Welcome to the 2025 Recruiting **Training**











- Getting Started with your Recruitment Planning
- Logistics before your Recruitment Event
 - Print and Online Resources Available
 - Marketing Strategies
 - Beascout.org pin
 - My.Scouting.org management
 - Trial Membership
- What to do During your Recruitment Event
- Post Event Follow Up





Talk with our district volunteers & professionals

- Many of these people serve more than one unit in your area and can tell you what others are doing and share tips.
 - Communicate with your local troop(s).

Come up with a promotional strategy

- There are many resources free to you that are provided or paid for through our council.
- Having a strategy early gives you more time to carry it out and adapt it if necessary.





When do I start?

- Start planning early!
- Talk to your schools now before the faculty and staff leave for summer break
- Use June to work with your volunteers to put at least the basic Who, When, and How together

JSN Marketing Timeline WEEKS PRIOR Collect and Discuss with Unit Their Custom Membership Plan 6 Confirm and Reserve Join Scouting Night Location Order Flyers, Stickers, Social Media Images, Posters, Yard Signs, 5 and Other Print Materials **Geofencing Request Custom Video Request** 3 Submitted Submitted Flyers Distributed Scout Talks Reconfirm JSN / Yard Signs and Scheduled Location Details **Posters Out** Confirm with Unit Final Details are in Order (how things have been going, any last minute changes or needs) Scout Talks Conducted



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Recruitment Planning

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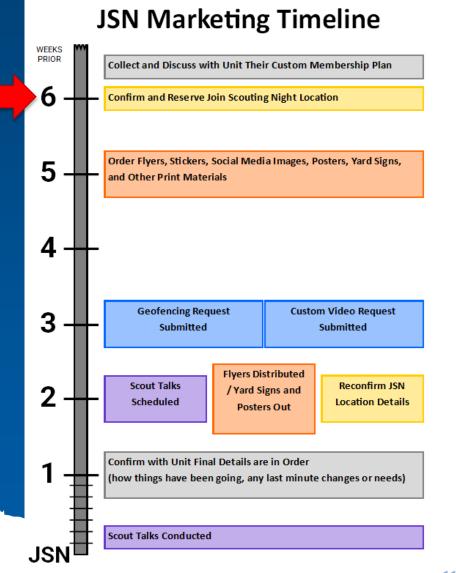


Pre-Recruitment Logistics

Book a space

You need somewhere to host the recruitment.

- Recruiting from 1 school it's most effective to host the recruitment at the school
- Recruiting from 2 or more schools - it's most effective to host a recruitment at each school individually
- Other public areas like libraries, community centers, or parks
- Ideal space has room for seating and/or tables. Indoor has clear entrance/exit.
 Outdoor has a covered area





Pre-Recruitment Logistics

Put your promo plan into action!

