

# **2019 Guide to Advancement Update Now Available**

It is important that unit leaders and committees understand the advancement guidelines, and follow them. There is a summary of the changes near the beginning of the Guide. The 2019 update to the Guide to Advancement is now available online [here](#).

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## **Limited Exception to Eagle Age Requirements**

The Boy Scouts of America will offer a one-time, limited exception to its age requirements for the Eagle Scout award, giving new Scouts BSA members, male and female, a fair chance to earn the program's top honor.

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## **A Scout Is Reverent**

The Worcester Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting is calling for nominations for Adult Catholic Religious Awards due by February 20, 2019. The awards are to recognize those adults in Scouting who have participated in promoting and teaching Catholic Faith Formation in Scouting through religious emblem programs, Scout Sunday observance, and various other activities relating to the Faith.

The Bronze Pelican and the St. George Emblem are for those adults involved in the Cub and/or Scouts BSA programs. A nominee for the Bronze Pelican has significantly influenced Catholic Scouting for at least three years. Nominees for the St. George emblem have previously received the Bronze Pelican and have made significant and outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youths through Scouting. Nomination forms should give a detailed description of how the nominee provides such outstanding contributions.

Please send nominations to Bob Ryan, CCOS Nominations Chair at [rhrljr@att.net](mailto:rhrljr@att.net) or mail it to 8 Colonial Drive, Shrewsbury, MA 01545.

Nomination Forms:

- St George Form
- Bronze Pelican Form

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# **Order of the Arrow Is Here To Help!**

## **Is Your Pack Ready To Crossover?**

Tantamous Lodge is here to help! If your Unit would like the Order of The Arrow to assist in your crossover ceremony, just let us know by filling out the following form and we will contact you.

## **SIGN UP HERE**

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# **Creating A Scouting Unit**

Not every community, church, school, or organization has a Scouting pack, troop, or crew associated with it. Sometimes, starting a new group is the best way to bring Scouting to your community. With a willing group of volunteers and interested youth, it's easy to get Scouting started near you.

## **How Scouting Units Are Organized**

Every Scouting unit requires adult leaders, youth, and a chartering organization. First the chartering organization agrees to adopt the Scouting program. Then you must recruit and train the leaders. Once you have trained leaders ready to start, recruit the youth. From there you can plan your program year, complete the paperwork, and hold your first meeting.

Resources:

- New Unit Organization Process
- New Unit Development
- BSA Fact Sheet

## **What is A Chartering Organization?**

A chartering organization, such as a church, school, concerned citizen's group, agrees to work with the specific pack, troop, or crew. They'll provide meeting space, help find and approve adult leaders, and appoint an individual as the Chartered Organization Representative. This representative works as a liaison between the organization and the Scout group.

Any organization can be a chartering organization and there are no special qualifications. The chartering organization falls under the insurance of the Boy Scouts of America.

Resources:

- Chartered Organizations Resource Guide
- The Charter Organization (tri-fold)
- The Chartered Organization Representative
- The Charter Organization Representative Guidebook

## **What Leaders Are Needed?**

There are different leader requirements for different types of Scouting units. All units must have a Chartered Organization Representative. If a single organization sponsors more than one unit (like a Pack and a Troop), that representative must be the same person for both units.

For a Pack you need:

- Cubmaster (plan and lead the monthly pack meeting, keeping the youth and families engaged and excited)
- Committee Chair (lead behind the scenes administrative tasks and support efforts to run the pack)
- Chartered Organization Representative (act as a liaison between the pack and chartering organization)
- Two Committee Members (work with the committee chair to run the pack in roles like treasurer or secretary)
- Den Leader (plan and lead the den meetings for one age group, helping the youth earn advancements)
- Not required but recommended: Assistant Cubmaster(s), Assistant Den Leader(s), additional committee members

For a Troop you need:

- Scoutmaster (support and guide the youth leadership as they plan and lead the troop meetings)
- Committee Chair (lead behind the scenes administrative

- tasks and support efforts to run the troop)
- Chartered Organization Representative (act as a liaison between the troop and chartering organization)
- Two Committee Members (work with the committee chair to run the troop in roles like treasurer or secretary)
- Not required but recommended: Assistant Scoutmaster(s), additional committee members

For a Crew you need:

- Advisor (support and guide the youth leadership as they plan and lead the crew meetings)
- Committee Chair (lead behind the scenes administrative tasks and support efforts to run the crew)
- Chartered Organization Representative (act as a liaison between the crew and chartering organization)
- Two Committee Members (work with the committee chair to run the crew in roles like treasurer or secretary)
- Not required but recommended: Associate Advisor(s), additional committee members

## **What Paperwork Needs to Be Filled Out?**

For a new unit, you'll need to turn in a new unit application, a signed charter organization agreement, and applications for every adult leader and youth member.

