



From the Scout Executive

The Lincoln Trails Council and the Boy Scouts of America have been faced with several obstacles over the past two years when it comes to recruiting new youth. We have had schools that have not allowed boy talks to be presented, fliers dropped off to schools and not distributed to the youth, other school events scheduled on the night on which we are trying to recruit new Cub Scouts, and so on.

In looking at the problem it is not that we can not recruit, because we can. It begins back in the local Pack, Troop, or Crew with the quality of program that is being received and the fun that the youth are having in the program. First a council must provide quality training for all of our leaders and assistants, as a trained leader will have a longer tenure in our program and so will the youth they work with. Second, we must provide quality activities for our units to participate in such as Day Camp, Camporees, Klondike Derby, Cuborees, and

Boy Scout Summer Camp. Third we must hold ourselves accountable to make sure that the quality program is occurring.

All of these items discussed happen because of strong volunteers at the council, district, and unit levels. District Committees and Commissioners staffs are critical to the success of our units. The units are successful when they attend training and work with District volunteers in planning quality programs for their unit.

When youth are having fun and enjoying the program that they are in, they will invite their friends to be a part of the program as well.

I challenge you to provide a quality program for your youth!

Yours In Scouting,

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