

THRIVING UNITS' RESOURCES

The Path to Stabilizing and Sustaining New and Struggling Units

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This comprehensive resource guide, "Thriving Units' Resources," serves as a centralized toolkit for commissioners and the support team to help new and struggling units thrive. Its purpose is to simplify unit operations, support the safety and growth of all participants, and provide easy access to valuable documents, training modules, and program materials necessary for a vibrant unit experience. This guide brings together resources to help stabilize, sustain, and strengthen units so they can thrive.



[Why Scouting?](#)

UNIT OPERATIONS

Be a Scout: [Be A Scout](#)

Marketing Toolbox: [Marketing toolbox](#)

New Member Coordinator: [New Member Coordinator](#); [Q&A](#)

Commissioners: [News for Commissioners](#), [Starting, sustaining, and growing units](#);
[Program support resources](#)

Family Talent/Resource Survey: [Cub Scouts](#); [Scouts BSA](#); [Venturing](#)

Unit Money-Earning Application: [Unit money-earning application](#)

Unit Dashboard: [Unit Dashboard](#)

Unit succession planning: [Succession Planning](#); [Succession planning is a must](#)

REGISTRATION AND RENEWAL

New Member Registration: [Online Registration](#)

Membership Renewal: [Membership Renewal](#)

Unit Renewal: [Unit Renewal](#)

Chartered Organization Agreements & Facility Use Agreement:
[Annual Registration Agreement](#); [Facility Use Agreement](#); [United Methodist Church Agreement](#);
[Charter Agreement, Catholic Dioceses/Parishes/Schools](#)

Release/Assumption of Unit Charter: [Release/Assumption of Unit Charter](#)



HEALTH, SAFETY, AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Safeguarding Youth Protection Training: [Safeguarding Youth Protection Training](#)

Incident Reporting: [Incident Report](#)

S.A.F.E.: [SAFE Checklist](#)

Safety Moments: [Safety Moments](#)

Health & Safety Guide To Safe Scouting: [Health and Safety Guide to Safe Scouting](#)

Guide to Safe Scouting, Camping: [Guide to Safe Scouting, Camping](#)

Activities: [Age Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities](#)

Activity Planning and Risk Assessment: [Prohibited and Unauthorized Activities](#)

Health and Safety FAQ's: [Health and Safety FAQ's](#)

Social Media Guidelines: [Social Media Guidelines](#)



PROGRAMS [Program Planning Tools](#); [Scouting America's Programs](#)

Program Resources:

- Cub Scouts: [Pack meeting resources](#); [Den meeting resources](#); [Fun & Games](#); [New Cub Scout Family Guide](#); [Tips to empower parents to lead your pack](#)
- Scouts BSA: [Program planning tools](#); [Troop Self-Assessments](#)
- Venturing: [Program resources](#)
- Ships: [Program resources](#); [Sail Training Plan](#)

Outdoor Program Activities: [Outdoor program resources](#)

Roundtable Overview: [Roundtable resources](#)

Uniforms: [Scout Shop](#)



RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

Study: [A Study of Ethics and Character in America](#)

Benefits of Cub Scouting – Tufts Study: [Benefits of Cub Scouting | Scouting America](#)

Recruitment: [Recruitment & Marketing](#)

Recruitment and marketing resources: [Recruitment and Marketing resources](#)

Cub Scout Recruitment: [Cub Scout Recruiting](#); [Cub Scout Recruitment Playbook](#);

Scouts BSA Recruitment: [Scouts BSA Recruitment Idea Book](#);

Dynamic Recruitment Playbook for Venturing: [Dynamic Recruitment Playbook](#)

Retention: [Plan for membership growth](#); [Connection Guide Retention](#)

Marketing and Membership Hub: [Marketing and Membership Hub](#)

TRAINING & ADVANCEMENT

- **Safeguarding Youth Training:** [Safeguarding Youth Training](#).

Adult leader position-trained requirements: [Position-trained requirements](#); [Position-specific courses](#)

- Cub Scout: [Cub Scout leader training](#)
- Scouts BSA: [Scouts BSA](#)
- Venturing Advisor: [Venturing Advisor Training](#)
- Crew Committee: [Crew Committee](#)
- Sea Scout: [Sea Scouts adult training](#)

Hazardous Weather Training: [Hazardous Weather Training FAQ](#)

Youth leader training in Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts: [Youth leader training](#)

Training Quick Links: [Training Quick Links](#)

Other Training: [Other materials](#); [Guide to Leader Training](#); [Fillable training cards](#)

Supplemental training: [Supplemental training](#)

EDGE: [The Teaching EDGE](#); [Lesson plan for EDGE](#)

AWARDS

- **Scouting America Awards Central:** [Awards Central](#)
- **William D. Boyce Award (New-Unit Organizer Award):** [William D. Boyce Award](#)
- **Founding a New Unit Award:** [Founder's Bar](#)
- **Awards and Insignia:** [Guide to Awards and Insignia](#)

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDES

- **Guide to Safe Scouting:** [Guide to Safe Scouting](#)
- **Guide to Advancement:** [Guide to Advancement](#)
- **Guide to Awards and Insignia:** [Guide to Awards and Insignia](#)
- **Guide to Safe Scouting (Camping):** [Guide to Safe Scouting \(Camping\)](#)
- **SAFE Checklist:** [SAFE Checklist](#)



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