promote the opportunity for units to engage in fellowship activities and to share experiences.
- Engaging in multi-unit activities promotes awareness that in Scouting, we are involved in an organization that is larger than just the local unit, district, or council.
- Building positive connections with multiple units provides opportunities to borrow and share unique, specialized equipment that can increase the scope of the Scouting experience for members in all units.
- Forming positive connections between multiple troops and packs facilitates the troop visitation process required of Webelos Scouts to advance in the Cub Scouting program.
- The familiarity established through positive unit-to-unit connections facilitates more effective choices and a smoother transition for Webelos Scouts when crossing over to a Boy Scout troop.
- Building relationships with multiple units provides for greater opportunities for shared resources in developing programs and planning service projects.
- Positive unit connections allow for mutual unit support during work on large-scale projects such as Eagle Scout service projects.
- Building and maintaining unit-to-unit connections helps to facilitate the process of newer leaders learning from more experienced leaders through interaction and discussion.
- Positive connections between units can provide mutual support to units attending broad-scope training events such as Wood Badge and Powder Horn courses.
- Building positive connections between units of the district and council reinforces the fourth point of the Scout Law: A Scout is Friendly.
- Helping boys at all levels of the program to understand that they are part of an organization larger than their neighborhood is an important learning point of the Scouting program.



Additional Points

- Some unit leaders may hesitate to form relationships with other units for reasons such as “We are all competing for boys from the same recruiting pool” or “If a boy decides he wants to transfer to another troop or pack, it will impact our numbers.” It is important to point out that not every unit is the best fit for every boy. The important thing is to keep a boy in the program and in a unit where he fits best.
- While some unit leaders may be reluctant to share equipment and resources with other units, sharing program experiences and ideas can make every unit program stronger and retain more boys in the program. It can also help units build new program strengths that they are otherwise unable to access.
- Highlight how unit commissioners can introduce different unit leaders to help build connections between units—particularly as a means of meeting needs identified through unit visits and conversations with leaders.



Opportunities for Unit-To-Unit Connections

Den Chiefs

Order of the Arrow activities

Cub Scout units

Girl Scout units

District Camporees

Council contingency treks/
National Jamboree Troops

Combined recruiting efforts

Church Youth and Service groups

Eagle Projects

Service Projects

Pool Parties/Swim Quals

Parades

Combined Camping/ Canoe/
Hiking/ Cycling treks

Combined Memorial Day / Flag
Day Ceremonies

High Adventure Treks

Merit Badge & Advancement Skills
Days

Mini Webelos Woods

STEM and Science Fair

