

Module 14: Council Executive Board Retreat

Video time allowed

4:12 minutes

Facilitator

Council president or other key council officer with assistance from the Scout executive

Learning objectives

This module explains the purpose and the execution of the annual council board retreat. It highlights specific topics for this session and provides ideas for appropriate venues.

After completing this module, board members should

- Have a working knowledge of what to expect at a council executive board retreat.
- Understand that this event has business, relaxation, and team-building components.
- Look forward to participating in this event.

Materials needed

- Laptop, projector, and screen
- Council executive board handouts or binders—one for each participant—that can be printed in advance locally from the [online appendix](#)
- Whiteboard, flip chart, or overhead projector to facilitate discussion and presentation
- Council Officer Retreat and Fellowship Events, No. 14-162 (from the [online appendix](#))

Introduction of Module 14

The Scout executive should explain the importance of the board working as a team, and the fact that building this team often means taking some time away.

- The council executive board retreat is an annual event where we work on strategic planning, brainstorm on revenue generation, and have the opportunity to get to know one another on a more personal basis.
- This module gives you an idea of what this event is all about.

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Any questions?

- Ask if there are any questions and address them.
- Ask the question: “When are we having ours?”
- (Reference the Council Officer Retreats and Fellowship Event pamphlet.)

(Estimated discussion time will vary, based on the board level of experience and participation.)

What are our options?

- Use this time to ask about specific hobbies and interests (golf, fishing, etc.).
- Write down these ideas for where to have the retreat.
- Point out the Council Officer Retreats and Fellowship Events pamphlet.

You should end this module with the board enthusiastic about this upcoming event.

If you are conducting this training during the actual retreat, use this time to either tell about upcoming activities or find out if they’re enjoying what’s going on—and ask them to start thinking of ideas for next year.