



Unit Leaders,

As the school year starts, we want to say thank you for your work. The Scouting program helps to develop young men and women of character. Scouting provides young people the chance to develop and practice leadership and life skills. Your mentoring and support of the youth and the Scouting program is of tremendous value individually and collectively to our communities.

As the school year starts, the AT's District Committee undertakes several tasks of its own. None are as fun as working with Scouting youth, but the tasks do help support our Scouting program.

First, we need to update our administrative records. And, we need your help. Please:

1. Report the service hours performed by your unit or Scouts. This information is required in Journey to Excellence scorecard for both Units and the District. Go to <https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx> to enter your hours. Consider having a Committee Member collect and input this information throughout the year. Your records and ours will benefit from this managed approach;
2. E-Mail Hutch Hutcheson at hutchesonrs@verizon.net with your camp attendance counts. This information is required in the Journey to Excellence scorecard for the District.
3. Report merit badge awards and rank advancements earned by your Scouts through the Internet Advancement system. This information is required in Journey to Excellence scorecard for both Units and the District. This information is also required for purchasing advancement badges at the Scout Shop or to apply for the Eagle Scout rank.
4. Collect parents' e-mail addresses with Scouting applications. Please check for legibility. Also, encourage parents to sign-up for the District's e-mail and newsletter communications at <https://www.doubleknot.com/OpenRosters/ViewOrgPageLink.aspx?LinkKey=18902&orgkey=1988>. This information is used to send parents customer satisfaction surveys via email. The results of these surveys are used in the Journey to Excellence scorecard for the District.

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Additionally, throughout this year:

5. Use the District's website as a resource for yourselves, committee members and parents. Scouting events, training courses and volunteer opportunities are constantly added and updated there. Links to Scouting forms, tips for success as well as the District and Council's newsletters are all at http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/OpenRosters/View_Homepage.aspx?orgkey=2007;
6. Provide us with feedback. Currently the Cub Scouts are conducting a program survey. What can we do to improve, or what is 'just right' about our Cub program? See <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JHCZZWS> to participate;
7. Attend the monthly Roundtable meetings: network with other unit leaders; get your resources and questions answered; meet the District volunteers supporting your Popcorn Fundraiser, Scouting for Food and outdoor adventures. The next Roundtable meeting is our "Program Launch" information fair. The date is Tuesday, September 1st. The event starts at 7PM at the Frederick Church of the Brethren located at 201 Fairview Avenue in Frederick city.

Thank you for all your hard work. Our youth, our communities and our District benefit from your dedication.