

Guide to the Taughannock District and other Scouting Organizations Helping You

June 2019 version

Council – the Baden-Powell Council is the six county area in New York and Pennsylvania

- hires Ed and Stacy to help our Packs, Troops, Crews, Posts and Ship
- raises the funds needed to pay staff and maintain our 2 scouts camps and day camps
- runs the various Cub Scout gatherings, larger Scouts BSA gatherings and some high adventure opportunities for older scouts
- provides (with National's help) our training curriculums
- maintains a scout shop in Chenango Forks for buying scout merchandise
- See BPCouncil.org for more information



District – the Taughannock District is composed of Tompkins and Cortland Counties.

- organizes a monthly “**Roundtable**” providing opportunities for volunteers to coordinate activities and learn about opportunities for scouts
- provides experienced volunteer “Commissioners” giving neutral guidance to units about how to run an effective scouting program (**Commissioners**)
- provides a committee of experienced adults to help units with advancement generally, provide neutral, experienced feedback on Eagle Scout/ Quartermaster/ Venturing Summit projects and boards of review for those final ranks (**Advancement Group**)
- seeks new volunteers for both units and the 2 county area to support units both from existing scouting families and alumni scouts (**Alumni/Nominating Group**)
- organizes multiple group activities and service projects (**CAPS Group**)
- runs fund-raising campaigns among our scouting families and local businesses to help pay for Council services and runs the budget for local activities (**Finance Group**)
- coordinates efforts between and among all groups to attract new members and seeks out positive publicity about scouting in the 2 county area (**Membership/Publicity Group**)
- helps coordinate recognition of duty to God aspects of the scouting program among various religions/denominations/traditions/spiritualities (**Religion Group**)
- offers a staff of experienced trainers for in-person training in leading scouting units and teaching scout skills and recognizes adults for getting appropriate training and for providing good programming (**Training Group**)
- See TCScouts.org for more information



Each Cub Scout Pack, Scout BSA Troop, Sea Scout Ship, Venturing Crew and Explorer Post is encouraged to have representatives in all of these groups. Such positions are good ways to get support from parents of alumni scouts, grandparents of current scouts or interested members of your community. Email Alumni@TCScouts.org to propose someone. We're

attaching the list of all District Committee members so you can see if you already know someone, see who from your unit is already a member or know that you have to propose a new member!

Commissioners

Commissioners serve scouting by using their past scouting experience to collaborate with adults in scouting to help current scouting adults work with their scouts to create the best possible scouting program for the scouts in their group.

2019 Goals include:

1. *Continue to have commissioners share specific ideas to help units with programming or membership issues*
2. *Continue having Roundtable commissioners encourage discussions between units at roundtable and discussions between unit levels at roundtable*

Advancement Group (*generally* meets fourth Thursday of each month at TC3 Campus – check TCScouts.org to confirm)

The Advancement Group can help you with ideas on what advancement and other recognitions are available for your scouts, monitor changes to advancement requirements and inform adults of those changes and provide guidance for

scouting's capstone experiences, like Eagle Scout projects and Boards of review. It also tracks to ensure that scouts are being given the chance to earn recognition. By participating in this Group, units will get up-to-date information on advancement changes and policies.

2019 Goals include

1. *Continue with high quality basic services by holding 4 Life-to-Eagle training from Sept to June and 1 board of review training committee/roundtable comm'r*
2. *Hold 1 merit badge counselor training or get 50% of counselors to train online*
3. *Hold meetings at least 10 of 12 months*
4. *Notify commissioners of units not advancing at every comm'r meeting*

Alumni/Nominating Group (meets as needed)

The Alumni/Nominating Group helps staff all of the other groups and can help units identify and locate potential volunteers in their geographic areas using lists of Eagle Scouts, former volunteers or interested community members. Having participants in this group means you get direct access to help finding volunteers

2019 Goals include

District Commissioner –

Mike Brown – DC@TCScouts.org

Roundtable Commissioner –

Mike Stoll – Roundtable@TCScouts.org

Email Mike Brown to find out who your unit commissioner is if you don't already know!

Advancement Group Chair –

Mark Wimer – Advancement@tcscouts.org

(Approximately 30 members on its mailing list – but we can always include more!)