Order the "Big 3" Promo Items
FACEBOOK GEOFENCE AD

Lead Time: 3 Weeks

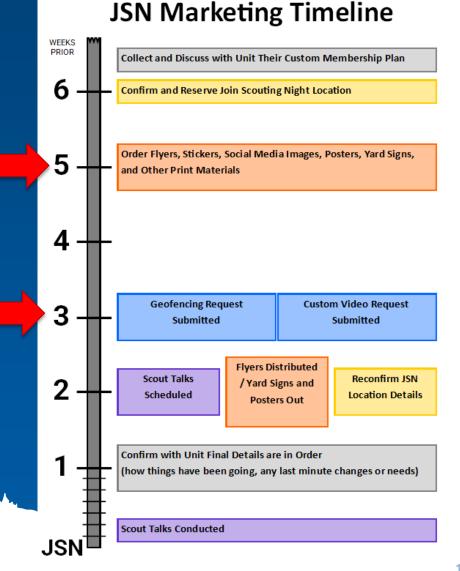
FLYERS

Lead Time: 2 Weeks

CUSTOM VIDEO

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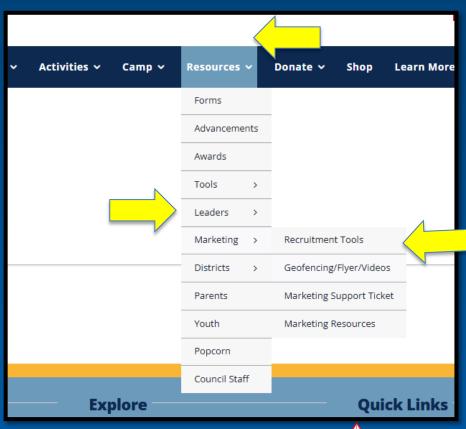
Submit marketing requests through michiganscouting.org > resources > membership recruitment





Flyer Requests

- Available 24/7 for entry
- Complete form for request
- Can include custom video and/or paid advertising with Facebook event
- Your District Staff will approve
- Ship directly to you!
- On michiganscouting.org





Michigan Crossroads Council





Flyer Request Process



Please allow 10 business days between when you submit your flyer request and when they're expected at your doorstep.

Keep an eye on your email throughout the process for any updates on the status of your flyers and to give your approval of the draft.





Flyer/Geofence/Custom Video Requests



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YOUTH RECRUITING FLYER





TEXT DISCOVERSCOUTING TO 855-940-4210



Say it has helped them











Say it has increased future likelihood of











Say Scouting helps with

Discovery is at the heart of Scouting. Whether it's a campout, derby car race, or hike on the trail, we believe every adventure helps us uncover a little more about ourselves. We build the foundations for humility and compassion-strengthening character through actions-to prepare youth for a lifetime of leadership.







Scouting is something the whole family can experience together. We designed our program so that anyone-brothers, sisters, mothers, and fathers-can have fun and make an impact!



The BSA promotes a culture where youth, volunteers, and employees feel a sense of belonging—where every person feels respected and valued.



PREPARING YOUTH FOR LIVES OF IMPACT AND PURPOSE

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 Scout Law.

- Character Development
- Leadership Development
- · Citizenship Training
- Personal Fitness

PARENT **FLYER**

DESIGNED FOR PEACHJAR USE







How Else Can You Promote?

Besides flyers & geofencing...

- Scout Talks (1-2 days prior)
- Open House Table
- Local or school newsletters
- Flyers to local church congregation
- Parent to parent invitations
- Youth to youth invitations
- Yard signs (best placed in school drop-off/pickup lanes)
- BeAScout Pin
- Stickers

Who does what?

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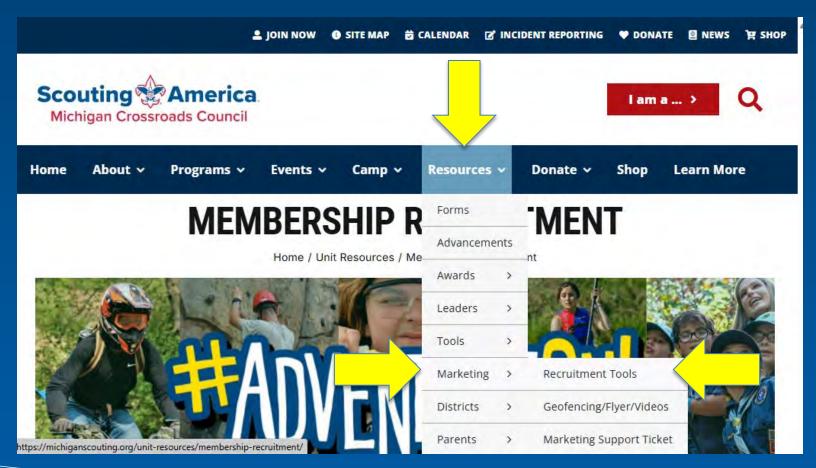
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Membership Resources Page











Membership Resources Page

- Landing page with printable and digital resources
 - Parade Cards
 - Trick-or-TreatCards/Stickers
 - Bookmarks
 - Cub Recruitment Cards
 - Scout Talk Videos
 - Social Media Graphics
 - Email Templates
 - Logos
 - Web Banners
 - Parent Guides



















































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PARENT **FOLDER** (INSIDE)

CUB SCOUT ADVENTURES

Lion Cubs learn by doing through exciting indoor and outdoor activities designed for kindergarten boys & girls and their adult

TIGER (1ST GRADE)

Tigers work directly with an adult partner and are part of a Ben. To earn the Figer badge, they complete six adventures; Backyard Jungle, Games Tigers Play, My Family's Duty to God, Team Figer, Tiger Bites and Tigers in the Wild.

