

### District Functions

Scouting in the Council's four districts 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).

- **Finance.** Each district within the council has finance goals based on a fair-share formula. Financing within the district is by participation in the 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 district. 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 that 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 district and 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.

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## Welcome to Scouting



*What parents should know  
about Scouting in  
Cape Cod & Islands Council,  
Boy Scouts of America*



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## **Welcome to Scouting**

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.

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 is chartered by the Boy Scouts of America to administer the Scouting program throughout Barnstable County. The council is divided into four geographical divisions 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 as well as Camp Greenough, in Yarmouthport, which provides for Cub day camp as well as year round unit and family camping and outdoor activities.

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 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.

### **Programs**

The Boy Scouts of America has programs specifically designed for boys in grades one through high school and for young men and women age 15 through 20. Whether your child is a youngster learning to make supper while Mom works second shift or a high school student interested in high adventure or finding out if aviation, search and rescue or firematics are viable career options, we have a program for you.

### **The measure of quality**

As Scouters and Scout parents we expect our Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers to get a high quality Scouting program; the one the Boy Scouts of America has spent nearly one hundred years developing and tailoring to meet the needs of our members; the one we promise them when they join. The National Quality Unit Award is the best tool there is for setting realistic, achievable goals which, when attained, will ensure a high quality program. Ask your unit leadership if the unit meets National quality standards; and if not, why not.

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