

# District Advancement Committee Orientation



Sam Houston Area Council  
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# Welcome!

As the **district advancement chair** of your district you have a unique opportunity to help youth achieve!

You have accepted the responsibility to provide the climate for a good advancement program.



# Council Support

To keep you informed and provide updates to national and council advancement policies and guidelines, the **council advancement committee** meets with district advancement chairs four times per year :

- Key Leader Conference in January
- Council Coordinated meetings in April, August, and October.



# Communication & Training

The **Key Leader Conference** breakout for district advancement committee members is considered “basic training” for your position.

**Council Coordinated** breakouts provide updates on what’s new that is important for you to know in your district position.

This PowerPoint deck is provided to help orient you between those sessions.



# District Operations

There are four basic functions of the district:

- Membership
- Fund development
- **Program** (which includes advancement)
- Unit service



# Program Function

The program committees of Sam Houston Area Council include:

- Activities & Civic Service
- ***Advancement***
- Camping
- Training
- Conservation
- International
- Sea Scouts
- Venturing

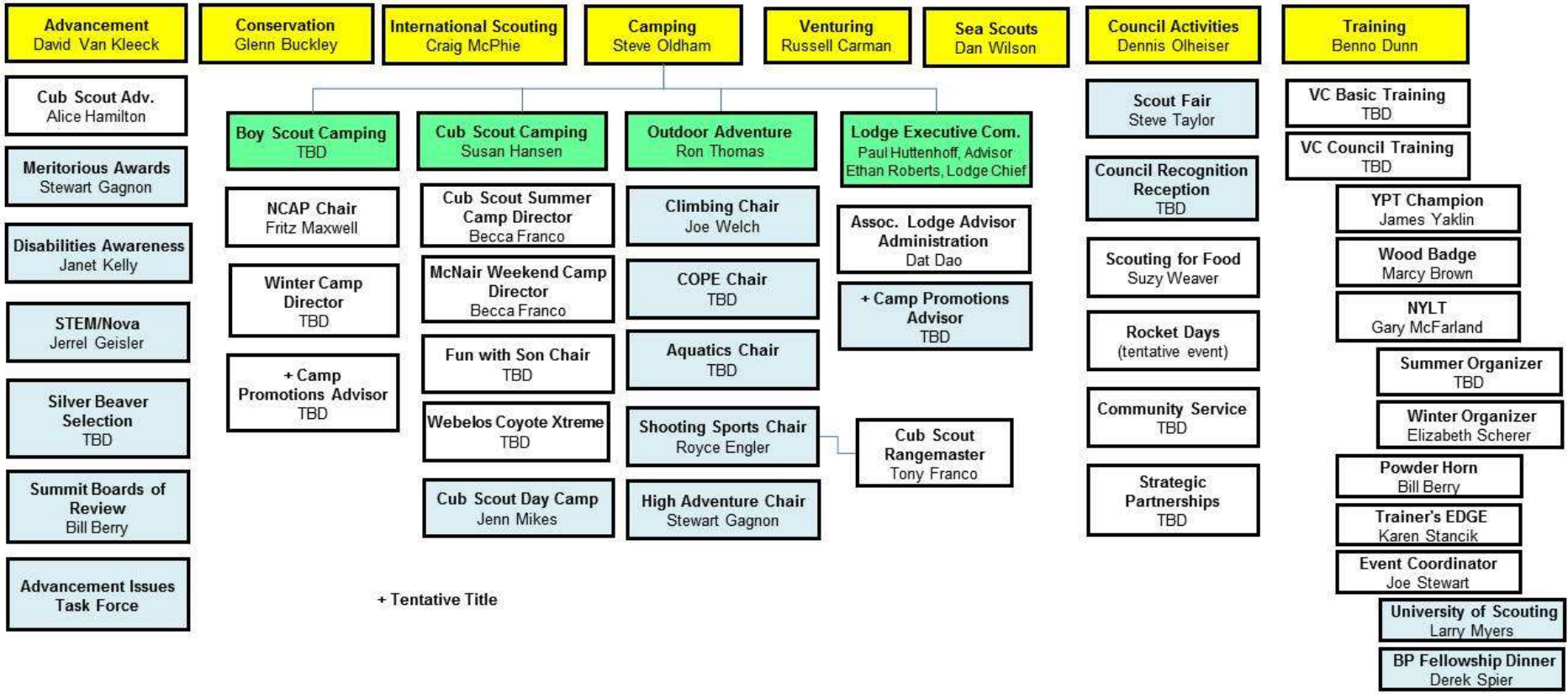
Most of these committees include sub-committees, which may not exist at the district level.



