

## RACE INTO SCOUTING



### WHY RECRUITMENT MATTERS

- Scouting is Growing!
- New youth=Pack longevity
- Create sustainability
- Develop shared leadership
- Every Child deserves the chance to be a scout







Scouting is more fun in numbers: there are more opportunities for events, more chances to fundraise successfully, and more adults to pull volunteers from.

- •Share proven recruitment techniques
- The how and why of "Sign-Up Nights"
- Provide tools and resources for Packs
- Explore strategies to recruit and retain adult leaders
- Energize and inspire your team!



### WHY RECRUITMENT IS IMPORTANT



Recruitment Grows the Pack and Ensures Its Future

### RECRUITMENT



Recruitment Builds a Stronger Community



More Youth Means More Fun and Better Program Quality



Recruitment Helps Identify Future Leaders



Recruitment Supports the Mission of Scouting



## RECRUIMENT TECHNIQUES



School Based Recruiting



Community Engagement



Digital and Social Media



Parents and Volunteers



Events that Attract



Administrative & Follow up

Refer to the list "60 Ways to Recruit Cub Scouts" in your packet

### BEFORE THE SIGN UP NIGHT

- Decide on two Sign-Up Nights
  - Rain dates necessary if out-of-doors
- Establish a recruiting goal
  - Each Pack needs to set an aggressive, yet realistic goal
- Create a yearly Pack Calendar and Budget
- Update your Be A Scout Pin

Consult with your District Executive or Cub Scout Recruitment Captain to complete your Individualized

Membership Plan









This year's incentive...

# BEASCOUT PIN UPDATING

- Computers are available to update your Be-A-Scout Pin in the back
- Understand what makes an effective Pin

Consult with your District Executive to edit your Be A Scout pin, if needed.

### BEFORE THE SIGN UP NIGHT



- Advertise your Sign-Up Nights
- Have Information at Back-to-School Events
- Include Price of Membership
- Understand revised HUSKY Program
- Communicate with District Executive on Flyer Needs
  - This should be part of IMP process

### BEFORE THE SIGN-UP NIGHT



**BRAND CENTER** 

- Market and advertise your Pack all year long
- Utilize more than one method
- Fliers, Facebook, Instagram, Radio, Newsletters, WORD OF MOUTH!
- Plan, write and schedule social media posts using the National Planner

## THE WHY OF SIGN UP NIGHTS



Focus on Enrollment, not Just Excitement



Give Families Time to Make a Decision



Provides a Clear Next Step



Streamlines Volunteers Involvement



Allows for Better Organization and Preparedness



Sets the Tone for Pack
Communication



### Why the Pack Meeting + Sign up Night Combo Model works

- 1. Built in Audience
- 2.Kids are Engaged while Adults Register
- 3.Smoother Flow & Less Stress
- 4.Stronger First Impression
- 5.Immediate Integration
- **6.Time-Saving for Families**





### The importance of the Captain

- 1. Helps Direct Traffic
- 2.Knows the program
- 3.Assists Pack Leaders run the Sign-up Night
- 4.Answers Parental Questions, or directs them to the correct resources
- 5.Gather materials at the end of the night

Welcome & Sign-In

Registration & Application Fee Collections

Program Info & Q&A

**Scout Activity Area** 

Welcome & Sign-In

- Greet families with enthusiasm and provide name tags.
- Collect contact information for follow-up, even if they don't join tonight.
- Provide a map or checklist of the five stations to guide families through the process.





Program Info & Q&A

- Display visuals and handouts about Cub Scouting's benefits and fun.
- Have current leaders or seasoned parents share brief testimonials.
- Answer questions about meeting frequency, uniforms, and costs honestly.

- Provide youth and adult applications (paper or online).
- Have someone assist with filling out forms or walking through online registration.
- Explain youth protection policies and leader background checks briefly.

**Registration & Application** 

- Engage kids in a hands-on Cub Scout game or craft (supervised by leaders or older Scouts).
- · Keeps youth excited while parents handle registration.
- Show off the fun of Scouting this is what hooks the kids!

