

HOW DOES A UNIT BENEFIT FROM THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET?

During the course of the Friends of Scouting Campaign, someone on the unit level often asks just how the council budget benefits their unit. We have tried to list some of the services. Here are a few of them.

In the administration of a unit the Council helps by:

1. Handling registration, Boys' Life subscriptions and special requests of the National Council.
2. Maintaining a supply of literature, insignia, form certificates, etc.
3. Keeping a record of training and advancement for each leader and Scout.
4. Producing the Santa Clarion, the Santa Clara County Council newsletter.
5. Producing notices, minutes and agendas for all types of meetings.
6. Handling thousands of phone calls from unit leaders, parents, and visitors for information related to their program.
7. Providing, without charge, dozens of regular and special forms, certificates, and recognitions.
8. Producing District and Council Calendars, program preview kits and other aids to unit leaders.
9. Making hundreds of reservations for Summer Camps, Camporees, Jamborees, training courses, Cub Scout Pow Wow, Venturing activities, annual District and Council meetings, Philmont, Junior Leader Training and Den Chief events, and Cub Scout Day Camps.
10. Assisting with appropriate unit fundraising opportunities such as popcorn sales.

ASSISTS Unit Leaders with Professional Service by:

1. Providing services of a full professional staff.
2. Providing person to person counseling on volunteer, program and operational problems.
3. Giving guidance to all committees, commissioners, roundtables, training courses and special council activities.
4. Assisting with particular unit problems.
5. Maintaining complete and frequent contacts with all community resources churches clubs, government sources, etc.
6. Providing the unit with District and Council Activities to supplement the unit program -- such as Scout-O-Rama, Camporees and District Dinners.
7. Absorbing financial loss in activities that are not self-supporting.
8. Working with various community groups to arrange for Scout participation in civic affairs, etc.
9. Recruiting and maintaining a corps of Unit Commissioners who, in turn, support three or four units on a year round basis.
10. Providing educational relationship programs to help leaders.
11. Maintaining a library of audiovisual material for use in training and promotional programs at no cost to the unit.

12. Giving informal and formal training courses with most of the cost of literature and material included in the Council Budget.
13. Promote training for Wood Badge, High Adventure, Philmont and other National and Regional training events.
14. Awarding Scouter's Key Training Awards, Den Leader Training Awards and other recognitions.
15. Maintaining a Merit Badge Counselor list in each District.

To help the Leader develop his program without charge, the council:

1. Provides annual program notebooks and planning charts.
2. Awards ribbons, plaques and round-up items as earned, without charge.
3. Provides help for Council Scout-O-Rama, Camporees, and other events.
4. Provides sources, materials personnel where needed.
5. Provides materials, books, pamphlets, folders, audiovisuals and special help from the National Council.
6. To Protect the Unit Leader, the Council screens requests for services and money raising proposals, guarding against commercialism.
7. Maintains a liability policy for all registered members.

In the field of camping and outdoor activities, the council:

1. Maintains reservations for year-round camping and Cub Scout family outdoor events. Our facilities serve as year-round activity, camping, and training centers.
2. Offers units the use of equipment for short-term weekend, year-round camping.
3. Covers costs of camp repairs, replacement, utilities, maintenance, taxes, insurance, and other expenses not paid for by the boys fees.
4. Employs full-time Rangers for the protection of the camps and the convenience of units using the camps.
5. Provides unit leaders' guidebook, promotional videos, literature and other aids to help units with their outdoor program.
6. Provides scholarships or "camperships" for Scouts who need some help to have a summertime camp experience.
7. Offers units the high adventure of Philmont Scout Ranch, high adventure bases, national jamborees, field days, camporees, and other special events that would not be possible without council leadership, coordination and financial support.