National Capital Area Council (Council) Process for Starting New Units

On May 17, 2012 the National Capital Area Council Executive Board formally adopted three resolutions designed to improve the way we start and support new units in our communities. These resolutions implement the recommendations in the national publication entitled "Unit Performance Guide: Starting and Sustaining High-Performing Quality Units".

The first resolution adopts a Council unit size standard of 10 youth for new non-LDS Packs and Troops. This supersedes the national policy which requires 5 youth. HOWEVER, the Council unit size requirement for Crews remains at 5 youth. The District Vice Chair for Membership and the New Unit Commissioner can grant exceptions for new units with 5-9 youth if they feel the new unit is viable.

The second resolution adopts a council training standard that new unit leaders take their leader-specific training before the new unit's first meeting, and Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills when required within 3 months of the new unit's first meeting. As with the Council unit size standard, the District Vice Chair for Membership and the New Unit Commissioner can grant exceptions to the training standard.

The third resolution adopts a Council-specific New-Unit Charter Application. This Council-specific New-Unit Charter Application includes the new council unit size standard and training standard, and also requires signatures from the District Vice Chair for Membership and the New Unit Commissioner. The application also includes checklists for steps in the new unit organizing process which are crucial for a new unit's success (such as developing an annual program plan). The Council-specific charter application supersedes the national application, and the NCAC Council Registrar will only accept the council-specific application for new units.

Click here to review the Council-specific New-Unit Charter Resolution.
Click here to review the Council-specific New-Unit Charter Application.

The Appalachian Trail District will follow the new Council standards for all new units started within our district after May 17, 2012. The Appalachian Trail District Committee, District Commissioners, and District Executive look forward to working together with new units to ensure they have the support, potential, and preparation needed to survive and thrive.