

MEMORANDUM

INFORMATION REGARDING THE LAUNCH OF THE FAMILY SCOUTING PROGRAM GREAT TRAIL COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

As of June 1, 2018, the Great Trail Council will be launching our Family Scouting Programs to all Cub Scout Packs. Officially, this program will not launch nationally until the 2018 Program Year, which begins with the 2018 - 2019 school year. It is important for the Great Trail Council to make sure that we highlight what we feel is the most important part of the Scouting year with all of our families: Summer Camp Programs. By launching this program in June, we will be prepared to welcome both boys and girls at all of our Day Camps, Cub Adventure Camps and WEBELOS Resident Camps this year. In addition, early discounts will be available to new enrollees through June 30, 2018, or one week prior to the start of a camping program that they choose to attend.

At this time, we ask that all Cub Scout Packs begin having conversations with their adult leaders and parents to determine how many sisters are interested in joining the Scouting program this year. Unit leaders and Pack Committees should now also begin identifying and securing new den leaders who will be specifically working with our new members at each rank. Additionally, as we launch this program, Packs who are prepared with leadership and have planned their Summer programs, will need to hold Spring Recruitment events so that we provide every opportunity for new young people to join. Please contact your District's membership chair and District Executive to set the date for your Spring Recruiting events. After your events are completed, it is expected that applications and membership fees are turned into your District Executive or the Scout Service center immediately. As soon as an application is received by your District Executive or at the Scout Service Center, the new youth are considered registered and can participate fully in the Cub Scouting program. The applications will not be posted until after the annual grade rollover which will take place during the weekend of June 9, 2018. If an application is not given to your District Executive or turned into the Scout Service Center, the new Scout is not considered registered and is not covered under any accident or liability insurance and cannot earn any advancements. This is the most crucial step in the process.

During the launch of this program, we will be posting information to help our Charter Partners and Cub Scout Packs to adequately serve our entire Scouting Family. If you have questions, please contact your Unit Commissioner, District Executive, or the Scout Service Center. As we grow our Scouting family, we are all ready to help you make this a positive and rewarding experience for all of the youth we serve.

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- **Now**
 - Discuss at Pack Committee Leader meetings
 - Begin surveying existing families in your Pack to obtain interest of girls that would like to join
 - Schedule a meeting with Charter Organization Representative, Executive Officer and District Executive for January.

- **January 2018**
 - Review Cub Scout Day Camp, Cub Scout Adventure Camp and WEBELOS Resident Camp dates and select options for Pack attendance.
 - Charter Partner Visits
 - Meeting with Pack Leader(s), District Executive, Charter Organization Representative and Executive Officer of Charter Organization.
 - The meeting will decide whether the Pack will be: All Boy, All Girl or Family with Boy and Girl dens.
 - Survey unit leadership for participation.

- **February 2018**
 - Identify den leadership for new all girl packs or den leadership for new girl dens.
 - New leadership completes training (Youth Protection, BALOO and Position Specific)
 - Set Spring Recruitment Plans

- **March 2018**
 - Promote all summer camp opportunities to existing members (Day Camp, Cub Scout Adventure Camp, and WEBELOS Resident Camp)
 - Finalize plans for Spring Recruitment

- **April 2018**
 - Begin Spring Recruit Events
 - Promotion of summer camp opportunities (Day Camp, Cub Scout Adventure Camp and WEBELOS Resident Camp)
 - New leadership completes training (Youth Protection, BALOO and Position Specific)
 - Turn in applications to Service Center or District Executive

- **May 2018**
 - Complete Spring Recruitment Events
 - Promotion of summer camp opportunities (Day Camp, Cub Scout Adventure Camp and WEBELOS Resident Camp)
 - All new leaders complete training (Youth Protection, BALOO and Position Specific)

- **June 2018**
 - New Scouts are entered into the registration system
 - Early bird fees for June camps is due at least one week prior to start of the camp
 - Early bird fees for July and August camps is due by June 30th.