

MCS 322 – A Commissioner’s Guide to Co-Ed Scouting Activity Cards

<p>1. An adult leader approaches you with a concern about his troop, which is currently a boy troop. The Scouts and other adult leaders are discussing the addition of a linked girl troop. The leader is concerned that the boys won’t get as much out of scouting if girls are involved.</p>	<p>2. You are at a recruiting event as a commissioner to assist the troop’s leaders. A parent approaches you and expresses a concern about safety. They are concerned that having boys and girls together at a camporee might be unsafe.</p>
<p>3. A long-serving Assistant Cubmaster is upset that his pack has become co-ed. Although all of the youth and parents supported it, he believes it is not suitable for the Scouts. In particular, he believes that there will never be a space for boys to be boys once the girls take over.</p>	<p>4. A parent threatens to take their child out of scouting because their pack has become co-ed. The parent says, “If we have to accept girls, why don’t Girl Scouts have to accept boys?”</p>
<p>5. A Committee Member is considering resigning. Their reason for doing so is “because of all the radical and fast changes, like allowing girls.”</p>	<p>6. A Scoutmaster from a linked troop approaches you about a concern he’s received from a few parents. They are worried that the boys are distracted by the presence of girls when the linked troops attend a shared event or activity, and are considering starting a non-linked boy-only troop so the boys can have a distraction-free space. The Scoutmaster is concerned that this does not reflect what is happening or what the youth want.</p>