

LDS Scouting Positions

Ward YM Presidency Second Counselor Deacons Quorum Advisor Scoutmaster

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 young men in your ward, ages 12 and 13 achieve the purposes of LDS Scouting.

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:

- Under the direction of the bishopric, you may be called to be an Advisor to the deacons, may also serve as a counselor in the Young Men Presidency, and as the Scoutmaster.
- Register with the Boy Scouts of America and correctly wear the full Scout leaders uniform.
- Become trained with Scout Fast Start, Basic Training, then Advanced Woodbadge training if possible.
- Get to know and become closely aware of all Scout troop and quorum members.
- The Eleven-Year Old Scouts function separately, but they sometimes coordinate with the troop.
- When possible, be a shadow leader to the young men, thereby helping them develop their leadership capabilities.
- Maintain a Personal Achievement Record on each young man to be reviewed with the bishopric member (CR) every six months.
- Assist the young men, particularly the Senior Patrol Leader, to conduct weekly regular Mutual troop meetings, quorum meetings and Scout unit planning after the quorum business has concluded in the quorum presidency meeting.
- Plan a general tentative balanced schedule of activities for the entire troop year. Then further, plan and develop a more detailed next-three-month calendar to be approved by the Bishop in the monthly Key Scout Leaders Meeting.
- Meet weekly as part of mutual. Develop and conduct one outdoor activity at least every two months, such as camping, camporee, and attend one long-term camp during the year.
- Each young man should advance at least one rank and achieve three merit badges or more every six months.
- Supervise a balanced Scouting Program with five fields of emphasis: (1) Physical Fitness; (2) Personal Development; (3) Outdoors; (4) Citizenship; and (5) Troop and Patrol Participation.
- Scouting is part of the quorum presidency's responsibilities, but the Sunday quorum instruction period should not become a Scout planning session.

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- Become well acquainted with your resource materials; review Scouting training videos if available.
- Maintain the standards of a BSA chartered organization.
- Constantly train Troop members to plan and operate a Quality Award Program, to wear the Scout uniform, and to continue their individual advancement.
- Advise, guide and implement the Troop BSA program as outlined through its members.
- Develop needed activity support and secure adult help and resources through the adult Scout Troop Committee as part of monthly committee meetings.
- Plan and carry out activities with a priesthood purpose.
- Become proficient at being a good leader developer, through study, awareness and application.
- For insurance coverage, your protection, and risk management purposes, Local Tour Permit Applications are mandatory, to be submitted two weeks in advance at the Scout Service Center for outside-the-ward activities involving travel.
- Maintain at least two-deep leadership in **all** activities.
- Encourage parent involvement and support.
- Report regularly to your designated member of the Bishopric.
- Rule One: Make **it fun!**

Qualifications You Should Develop

- Ability to work closely with young men.
- Ability to organize time effectively.
- Ability to develop leadership and troop spirit, and follow the Church and Scouting Program as outlined.
- A testimony and good relationship with the Lord

Meetings/Activities to attend

- Weekly Troop meetings, and a monthly Presidency /Scout planning meeting.
- Monthly ward Key Scout Leaders Meeting.
- Troop Committee planning meetings.
- District Round Table
- District and Council activities support
- General church meetings.
- Appropriate stake YM and YM/YW activities, i.e., Standards Night, Sports, etc.

Average amount of time spent in your calling per week: 5-7 hours

Handbooks or supplemental materials available to help you:

- Scouting Handbook (LDS); Church Handbook of Instruction Book 2, Section 2 (LDS)
- Boy Scout Handbook #33105 (BSA)
- Scoutmaster Handbook #33009
- Troop Program Resources #33588;
- Troop Program Features, Volumes. I, II, III #'s33110, 33111, 33112
- Flag Ceremonies #U270
- Council Calendar (BSA)
- Duty to God and On My Honor Awards forms (LDS)
- Boy Scout Fast Start
- Video #AV026. (Materials shared with Assistant Scoutmaster)