# Sam Houston Area Council Program Committees January 2018

- Standing Committee
- Support Committee
- Steering Committee
- Sub-Committee
- Individual/ No Committee

Vice Chair of Program  
Diane Cannon



# Purpose of Advancement

- Advancement is the process by which youth member progress from rank to rank in Scouting.
- Ranks are a means to an end.
- Advancement experiences should be designed to help Scouts have an exciting and meaningful experience





# Purpose of Advancement

- Cub Scouting
- Boy Scouting
- Varsity Scouting
- Venturing
- Sea Scouting

Advancement is one of the **methods** of Scouting used to strengthen character, body, mind, and the qualities of participating citizenship.



# Steps to Advancement

## Cub Scouts

1. Preparation
2. Qualification
3. Recognition



# Steps to Advancement

Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts,  
Venturers, Sea Scouts

1. Learning
2. Testing
3. Reviewing
4. Recognition



# Recognition

Recommend youth members or adult Scouters for special awards and recognition:

- District Award of Merit
- Silver Beaver Award
- Lifesaving & Meritorious awards
- Spirit of Eagle Award
- Distinguished Eagle Scout Award
- William T. Hornaday Award



# District Advancement Chair

As District Advancement Chair, you are a member of your district committee. To stay updated on and to pass along information about current policies and guidelines, you should attend these meetings:

- Monthly district committee meetings
- Tri-annual council coordinated meetings
- Annual key leader's conference
- Monthly roundtable meetings



# District Advancement Chair

As District Advancement Chair, your key (but not all) responsibilities include:

- Keep the district program chair regularly informed of advancement related issues
- Make sure that merit badge counselors are registered and approved for each merit badge they wish to counsel
- Ensure that there is a district representative on every Eagle Scout board of review (BOR).
- Review and approve Eagle Scout service projects in accordance with council and national guidelines.



# District Advancement Chair

As district advancement chair, your responsibilities include:

- Work with unit leaders to help them better understand advancement and implementation of advancement in their units.
- Investigate and recommend youth and adult members for lifesaving and other special awards and recognition.
- Identify support needs for units that are struggling with sustaining an effective advancement program.
- Work with the Council Advancement Chair to resolve issues related to advancement (e.g. Extensions)



# Job Descriptions

Your complete job description as outlined by Sam Houston Area Council is provided as a handout for this slide deck. A copy can also be downloaded from the council website: “District Committee Job Descriptions.”

<http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/district-operations>





# Reporting to Your District

Although you will likely be keeping local district records on your own, the council will regularly provide you with reports from ScoutNet that you may help you prioritize tasks.

Be sure to share this info with the appropriate Scouters in your district who can use it to help make a difference!



# Sample Report

Advancement Totals by Organizational Unit

Totals															
Row Labels	Units	Tiger MTD	Tiger YTD	Bobcat MTD	Bobcat YTD	Wolf MTD	Wolf YTD	Bear MTD	Bear YTD	Webelos MTD	Webelos YTD	Arrow of Light MTD	Arrow of Light YTD	All Ranks MTD	All Ranks YTD
<b>Central</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>576</b>
Aldine Pathfinder	60	0	23	1	10	9	41	7	96	5	23	7	23	29	216
Antares	43	0	19	0	35	0	9	0	49	0	24	0	3	0	139
Tatanka	64	0	28	0	52	0	12	0	8	0	11	0	2	0	113
WL Davis	83	4	6	1	14	13	26	19	23	18	19	18	20	73	108
<b>East</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>1345</b>
Flaming Arrow	36	7	117	0	16	7	86	23	98	25	89	2	103	64	509
Raven	16	7	15	1	18	8	20	5	21	0	14	0	1	21	89
San Jacinto	35	14	77	6	50	42	85	24	108	39	114	0	92	125	526
Skyline	8	5	32	0	38	0	54	2	53	0	28	0	16	7	221
<b>Frontier</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>607</b>
Arrowmoon	17	1	22	0	11	7	21	10	23	3	13	0	39	21	129
Brahman	10	0	44	0	8	4	44	0	36	0	40	0	35	4	207
David Crockett	16	12	18	0	14	9	18	13	20	14	25	1	13	49	108
George Strake	14	5	18	0	9	4	39	1	23	0	53	0	21	10	163
<b>North</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>1436</b>
Iron Horse	23	20	41	1	22	18	53	13	38	15	54	1	44	68	252
Orion	18	15	51	0	24	13	74	13	42	15	56	0	22	56	269
Phoenix	30	16	45	0	23	13	42	9	43	24	65	0	45	62	263
Soaring Eagle	19	4	12	0	2	12	29	5	18	5	14	0	2	26	77
Tall Timbers	27	20	107	0	26	17	104	24	121	22	115	0	102	83	575
<b>South</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>1368</b>
Aquila	17	33	38	9	27	21	64	29	42	15	50	3	60	110	281
Brazos	12	12	45	0	32	6	29	6	28	1	38	0	27	25	199
North Star	21	7	30	0	8	20	53	15	37	15	34	0	37	57	199
Thunder Wolf	19	47	58	3	23	42	57	78	79	37	62	0	49	207	328
Twin Bayou	16	39	58	15	33	36	88	30	66	39	63	0	53	159	361
<b>West</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>1910</b>
Big Cypress	20	1	80	0	40	10	78	11	60	11	54	0	11	33	323
Copperhead	20	8	23	0	30	14	51	13	26	11	44	0	13	46	187
Mustang	25	25	132	3	64	22	144	29	119	8	106	0	65	87	630
Texas Skies	39	66	135	3	84	66	153	52	149	48	141	1	108	236	770
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>1274</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>1474</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>1426</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>1349</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1006</b>	<b>1658</b>	<b>7242</b>