You get to pick your unit number, but we can't guarantee that every number is available. Don't get your hopes up about being Troop 123 without first checking to see if that unit already exists!

Resources:

- New Unit Application
- Annual Unit Charter Agreement
- Youth Application
- Adult Application

# William D. Boyce New Unit Organizer Award

Organizing a new unit can be hard work, between corralling people and filling out the paperwork. To recognize the volunteers who have dedicated their time and energy to expanding Scouting to new communities, we give out the William D. Boyce New Unit Organizer Award. William D. Boyce was the founder of Boy Scouts in America – he learned about Scouting in England and organized the first ever Scouting units here. In his honor, you'll receive a certificate and a knot to wear on your uniform.

Resources:

- [William D. Boyce New Unit Organizer Award Info & Application](#)

## Want to Get Started?

Contact your district executive or district membership team and they'll get you started on your journey!

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# Metacomet Commissioner

District Commissioner	All Metacomet Towns/Units	Rob Pomponio
Asst. District Commissioner	covering Natick, Sherborn, Holliston	Tom Bednarz
Asst. District Commissioner	covering Foxboro	Dr. Jim Green
Asst. District Commissioner	covering Other Towns	Position(s) Currently Vacant
Asst. District Commissioner	Data Manager	Joyce Jordan

Roundtable Commissioner	General Interest and Troop Topics	Greg Green
Roundtable Commissioner	Cub Scout Topics	Bev Murphy
Roundtable Commissioner	Cub Scout Topics	Ed Crisci
<b>Town</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Unit Commissioner</b>
Foxboro	FP176, T7, T32, Post32	Dr. Jim Green
Foxboro	T314, GT314	Jennifer Lanteigne
Holliston	P47, FP3102, T73, T76	Rob Pomponio (vacant)
Medfield	P113, P200, T10, GT10, T89	Jerry Kazanjian
Medway	P748, T108, T367	Position Currently Vacant
Millis	P115, T15	Position Currently Vacant
Natick	FP7, P310, T7	Jeff Ecklekamp
Natick	P22	Jeff Ecklekamp
Natick	FP40, T1775	Tom Bednarz
Norfolk	P80	Position Currently Vacant
Norfolk	T80	Walter Pelrine
Norwood	FP49, T49, GT49	Joyce Jordan
Norwood	FP42, T42, C420	Bob Sicklick
Plainville	FP46, T132	Walter Pelrine
Sharon	FP95, T95, GT164 C6	Dave Barnett
Sherborn	P10, T1	Ron Jantzen
Walpole	P44, P601	Cris Davis
Walpole	T44, T97	Position Currently Vacant
Wrentham	FP131, T61, T131	Walter Pelrine
<b>Unit Types Key</b>		
P – Cub Scout Pack	(boys)	
FP – Cub Scout Pack	“Family Scouting” (boys and girls)	

T – Scouts BSA Troop	(boys) AKA “Boy Scouts”	
GT – Scouts BSA Troop	(girls)	
C – Venturing Crew	(coed)	
Post – Explorer Post	(coed)	

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# Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook Updated

Advancement Update: A revised Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook for 2019 has been posted and is available here. The content is basically unchanged and revised to reflect gender-neutrality.

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## January Roundtable Handouts

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## Change: Sachem District Committee Meeting

The Sachem District Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 14th has been changed to Thursday, February 7th. This meeting will be held at the Canton Service Center.

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# **Merit Badge University – IS Open!**

We are very excited to have you join us this year for Merit Badge University!

Merit Badge University offers Scouts the opportunity to earn up to 3 merit badges, both eagle and non-eagle required with the help of our merit badge counselors. Registration opens on Monday, January 14th at 9:00am.

**[Read More](#)**