

Roundtable Hot Topic

Growing Scouting

Announcing a simpler way for all types of units to get started! A new unit can now be started with three youth and three adults in these programs - Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts.

Pack: Cubmaster, Den Leader and Assistant Den Leader

Troop: Scoutmaster, Two Assistant Scoutmasters

Crew: Crew Advisor, Two Associate Crew Advisors

Ship: Skipper and Two Associate Advisors

New 3x3 units are recommended to be council registered (but could be sponsored by a charter partner if one is available) and has a goal of growing to become a larger unit with additional youth and adult leaders.

The purpose of 3x3 units is to get youth started right away with fun activities, without the need for organizing a full unit committee from the starting gate.

Safeguarding Youth:

As with any Scouting program all safeguarding measures are to be followed, including:

- Criminal Background Checks
- Youth Protection Training
- Female leadership for any unit that has female youth
- Two deep leadership

Benefits:

- Fewer new adults needed to get started.
- Speeds up the process for new members and families.
- Avoid loss of interest during the organization phase.
- Get new Scouts into fun activities faster and on their way to adventures.
- Works in rural, suburban and inner-city locations.

Other Items:

- It is recommended that 3x3 units begin as a council registered unit.
- Units that wish to register with a chartered partner may start as council registered and transition to a chartered partner in the next few months.
- Councils and districts should enable, empower and support 3x3 units with committee-like support. They should not control the units.
- Councils and districts can support new units with training, meeting planning, recruitment help, financial management and planning, fundraising, etc. The Unit Roadmap is the best resource for supporting new units and is available on the commissioner web page under "Starting, Sustaining and Growing Units".

<https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/starting-sustaining-and-growing-units/>

3x3 Unit Model

5 Step Process

Step 1

Identify prospects – You need at least 3 excited youth, 3 committed adults and a meeting location.

Step 2

Complete paperwork for youth and adults and start adults on Youth Protection training and position specific training.

Step 3

Leaders meet to plan a calendar and a possible join Scouting night.

Step 4

Prepare for the first den/patrol meeting & place reminder calls to all families about the first meeting.

Step 5

First den/patrol meeting: Let the Adventures Begin!

