



REDWOOD EMPIRE COUNCIL

HOW THE COUNCIL PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR SCOUTING

The Redwood Empire Council (the Council) is granted a charter by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The Council's mission is to promote the Scouting program within a geographic area – which is Sonoma, Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte Counties and parts of Lake County. The Council establishes policy and programs and provides leadership and finances to ensure the ongoing delivery of Scouting to our communities.

The Council has a responsibility to organize, charter and support Scout units (Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Venturing crews and ships, Varsity teams and Explorer posts) with local religious and community organizations. REC currently serves over 200 Scouting units through 348 different religious and community organizations.

The Council fulfills its role of organizing, chartering, and supporting its many Scout units through a variety of methods:

- Providing Council-level training courses and supports District training .
- Develops and oversees a fun and challenging year-round program for Scouts.
- Maintains advancement and training records for Scouts and adult volunteers (Scouters).
- Continually works to organize new Scout units and improve existing ones.
- Employs professional Scouters to provide support and guidance for the volunteers.
- Employs administrative support staff to support the professional and volunteer needs.
- Operates 3 camping properties (Navarro, Noyo and Riggs Johnston).
- Oversees and supports day camps for Cub Scouts and many other District camping activities.
- Maintains a Scouting Service Center for Council headquarters, administration space and Council activities.
- Provides space and works cooperatively with a National BSA Scout Store offering uniforms, books, and other Scouting supplies.
- Provides leadership and support for fundraising efforts to meet the annual operating expenses.
- Promotes and maintains an Endowment Fund to ensure that the Scouting programs will continue in the future.

The thousands of active volunteers provide the backbone of the Scouting program in our council at all levels of our operations. Council, District, and Unit level volunteers provide their expertise, their time, and their financial support to ensure that the best quality program is delivered to our youth members.

Council volunteers are:

- Council Officers
- Executive Board members
- Scouters, who serve on the various operating committees of the Council

The Council volunteers establish Council policy, lead in the development of Council programs, establish the Council's operating budget, and develop plans to financially support the Council.

Within the Council are 6 geographical areas known as Districts. These Districts are asked to provide year-round service and support of the Scouting program in the territory they serve. Within the Districts, the Scouting program is delivered to over 3,000 youth through the efforts of over 1,900 adult volunteers, 4 professional Scouters and 4 clerical support staff in our Council.

District volunteers consist of members of the District Committee and Commissioner Staff. Their responsibility is to carry out the policies of the Council, develop and implement program and training for the Units of the District, participate in and implement the fundraising plan of the Council, provide direct support to their Units through volunteer Commissioners, and promote and achieve membership and Unit growth.

Unit volunteers are the vast majority of volunteers. They provide direct contact leadership to the youth and administrative support for the Unit's needs. These volunteers provide the actual delivery of the Scouting program to the youth and families involved in Scouting.

All volunteers at the Council or District level work together to provide the best program possible. The functions supported by each District are:

Program	Training of youth and adult leaders, camping and camp promotion, advancement including Eagle Scout facilitation and activities within the community.
Membership	Recruiting new Scouts, retention of Scouts and volunteers, organizing new Scouting units, and chartered organization relationships
Finance	Friends of Scouting fundraising and promotion of the Council's efforts in Endowment and Special Events.
Unit Service	Provide Unit Commissioners to help individual units, conduct monthly roundtables and other events for volunteer leaders.

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