

COMMISSIONER STAFF

Are you concerned about the overall health of our Scouting program? Would you like to see Scouts everywhere you go within the community and see them in uniform, doing things that are beneficial to everyone? If so, you would make a great Unit Commissioner. Unit Commissioners are friends and support partners to our scout units and there to help them in any way possible.

Our goal is to have Unit Commissioners get involved, participate in a one day training course, and working with "Only ONE" unit throughout the year. One unit is our goal, but realistically, National Scout Headquarters recommends three units per Unit Commissioner.

The Unit Commissioner is a generalist whose overriding mission in Scouting is to help units succeed. Under no circumstances, do Commissioners try to take the place of the Cub Master or Scout Master.

Unit Commissioners are appointed by the District Commissioner, with the approval of the council executive board.

What are the requirements to be a Unit Commissioner?

- Have excellent people skills
- Have a Scouting background, or be a fast-track learner
- Know and practice Scouting ideals

Responsibilities for the Unit Commissioner;

- Become trained [National Requirement]
- Be diplomatic
- Keep Promises
- Help each unit earn the Quality Unit Award
- Use the Commissioner service plan
- Know each phase of the Scouting program and keep current, reviewing Scouting literature
- Visit regularly unit meetings and observe the unit in action [Awards Requirement]
- Meet with the unit leader and listen to what the unit leader has to say, offer encouragement and support, helping leaders see new opportunities, but always maintain the best possible relationship with the unit leader.
- Only if called on, participate or help in some of the unit activities.
- Help with forms and applications, especially during 're-charter' time [National Req]
- Encourage unit participation in district and council programs and events. [Nat. Reg]
- Encourage training opportunities. [Nat. Reg]
- Work to ensure effective and active unit committees – visit the committee meeting periodically. {Nat. Reg.]
- Keep in touch with the chartered organization. [Nat. Reg.]
- File reports to National using 'Unit Tracking' [National Requirement]
- Meet monthly with your Assistant District Commissioner, and District Commissioner at Commissioner Meetings. [National requirement]
- Provide yearly a 'personal evaluation' to your Assist. District Comm. or District Comm. [National requirement]

If you are interested in helping the district as a Unit Commissioner, please contact Bill Kiley at rustybayonet@charter.net and copy Brian Wilson at bwilson@1bsa.org.