

Council and District Relations

Lodge Leadership Development



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The Council

Part 1



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What is the Council?

- A council:
 - is a voluntary association of citizens
 - representatives of organizations that are chartered by the Boy Scouts of America

An organization to promote the Scouting program within a geographic area.



Four Major Functions

- 1. Membership
- 2. Fund Development
- 3. Program
- 4. Unit Service.



Offices and their Jobs

- Council Commissioner
- Good character and standing
- Abilities:
 - 1. Organizational
 - 2. Administrative
 - 3. Communications
 - 4. Leadership

A member of the council Key 3, the council commissioner provides leadership to the commissioner corps in effectively serving the packs, troops, teams, ships, and crews in the council. A National Council and regional committee member



Offices and their Jobs

- President
 - Training Council/District Officers/Volunteers
 - Stimulates and coordinates the work of the council executive board and committees.
 - Recruits strong volunteers for council leadership
 - Ignites their enthusiasm
 - Welds individuals into a strong working team.



Offices and their Jobs

- Scout Executive- Professional Scouter
- Commissioned by the Boy Scouts of America, selected by the council executive board, and serves under its direction.
 - The council secretary for all of its council committees, although he or she may delegate this responsibility to members of the professional staff.
 - Appoints and supervises all employees of the council, subject to the approval of the council executive board.
 - Maintains standards in the operation, program, and administration of the council.



OA in the Council

- Meetings
 - Lodge Meetings
 - Chapter Meetings
 - Sectional Meetings
- Activities
 - Fellowship Weekends
 - Sectional Participation
 - » Conclave
 - » Section Training
 - Induction Activities
- Teams
 - » Ceremony
 - » Dance
 - » Drum
- Annual Banquet
- LLD
- Service
 - Work Days
 - Projects over summer
 - Projects at Induction weekends



The District

Part 2



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The OA helps with these HOW?

- Financial
- The finance function sees that the district provides its share of funds to the total council operating budget.
 - The Local Lodge/Chapter is able to donate to the council and its other functions to assist in the operation.



The OA helps with these HOW?

Membership

- Strives for growth
 - new Scouting units
 - new members and adult volunteers joining existing units
 - working to retain current membership.
 - The Local Lodge plays a large part in this by retaining membership through activities and inducting new youth through the elections and inductions.
 - Section can retain membership through interesting section events and fun conclaves.



The OA helps with these HOW?

- Unit Participation
- Direct coaching and consultation for unit adults.
 - The OA comes directly from the unit, and all youth members belong to a home unit. Through active troop participation, this can assist the OA participation as well through interest in events.



The OA helps with these HOW?

Program

- Helping Scouting units with camp promotion;
 - Special activities like:
 - community service
 - training adult volunteers
 - youth advancement and recognition.
 - The OA assists in program through creating events and supporting youth programs



Chapters in the District

- The individual chapters-> District
- The overarching Lodge structure-> Council



District making sure the council operates properly

The Council

- Positive atmosphere for the various districts in the council and their youth.
- Districts work with the troops
 - Within Troop and council to coordinate events and various other things such as service projects and competitions.
 - The OA plays a large role as a program leader



The Ties of Brotherhood

Part 3



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How the OA fits into this

- OA exists within Council/District
- OA supports Council/District events
- Council/District is lifeline of youth membership for the OA



OA Positions

- Lodge Chief (Council)
- Several Duties
 - Camping Committee/Lodge Leadership
 - Meetings
 - Communication



OA Positions

- Chapter Chief(s) (District)
- Several Duties
 - Leadership
 - Meetings/Roundtables
 - Communication



District Events to Council Events

- The chapters have separate events
- The lodge has total events in which all chapters participate
- Induction weekend or a Lodge Fellowship Weekend



OA Lodge and Chapter Chief Roundtable

Part 4



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Mock Meeting

A mock meeting with the chapter chiefs with the lodge chief about how the district/chapters are involved in the council and how they are doing



Review of Part IV

Part V



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Closing

Thanks for attending!



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