# Sample Report

Advancement Totals by Organizational Unit

Totals															
Row Labels	Units	Tenderfoot	Tenderfoot	2nd Class	2nd Class	1st Class	1st Class	Star	Star	Life	Life	Eagle	Eagle	All	All
		MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	Ranks	Ranks
<b>Central</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>81</b>
Aldine Pathfinder	51	0	5	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	12
Antares	40	0	13	0	8	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	27
Tatanka	63	1	3	0	3	0	3	1	4	0	0	0	3	2	16
WL Davis	87	0	1	0	4	1	5	1	7	1	6	0	3	3	26
<b>East</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>386</b>
Flaming Arrow	44	2	13	2	35	6	30	2	18	1	23	0	18	13	137
Raven	29	0	8	0	3	0	7	0	4	0	8	1	10	1	40
San Jacinto	49	4	33	5	35	5	20	1	22	7	39	4	26	26	175
Skyline	12	0	4	0	8	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	7	0	34
<b>Frontier</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>168</b>
Arrowmoon	27	1	4	0	15	1	11	1	8	1	13	0	6	4	57
Brahman	12	0	4	0	4	0	2	0	1	0	4	0	6	0	21
David Crockett	17	0	3	0	3	0	8	0	7	1	5	0	3	1	29
George Strake	18	2	14	3	18	0	10	1	3	1	6	0	10	7	61
<b>North</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>620</b>
Iron Horse	36	1	18	0	28	0	7	1	15	0	8	1	6	3	82
Orion	29	0	14	0	11	1	15	1	23	0	15	4	18	6	96
Phoenix	44	6	27	3	35	3	22	1	25	1	20	2	23	16	152
Soaring Eagle	24	0	1	1	6	1	9	3	25	0	10	2	14	7	65
Tall Timbers	52	2	35	7	47	6	39	3	38	4	33	1	33	23	225
<b>South</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>664</b>
Aquila	27	0	12	4	15	5	17	2	14	0	8	0	16	11	82
Brazos	16	0	1	0	12	0	8	1	10	0	8	0	15	1	54
North Star	22	3	21	1	17	2	19	0	17	3	20	0	19	9	113
Thunder Wolf	32	5	35	7	36	4	30	0	31	6	27	6	30	28	189
Twin Bayou	27	1	37	2	32	1	48	2	43	2	39	0	27	8	226
<b>West</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>744</b>
Big Cypress	31	6	34	3	44	1	30	0	21	1	23	1	15	12	167
Copperhead	19	0	18	0	15	0	14	0	20	2	20	0	10	2	97
Mustang	23	11	32	3	27	3	30	5	36	6	34	2	28	30	187
Texas Skies	52	5	52	6	65	6	50	5	53	3	44	1	29	26	293
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>2663</b>



# Sample Report

Cub Scouts																
Division	District	Unit	Tiger MTD	Tiger YTD	Bobcat MTD	Bobcat YTD	Wolf MTD	Wolf YTD	Bear MTD	Bear YTD	Webelos MTD	Webelos YTD	Arrow of Light MTD	Arrow of Light YTD	All Ranks MTD	All Ranks YTD
West	Mustang	Pack 0035	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Mustang	Pack 0050	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Mustang	Pack 0152	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Mustang	Pack 0609	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Mustang	Pack 0646	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Mustang	Pack 1038	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Pack 1078	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Pack 0164	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Pack 0363	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Pack 1065	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Pack 1209	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Pack 1235	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Pack 1455	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Boy Scouts																
Division	District	Unit	Tenderfoot MTD	Tenderfoot YTD	2nd Class MTD	2nd Class YTD	1st Class MTD	1st Class YTD	Star MTD	Star YTD	Life MTD	Life YTD	Eagle MTD	Eagle YTD	All Ranks MTD	All Ranks YTD
West	Mustang	Crew 0599	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Mustang	Crew 0641	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Mustang	Troop 0825	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Mustang	Troop 1836	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Mustang	Crew 0251	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Mustang	Crew 0993	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Mustang	Troop 0050	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Crew 0424	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Crew 0584	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Crew 1829	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Team 0826	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Team 1078	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Team 1829	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Troop 1829	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Crew 0567	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Crew 1820	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Crew 1910	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Team 1065	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Team 1820	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Troop 0567	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Troop 0812	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Troop 0898	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Troop 1001	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Troop 1010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Troop 1224	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Troop 1455	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Troop 1919	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