Advancement Group Chair –

Mike Hughes – Alumni@tcscouts.org

1. *Increase District Committee by 5 members*
2. *work with Finance Group to find additional members*
3. *Hold summer event for alumni on July 3*
4. *continue to respond to requests for new members of various District “nodes”*

Camping, Activities, Program and Service (CAPS) Group (meets as needed)

CAPS helps coordinate multi-group camping experiences for Scouts BSA units and older scout programs, coordinate activities between and among all programs, provides guidance on how to run good unit-level

CAPS Group Co-Chairs –

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programs, makes high adventure experiences (like Philmont or National Jamboree) available to older scouts and finds and coordinates service opportunities for scouts of all ages. The Order of the Arrow program for older scouts providing cheerful service to Scouting is part of this group. By participating in this Group, individual units will have access to the most up-to-date information even before announced at Roundtable.

2019 Goals include

1. *By September 1, reach out to all units to invite them to send a representative to the committee*
2. *promote at least one District high-adventure trip*
3. *return the OA chapter to having regular meetings and an active chapter chief*
4. *Plan/help plan and support at least three council/district Cub activities a year (Pinewood / Spring / Fall Adv Wknd)*
5. *Plan and support at least two Scout activities a year (Winter / Fall Camporee 2018 - Winter/ 2019) with an emphasis on holding activities in front of the public, getting teasers out at least 3 months before with flyers by the roundtable the month *before* the event*
6. *By November Roundtable (if not earlier), survey youth leadership about what they’d like in camporee*
7. *Promote camping at Cub and Scout levels to at least Silver level (we were short in 2017)*

Finance Group (meets as needed)

The Finance Group helps create a budget for district activities, helps run the annual Popcorn sale which, in turn, helps fund individual units and Council activities and helps run both fundraising drives from scouting families (Family Friends of Scouting or “Family FOS”) and from local businesses (Community Friends of Scouting or “Community FOS”).

Finance Group Chair –

Ed Greenblatt - egreenblatt@farmersagent.com

Popcorn “Kernel”

Fred Coon - coon.fred@gmail.com

2019 Goals include:

1. *meet our financial goals for Family FOS and Community FOS by November 1*
2. *Follow up on Family FOS absentees*
3. *set up a plan for regular work on Community FOS by September 1*
4. *work with Alumni/Nominating to identify chairs for each of Family FOS and Community FOS by September*
5. *work with our DE to create an on-time district budget*
6. *work with our DE to increase calendar sales to large local businesses by December 31*

Membership/Publicity Group (meets 5 times/year, mostly by conference call)

The Membership/Publicity Group publicizes opportunities to join scouts as well as the good work that Scouts do in our communities.

Membership/Publicity Group Chair –
Liam Murphy – Membership@tcscouts.org

2019 Goals include

1. *ensure all units distinguish between retention (including Cub scouts to Boy Scouts) and recruiting (attracting more youth to the program)*
2. *run “Scout Me In” events coordinating between and among units (2 weeks in fall, 2 in spring)*
3. *encourage area recruiting groups in Cortland, Ithaca and Dryden by having each group appoint an official representative to the group by September 1*
4. *support Join Scouting events by having assigned volunteers to support professionals by August 15*

Religion Group (meets as needed)

The Religion Group Alumni/Nominating Group helps coordinate recognition of duty to God aspects of the scouting program among various religions/denominations/traditions/spiritualities, by promoting various religious recognition awards and different types of retreats for scouts.

Religion Group Chair –
Mike Stoll – mikefstoll@gmail.com

2019 Goals include

1. *hold a Day of Reflection*
2. *hold a local religious Hike in November 2019*
3. *Promote Scout Sunday/Sabbath on Facebook*

Training Group (meets as needed)

The Training Group offers a staff of experienced trainers for in-person training in leading scouting units and teaching scout skills and recognizes adults and scouts for getting appropriate training and for providing good programming helps staff all of the other groups. It also tracks the on-line training status of registered adult leaders to ensure that trained leaders are providing scouting programming to youth members. It can provide help with accessing on-line training. It also provides training updates in Roundtable and advice on upcoming changes to training.

Training Group Chair –
Jery Stedinger – Training@tcscouts.org

2019 Goals include:

1. *meet requirement for all direct contact leaders to be trained by November 1*
2. *advertise all training events at least two months prior to the event*
3. *run an Introduction to Leadership Skills sessions for Boy Scouts by November 15*
4. *offer a training module to each program group at Roundtable at least every other month*
5. *find at least 3 more trainers by December 31 to build a stable group of instructors for every course*
6. *act as a resource for trainings to teach parents how to work in and benefit from Scouting*

District Committee Assignments and Contacts

Dated:

8/18/2018

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