To earn the Wolf badge, boys and girls complete six required adventures, like "Council Fire" and "Duty to 6od Pootsteps". Workes must also complete an elective achievement adventure of your den or family's cheosing.

The Bear program is similar to the Well program, with more advanced activities.

WEBELOS (4TH GRADE)

Typically, boys and girls work on the Webelos badge in 4th grade.

ARROW OF LIGHT (STH GRADE)

Scouts earn the Arrew of Light in 5th grade. This level of the program helps prepare boys and girls to become Secuta BSA.

ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

THE CHARTERED ORGANIZATION

Your Pack is "owned and operated" by an organization in your local community. This chartered organization provides space, approves adult volunteer leaders, and makes sure the Pack follows Scouting America guidelines

THE PACK COMMITTEE

The Pack Committee is there to support your child's leaders. This group of parents plans pack meetings and other activities, manages the pack's money, orders badges and supplies, and takes care of other behind-the-scenes tasks

A pack is made up of several Dens. The pack meets once a month under the leadership of the Cubmaster These pack meetings, which all Cub Scout families attend let the boys and girls show off the skills they've learned in their Den meetings. At the pack maeting. Scouts receive badges and awards they've earned.

Your son or daughter is a member of a Den. A Den typically consists of four to eight boys or cirts in the same grade. The Den meets once a week and is led by a parent called a Den Leader and one or more assistants (also parents). Den meetings consist of games, craffs, stunts, ceremonies, and lots of fun.

SPECIAL OUTINGS AND ACTIVITIES

PINEWOOD DERBY

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

WEBELOS OVERHIGHT CAMPOUT

SCOUT NIGHTS

BLUE AND GOLD BANGUET

AREA WILL BE COVERED BY FOLDER POCKET

PACK VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

If you have a Tiger, you will act as their adult partner and work on all activities with them. For Wolf and Bear levels, you will work with your child on advancements and sign off on achievements. Hopefully you will consider taking on an additional role to help couting program will be

CUBMASTER - Emcess monthly Pack Meetings and attends the Pack Leader's meeting. Supports the Den Leaders to ensure a guality den program. Encourages all adults to become trained leaders and represents the pack at District Roundtables.

meetings. Plans the meeting via Program Helps & then assigns various functions to the other parents. Attends the monthly Pack

COMMITTEE CHAIR - Presides over all pack committee meetings Helps recruit volunteer leaders and attends the monthly pack

ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN - Maintains advancement records for the pack. Orders all badges and awards. Actends the monthly pack meeting and committee meeting. Takes care of online advancement and Scoutbook tools.

SECRETARY/TREASURER - Kneps all records for the pack, including pack bank account, financial records, etc. Attends the monthly pack meeting and pack committee meeting.

PACK TRAINER - Coordinates training for adults. Promotes basic leader training and roundtable meeting attendance. Attends the monthly pack meeting and committee meeting.

PARENT HELPERS - Each year the pack will undertake several short-term projects. Parents and other volunteers are needed for activities such as pack fund-raisers (Popcern Sale), Scouting for Food, Pack Good Turn, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, Friends of Scouting, Pack Graduation, and Day Camp. These are short-term jobs and enable all families to assist with important pack responsibilities.

