

Four Functions of Council Operations

Scouting in the Council is administered through a voluntary association of citizens which includes district members at large and representatives of the organizations chartered by the Boy Scouts of America to use the Scouting program. Four major functions are involved in achieving the purposes of the district: finance, membership, and program, (all administered through a volunteer District Chairman), and direct unit service (under the volunteer District Commissioner). Scouting depends of these committed volunteers to ensure programs are available to every youth who wants to benefit from the programs offerings and participate in the FUN of Scouting.

Finance. Each community within the council has finance goals based on a fair-share formula. Financing is by participation in campaigns conducted by the fundraising committees of the council. Successful financing of the council is the direct result of conducting the fundraising programs within each community. These include Friends of Scouting and an annual product sale such as *Trails-End* popcorn.

Membership. The Federal charter from Congress charges the Boy Scouts of America to make its program available to all who are eligible, while recognizing young people must become members in order to derive the benefits available from the Scouting program. Those who administer this program serve by actively recruiting new chartered organizations (our partners) and new members.

Program. Volunteers who work within the program function concentrate on one or more specific areas including camp promotion, outdoor activities and civic service, training youth and adult leaders, and advancement and recognition.

Unit service. The primary objective of the Commissioner's staff is to make good Scouting happen in the lives of youth members. As friends and counselors of unit leaders, unit commissioners provide the resources of the council to the units they serve and the chartered organizations which operate those units through charters from the Boy Scouts of America. Service to units is critical to unit success and longevity.



For information on how you can participate in Scouting, call the Council Service

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT
SCOUTING ON THE CAPE AND ISLANDS

Welcome to Scouting



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Boy Scouts of America

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The problems facing families today are complex. The Cape Cod & Islands Council offers a program, which can help young people deal with today's pressures while preparing them for tomorrow's role as responsible adult members of society. Our program addresses ethics, values and integrity. *And it Works.*

While there are many programs and activities available for young people, Scouting offers moral guidance, positive adult role models, and character development. And Scouting encourages parents and families to participate with their children instead of being spectators. So, when you and your child choose to become involved in Scouting, you are making a life decision you'll never regret.

Welcome and Best Wishes for a long and happy Scouting experience!

Who Are We?

The Cape Cod & Islands Council, Inc. is chartered by the Boy Scouts of America to administer the Scouting program throughout Barnstable County and the islands. The council is divided into four geographical districts serving the Upper Cape, Lower Cape, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket.

The Council's mission, is ... "to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and in other ways to prepare them to make ethical decisions over their lifetime in achieving their full potential. The values we describe in our mission are those found in the Scout Oath and Law".

Where are we?

The **Council Service Center**, located at 247 Willow Street, just off exit 7 on the Mid-Cape highway, serves as headquarters for our Scouting organization and as a base for our full time professional staff and support personnel. We also operate a full service **Scout Shop** in the service center (open Monday through Friday 9:30am—5:00pm) as well as **Camp Greenough**, in Yarmouth Port, **Camp Duarte** on Martha's Vineyard, and **Camp Richard** on Nantucket; all of which provide year round unit and family camping and outdoor activities, plus high adventure base operations for older Scouts and Venturers; and for day camp programs (Camps Greenough and Duarte).

Our Scouting units are chartered by the Boy Scouts of America to various organizations (churches, schools, civic groups, and local businesses). The leaders are all parents and concerned volunteers who are approved by the chartering organizations and the Boy Scouts of America, and trained by Cape Cod & Island Council volunteers. Along with proper training, health and safety are primary concerns for all our participants.



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Programs



Cub Scouting:
Boys grades 1 -5



Boy Scouting:
Boys age 11-17



Venturing/Sea Scouting:
Boys & Girls 14-20



Since 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has been developing programs to be used as tools by parents to help them provide their own children with the character education and the values they want them to have. BSA programs are specifically designed for boys in grades one through high school (Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts) and for young men and women age 14 through 20 (Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Exploring).

Whether your child is a youngster learning to make supper while Mom works second shift or a high school student interested in high adventure, the high seas or turning a hobby into a life-long interest; Scouting has a program for you.

Scouting's *Journey to Excellence*,

The measure of quality



As Scouters and Scout parents we expect our Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers and Sea Scouts to get a high quality Scouting program; the one the Boy Scouts of America has spent one hundred years developing and tailoring to meet the needs of our members; the one we promise them when they join. The *Journey to Excellence Award* is the best tool there is for incorporating achievable goals into the unit's Scouting Program plan which, when attained, will ensure a high quality program. Ask your unit leadership if the unit meets Gold standard on the *Journey to Excellence*; and if not, why not.

**Don't settle for less than the best for
your children in Scouting!**