

Starting a Separate or Linked Troop

A CHECK-LIST FOR SUCCESS:

IDENTIFY YOUR “ORGANIZER” - This is the person that will hold onto all the paperwork and coordinate the conversation and steps in the new unit organizing process. After the new unit is organized they will also earn a cool knot award for their uniform!

ORGANIZER CONTACTS THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE to let them know they are beginning to organize a new unit, and shares relevant details, contact info, etc. The District Executive in turn will work with the District Commissioner to make certain a Commissioner is assigned to work with the new unit. The District Executive, District Volunteers, and Commissioner team can be a resource to support each of the following steps.

SPEAK WITH THE CHARTERING ORGANIZATION to obtain their approval to charter the new unit, if acceptable obtain a completed and signed new unit application, and charter fee. Understand who the Charter Organization Representative position in the unit committee will be filled by and obtain a completed application and appropriate fee.

SELECT A SCOUTMASTER and obtain a completed application and appropriate registration fee from the Scoutmaster.

SELECT A COMMITTEE CHAIR and two members of the committee. Obtain completed applications and appropriate registration fee from each. New units are encouraged to register additional members of the committee and assistant Scoutmasters where possible.

TRAINING for each leader mentioned above is completed.

DRAFT A 12-MONTH PROGRAM PLAN, including meeting dates, times, location, summer camp, recruiting plans, popcorn sales, service opportunities, district and council activities, and unit camp outs each month. District volunteers may support this process, and the JTE scorecard is a good roadmap to support this planning.

YOUTH MEMBERS interested are engaged during a recruiting process that culminates with an orientation night or event (fun may be included!) that explains to new members and parents the plan, process, timeline, fun, basic calendar, uniform needs, first meeting info, etc. Applications and appropriate fees are collected from youth members, and parents signing up to be on the committee or ASM's.

ORGANIZER MEETS WITH DISTRICT EXECUTIVE to review and submit all paperwork, applications, fees, etc. Any corrections or needs are met to complete paperwork.

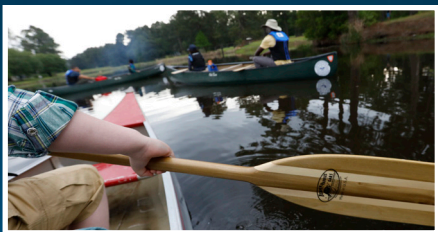
TIMELINE - February 1, 2019 or after the new unit begins meeting and executing their 12-month program plan. Support from commissioners, district and council, linked Troop committee and members, and other Scouting units supports the success of the new unit. The new unit achieves a JTE bronze rating or higher at their first recharter!

PRESENT WILLIAM D. BOYCE New-Unit Organizer Award to unit organizer.



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SEPARATE TROOP VS LINKED TROOP

The linked troop is a great option because you just need to identify a Scoutmaster who should not also be a Scoutmaster for the boy troop. The charter organization representative, assistants, and the troop committee can be shared between the troops. If the linked troop model is not used, the boy troop and girl troop may be chartered to the same or a separate chartered organization, and a separate troop committee and adult Scouters must be recruited to guide the youth.



Whether boy and girl troops are separate or linked, they can meet at the same place and they can enjoy activities together. They can even conduct joint openings and closings and courts of honor. However, to ensure both boys and girls have equal opportunities to learn and practice leadership the boy troop and girl troop should run their meetings separately and planning should be done by the Patrol Leader's Council for each troop.

For additional information visit
www.scouting.org/familyscouting

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Effective February 1, 2019, Scouting will offer our outstanding character building leadership development program to both boys and girls! The name, the mission and the vision of the Boy Scouts of America will not change.

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.

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The Scouting program will not change, and the patrol method will continue to be emphasized. Both boys and girls will have the opportunity to lead their troops. Both boys and girls will be eligible to work to attain the rank of Eagle.

We will continue to offer Scouting to boys through troops open only to boys and led by boys. We will offer Scouting to girls through troops open only to girls and led by girls. Eligibility for girls to participate in Scouts BSA is the same as for boys under the current Boy Scout program.



Once your charter organization is committed to help girls become responsible, participating citizens and leaders, the next step is to make a plan to form a troop for girls that is ready to welcome girls by February 1, 2019.