**Scout Activity Area** 



- Accept dues, registration fees, or offer info on payment plans or assistance.
- Clearly explain what the fees cover (e.g., national fees, pack dues, uniforms).
- Provide receipts and a "what's next" flyer with the first meeting date.



**Payment & Fees** 



1. Leads the Event

2.Coordinates Station

3.Greets Families

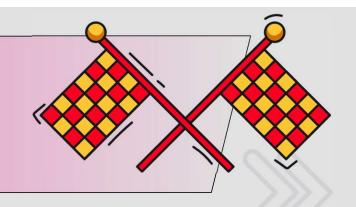
4. Supports Volunteers

5.Manages Time and Flow

6.Ensures Follow-up

7.Communicates with District





### **Normalize Asking for Help**

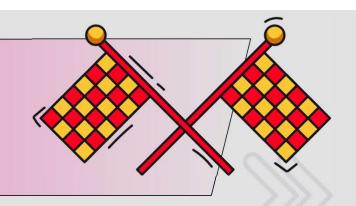
Let leaders know: "It's okay to ask." Many parents don't step up because they're never asked directly.

Encourage a culture of shared responsibility, not hero leadership.

#### Script example:

"Hey, I could really use a hand with the craft at the next meeting. What craft would you like to do?"



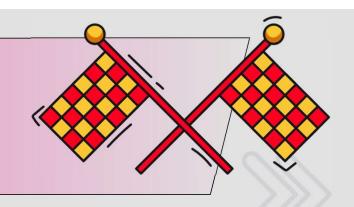


#### **Break Down Roles into Bite-Sized Pieces**

Don't ask for a full-time Den Leader right away — ask for small tasks (snack coordinator, meeting assistant, photographer, etc.).

Create a "Menu of Micro-Jobs" so parents can see low-commitment ways to get involved.



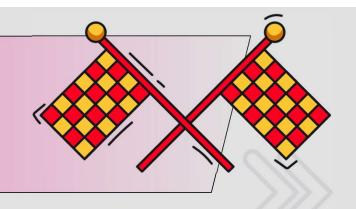


### **Use the "Ask One" Strategy**

Encourage every current leader to personally ask one parent to help with something specific.

Personal invites are far more effective than general announcements.



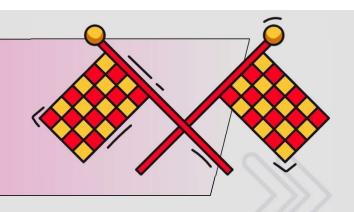


### **Promote Team-Based Leadership**

Let leaders know they don't have to "own" a job solo. Encourage co-leadership or shared roles.

Example: Two parents co-lead a den or alternate meetings





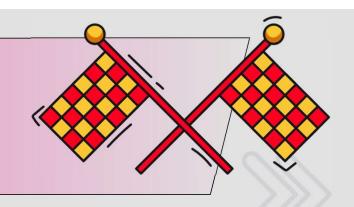
### **Celebrate Volunteers Publicly**

Thank helpers during Pack meetings and in emails. Recognition shows others that volunteering is appreciated and respected.

Peer-to-peer visibility encourages others to step forward.

"If she can do it, I can do it!"



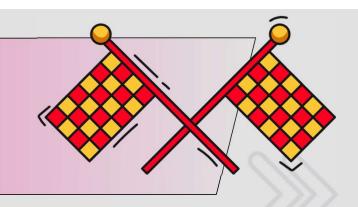


### **Use a Volunteer Interest Survey**

At the beginning of the year (or at Sign-Up Night), hand out a short form asking about skills, talents and time

You can match leaders with tasks based on interests and availability





### **Highlight the "Why"!**

Have existing leaders share stories of why the serve, when others hear how meaningful serving is, they are more likely to want to help.

"I started helping out because my kid was having so much fun. I stayed because its rewarding to watch all the kids grow." AFTER THE SIGN UP NIGHT

- Collect Sign-in sheets
- Collect Applications
- Process Payments

All this goes to your District Membership team



## AFTER THIS MEETING

# Please see your District Executive before you leave!















