

BCS 103 - Linking District Resources Case Study Handout

Case A – Cub Scout Pack

You recently completed a review of the metrics of your assigned pack and had a great exchange with the unit Key 3. Your collaborative dialogue identified many areas where district committee resources could be helpful. For this exercise, review the identified items and determine who on the district committee would provide the best path to assist the unit with each item.

1. The pack has been successful in recruiting den chiefs from nearby troops. However, the den chiefs are not trained and unsure of how to perform their duties.
2. The Chartered Organization has closed the kitchen your pack used for the annual pancake breakfast fundraiser and is now looking for another fundraiser that is both simple and provides opportunities for the pack to raise funds and for the Cub Scouts to be an active part of fundraising.
3. The pack leadership is new and is unfamiliar with how to conduct recruiting campaigns, including Join Scouting Nights.
4. The pack very much wants to be involved in the community, performing service projects, but they are having problems identifying meaningful service opportunities.
5. The Arrow of Light den will have a large group of graduates in the coming year, and the parents want their Scouts to be introduced to a large number of troops without having to spend a night at each one before narrowing their list of possibilities.
6. The pack trainer is fairly new to Scouting and is not totally sure of their responsibilities.
7. Many of the adult leaders and committee members are from low-income families and do not have access to finish online training.
8. The Chartered Organization will be folding due to declining membership, and the pack wishes to continue, but they need a new chartered organization.
9. The pack has not had a strong summer program in the past and will be developing some unit-level activities. They would like to participate in any district summer pack activities.
10. The pack has learned there will be a Web-Lo-Ree in the spring, but has concerns about whether the two Cub Scouts with mobility handicaps will have events they can participate in.
11. The pack has a committee member who has organized both the pack and the district Pinewood Derby for the past six years and would like to recognize them.

Case B – Scouts BSA Troop

You completed a review of the metrics of your assigned troop and had a great exchange with the unit Key 3. Your collaborative dialogue identified many areas where district committee resources could be helpful. For this exercise, review the identified items and determine who on the district committee would provide the best path to assist the unit with each item.

1. The troop has established itself in a growing area without any packs nearby. Unit leaders are concerned about maintaining unit size, and parents are concerned about the lack of a nearby unit for the younger siblings.
2. Advancement beyond First Class for the Scouts has been slowed by the attainment of merit badges. The troop does not have any merit badge counselors registered, nor a recent list of others who are registered within the district.
3. A leader within the troop has held many involved positions at the unit and district level for the past 15 years, and the unit Key 3 would like to see the leader recognized.
4. The troop has some underprivileged families who cannot afford to send their Scout to the local council summer camp.
5. Although the troop conducts a successful unit fundraiser, they are unfamiliar with supporting council fundraising campaigns and have never heard of an endowment.
6. The troop has an abundance of leadership that is underutilized but is anxious to support Scouting with their time and talents.
7. Although the troop does not have enough Scouts to create their own high adventure event for the summer, some Scouts would still like to participate in one of Scouting America's High Adventure bases.
8. The troop is unsure if a proposed Eagle Scout project has tasks that are allowable within the age ranges of participants who are expected to be at the service project.
9. The troop color guard has been practicing and would like an opportunity to present the colors at an event in the community.
10. The troop is sponsored by a church that has recently hired a new pastor. The pastor does not have a Scouting background.
11. Many of the assistant Scoutmasters have not finished the outdoor portion of their position-specific training.
12. The troop would like to put out flyers for a Join Scouting Night, but needs advice on how to reach the demographics of their local area best.
13. None of the Scouts has had any training beyond the troop level.