THE PURPOSE AND METHODS OF

The Cub Scouting program has 10 purposes related to the overall mission of Scouting America - to build character learn citizenship

2. Spiritual Growth

7. Personal Achievement 8 Friendly Service 9 Fun and Adventure

 Good Citizenship
 Sportsmanship and Fitness 5. Family Understanding 10. Preparation for Boy Scouts

MISSION OF SCOUTING AMERICA

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12 POINTS OF THE SCOUT LAW

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Supporting Your Recruitments

When a new family is unfamiliar with our program, what they first sign up for is your calendar & outings for the year.

- Recruiting is best supported by a fun calendar!
- A combination of local outings and bigger adventures.

- Local hike
- Day Camp
- Museum
- Summer Camp (archery, fishing, crafts, etc)
- Playdates in the park
- Check the MCC calendar for Scout Nights & events





Filling the calendar

Michiganscouting.org

- > Menu
- > Events

Searchable calendar of all district & council events!



Filter for month, event type, district, location, and event tags like "advancement," "service," "public," "STEM," and more.





Recruiting Using BeAScout

The first thing families will see when looking for you online!

More families will submit leads when a seasonal activity ends or when they're looking for something to do!

Many families reaching out individually means good time to host an event!





Updating BeAScout

- Update BeAScout regularly we recommend every month during the busier times
- Keep it up to date with the information you want a new family to know and who you want them to reach out to.
- Update the meeting location so it comes up for those nearby.
- Call leads within 3 days!

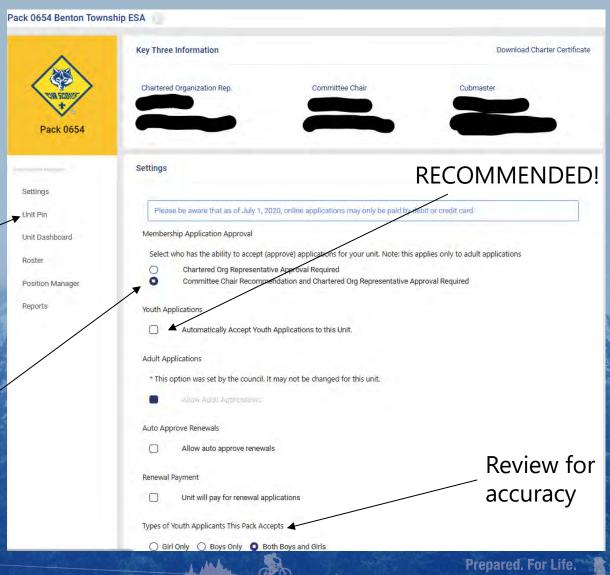
Make updates on my.scouting > Org Manager > Unit Pin



Organization Manager

Review information provided on your BeAScout.org Pin!

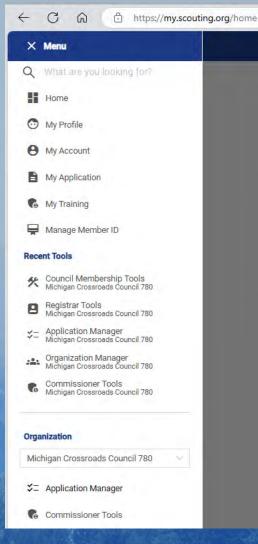
Allow the CC to take first step on Adult Applications







- Found in My.Scouting.org
- Instructions shared in toolkit or online





Training Code S21 C National 04/14/2025

Training Code S21 (the old Scoutmast requirements, which are now covered by Online or Facilitated Training). These cour schedules. We strongly encourage all Scompleted S21, to complete the latest program as designed and effectively supp

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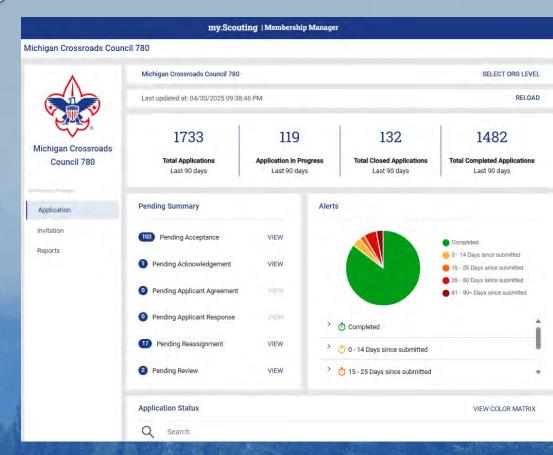


Application Manager

- These applications are PAID
- Accept quickly and invite to next meeting or activity!

