

## **CHURCH ROUNDUP PROGRAM**

### **EXAMPLE**

In recognition of the need for packs and troops to recruit and serve additional membership beyond that supplied through the annual Fall Roundup program, the SWFL Council would like to invite your unit to participate in its Church Roundup program. It has been determined that a large number of non-member boys in need of the Scouting program exist within the very churches that charter Scouting units. The Church Roundup program is specifically designed to help your unit serve these boys presently not receiving Scouting, and at the same time build membership strength with a minimum of time and trouble.

### **STEPS TO PARTICIPATE**

1. Contact your district executive to discuss program and plans concerning your unit's involvement.
2. Appoint parent or unit committee members to serve as unit chairperson for Church Roundup program. (In small units, a unit leader may function in this capacity.)
3. Contact minister of chartering church. Discuss the following:
  - A. Date for "Church Scouting Day". This should be established for a Sunday sometime between September 1st and October 31st.
  - B. Date and time to run Boy Fact Surveys and hand out recruiting flyers to boys at church on Sunday prior to "Church Scouting Day".
  - C. Set time of recruiting meeting during "Church Scouting Day" to register youths from the church who are interested in Scouting. This meeting should last approximately 30 minutes and can be scheduled on the Sunday scheduled for "Church Scouting Day" immediately before or after the morning or evening worship services or Sunday School classes.
  - D. Arrange to have uniformed unit members participate in flag ceremony, usher service, etc., during worship services on "Church Scouting Day".
  - E. Have minister announce from pulpit at worship services and at other church meetings the plans for "Church Scouting Day", and encourage parents of interested boys to attend. These announcements should begin two weeks prior to "Church Scouting Day".
  - F. Arrange to have special recruiting flyer inserted into and mailed or handed out with the church newsletter prior to "Church Scouting Day".
  - G. Turn in request for all flyers and other printed information to your district executive or the Council Service Center at least two weeks prior to the date that you will need to pick them up.
  - H. Using the results from the Boy Fact Survey, personally contact each boy and his parents by phone the week prior to "Church Scouting Day" to personally invite them to join.
  - I. Upon completion of recruiting meeting during "Church Scouting Day", turn in all applications and registration monies, along with Boy Fact Surveys to your district executive or the Council Service Center as soon as possible.

The Council will provide the following in support of units who participate in the Church Roundup program: Boy Fact Surveys, applications, recruiting flyers, and professional staff support.

Begin making your plans now to have your unit serve more boys in the Scouting program by contacting your district executive to discuss the Church Roundup program.