

Deciding How to Serve

Some parents, especially those with Scouting experience, know exactly how they want to serve their son's unit. Others need more information and guidance. This chart may help. Find your situation in the left column, then look in the right column for potential service opportunities.

Time Available

Up to one hour per month
Up to one hour per week
One to three hours per week
Four or more hours per week
Weekends only
Summers only
Variable by time of year

Ways to Serve

Special projects
Unit committee
Assistant unit leader
Unit leader
Outing leader or driver
Summer camp leader or driver
Special projects

Prefer to Work . . .

With my son
With my son and his close friends

With young people

With adults

With both young people and adults

Alone
On a team

Ways to Serve

ScoutParent
Den leader or assistant den leader
Patrol advisor
Direct-contact leader
Venturing consultant
Unit committee
Chartered organization representative
Unit leader
Assistant unit leader
Unit committee position such as treasurer
Committee chair
Unit leader
Assistant unit leader

Skills

Bookkeeping/finance

Camping/outdoors

Crafts and hobbies

Ways to Serve

Treasurer
Advancement chair
Fund-raising coordinator
Scoutmaster or assistant Scoutmaster
Coach or assistant coach
Advisor or associate advisor
Skipper or mate
Outdoors/activities coordinator
Merit badge counselor

Den leader or assistant den leader
Merit badge counselor

Faith development	Unit chaplain Religious emblems counselor
Leadership	Unit leader Assistant unit leader Committee chair
Leadership development	Pack trainer Training coordinator Unit leader
Organization	Committee chair Equipment coordinator ScoutParent unit coordinator Transportation coordinator
Recordkeeping	Secretary
Sales and marketing	Public relations coordinator Fund-raising coordinator Friends of Scouting (council fund-raising) chair ScoutParent unit coordinator
Strategic planning	Committee chair Chartered organization representative
Teaching	Unit leader or assistant unit leader Merit badge counselor Venturing consultant