

# Activities involving more than one unit

Most activities in Scouting are kept within a single pack, troop, team, crew, or ship. Activities that involve two or more Scouting units are administered on the district or council level.

There are occasions when units conduct activities or events that involve other units. Units that wish to host events involving other units must have the approval as outlined below. This includes events for packs, troops, teams, crews, and ships from the same council, neighboring councils, the same region, or other regions.

1. The proposed unit event must contribute directly or indirectly to the strengthening of participating units' program.
2. The proposal, including a written statement of the objectives of the event, must be submitted to the local council Scout executive for approval.
3. If units from councils within the same region will be involved, the Scout executive must then forward the proposal to the region for approval.
4. If units from other regions will be involved, the proposal must be forwarded to the appropriate division of the national office for review and approval.

Units proposing activities should consider the following BSA policies:

**If the activity involves the collection of money, the unit must submit a unit money-earning application.**

**Youth members shall not be permitted to serve as solicitors of money for their chartered organizations, for the local council, or in support of other organizations. Adult and youth members shall not be permitted to serve as solicitors of money in support of personal or unit participation in local, national, or international events.**

**At no time are units permitted to solicit contributions for unit programs.** Only local councils, acting through council and district committees, may solicit contributions for programs.

**Webelos dens are encouraged to participate in joint overnight campouts with a Boy Scout troop of their choice, but they may not participate in activities restricted to Boy Scouts (such as backpacking, climbing, or rifle shooting.)** Webelos campouts involving more than one troop are subject to Webelos-ree guidelines and are administered by the local council through its districts, and may be subject to National Camp Standards for Family Camp or Resident Camp.

**Pack Overnights are pack-organized overnight camping events at a council-sanctioned location involving more than one family from a single pack.** Campouts involving more than one pack are subject to National Camp Standards for Family Camp or Resident Camp and must be administered at the council level. Such campouts are subject to state and local laws and regulations.

All Boy Scout campouts involving more than one troop are subject to camporee guidelines and must be administered by the local council through its districts, and may be subject to National Camp Standards.

Merit badge fairs must be approved by Council Advancement Committee. All merit badge counselors must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and approved by the district for the badges they will instruct. Instruction methods and testing procedures must be planned ahead of time. If funds are collected, a unit money-earning application must be approved.