Invitation Manager

- These are families
 looking for more info
- Respond quickly, answer their questions, and get them signed up online!





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Trial Membership

- During a portion of this fall new cub scouts can join for a fee of \$0!
- That scout and their family are then responsible for selling \$170 commissions worth of popcorn (\$570 of merchandise).
- Once they sell their portion of merchandise, they are no longer part of the "trial period" but are a fully paid scout.
- This is the *only* method for our approach with new cub scouts who need registration assistance, From August 1-October 15.





Trial Membership Timeline

The sign ups for this program are open from: August 1 until October 15. After October 15, Registration Assistance will go back to the traditional format.

All remaining product and payments are due back to council by December 1.



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The Night of your Join Event

Have your talking points ready

What's exciting for your youth? What's exciting for parents?

Having printouts of your unit calendar gives families a frame of reference on what to expect.











The Night Of Your Join Event

Set up your space



Where/how will people sign-in?

Would signage help families find you?

Have someone welcome families

Set up any activities.

Set up seating if necessary.

Finishing prepping handouts.

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3 Purposes of a recruitment event

- Tell them why they'd want to join
- Tell them how to join
- Help them to join











The Content of a Good Recruitment

- Sign-in, collect names & contact info
- Introduce your unit & the program
 - What is Scouting? What do you do? Who are you? Brag!
 - What can families expect in the program?
 - How does it run?
 - When do you meet?
 - What's the time commitment?
 - What does a family need to do to join?
 - How does a family join?
 - What are we doing next?





Give families some time dedicated to filling out an application.

USE CODE JoinScoutsHW25 to pay the reduced program fee. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.

Have your unit's Online Application QR code ready to go.

- Either printed and on each table, individual copies for each family, or projected on a big screen.
- Bring paper applications as a failsafe in case internet access is an issue.





At the end of the event

The next meeting is... (date, time, location)

Thank families for coming

Remind anyone who missed the sign-in to visit it so we can get in touch









Take notes on your roses, thorns, and buds.

Follow-up with those who didn't submit applications

- Send a written communication and give them a phone call.

When it's necessary to schedule a second-chance recruitment...

- Is every den at critical mass?
- Is your pack at it's goal size?
- How many 5th graders will be crossing over in the spring?





"We don't have the volunteers/time to pull off a second recruitment"

- Recruiting is a great way to bring more parents into your pack's leadership.
- Start by delegating single tasks to each parent with clear instructions and due dates.

Concentrated Recruitments – grade-focused recruiting

Different times of year are more conducive to recruiting different age groups.

- Assess your age group gaps.
- Target age groups you're lacking.





Targeted Recruitment

Den-focused recruiting

- Assess your den gaps.
- Target age groups you're lacking.
- Rinse and repeat the planning process.
- What do you want to achieve? What needs to be done to get there?
- Pick a date and time, book a space, get flyers printed.
- Individual family invitations (parent to parent/peer to peer).
- Choose an activity from the books.
 - IE Lions, build em up knock em down





Year Round Community Visibility

Holidays are a great time to get some visibility in your community!

Visit our recruitment tools landing page to check out our growing library of holiday cards and stickers!











Year Round Recruiting

"Everything you do
Everywhere you go
Everyday of the year
Always be recruiting!"





Reduced Program Fee available using code "JoinScoutsHW25" in the online application.

Update your BeAScout.org pin to include the supplied template for proper information

The Trial Membership amount is the same as the legacy MCC districts- \$0 down, sell \$570 of popcorn

NO REFUNDS FOR PROGRAM FEES WILL BE GIVEN