# 2017 Key Advancement Activities

- Development of a MB Day MOU for 3<sup>rd</sup> Parties
- Implementation of MBC list in Scoutbook
- Implementation of Scoutbook sync w/Internet Advancement
- Processed the following actions
  - 15 Requests for extension of time to earn Eagle rank
  - 5 Requests for registration beyond the age of 18
  - 5 Requests for extension of time to conduct EBoR
  - 1 Request for alternate Eagle required MB
  - 1 EBoR under disputed circumstances
- Implemented new version of the GTA



# 2018 Key Initiatives

- Deploy Scoutbook across the entire council
- Conduct Scoutbook user training
- Reform the MBC registration process
- Support two UoS days with advancement related courses and instructors
- Implement the 3<sup>rd</sup> Party MB Day MOU
- Determine advancement related needs to support inclusion of girls in the Cub Scout program
- Implement the Cub Scout Advancement Chair position

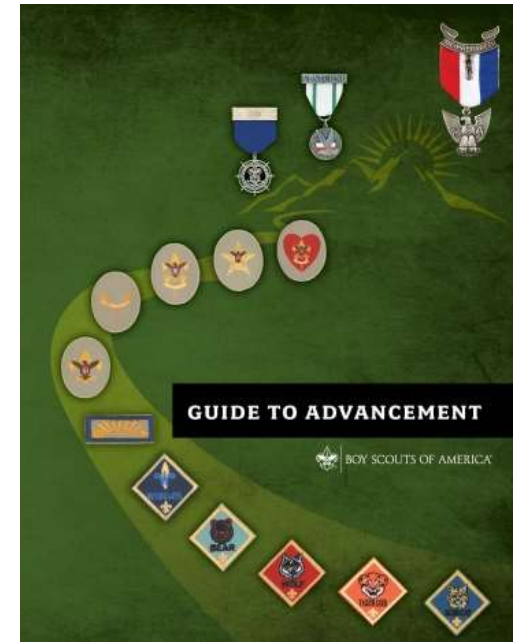


# National Support Literature

BSA provides a guidebook that will help prepare you for the tasks for which you will be responsible in your district:

*Guide To Advancement*

[www.scouting.org/advancement](http://www.scouting.org/advancement)



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# National Support Literature

BSA provides several newsletters to keep you up-to-date on changes and best practices in advancement:

–*Advancement News*

–*Abilities Digest*

[www.scouting.org/advancement](http://www.scouting.org/advancement)



## Opportunities for Advancement Administrators

### Fullment Training Center: Advancement Service and Relations

For those looking for a conference to enhance their advancement skills, there is still time to take advantage of a great opportunity for advance training. The Advancement Issues and Solutions conference is scheduled for July 11-12, 2013 at the National Training Center.

The conference will explore the latest in advancement training and best practices for the National Advancement Program Team. Those who attend will have a better understanding of the Advancement and the National Advancement Program Team and be better prepared to handle issues that arise in their home units or areas of interest.

To get more information about this opportunity of the summer at NTC, visit us online for details. Visit us at [www.scouting.org/advancement](http://www.scouting.org/advancement).



## In This Issue

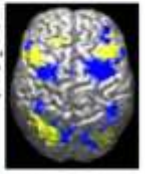
- Enhancing awareness of advancement issues
- Advancing awareness of the National Advancement Program Team
- The National Advancement Program Team
- The National Advancement Program Team

## Enhancing Awareness

### Supporting ADHD Youth – Supporting Parents, Structures and Values

The editors of The Boy Scouts of America – "To prepare young people to make physical and mental choices over their lifetimes by utilizing the values of the Scout Oath and Law" – has provided a direction, challenge and an outdoor physical fitness program that many have missed. Our first season, involving how long has a great program for youth who have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and for many, their awareness has not just been when they are Scouts but have continued throughout their lives.

Why is creating a great program for youth who have ADHD? First of all, creating a well thought-out, highly structured program that provides a step-by-step program of skills for Scouts to master. Experience, knowledge and education. Learning about Support positive recognition and develop social skills and leadership skills. Learning to play a leadership role and being a leader. ADHD – Define, Diagnose, Treat, and Manage – what, through, prevention, Education.



## In This Issue

- Enhancing awareness of advancement issues
- Advancing awareness of the National Advancement Program Team
- The National Advancement Program Team
- The National Advancement Program Team



# Thank You!



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