



BCS 103

Linking District Resources

Course Objectives



By the end of this training, a commissioner will be able to:

- **Explain** the typical district structure and the functions of the district
- **Know** how to use the resources of the district to better support the units they serve
- **Utilize our unit service objectives** to identify unit needs and potential district resources

District's Purpose

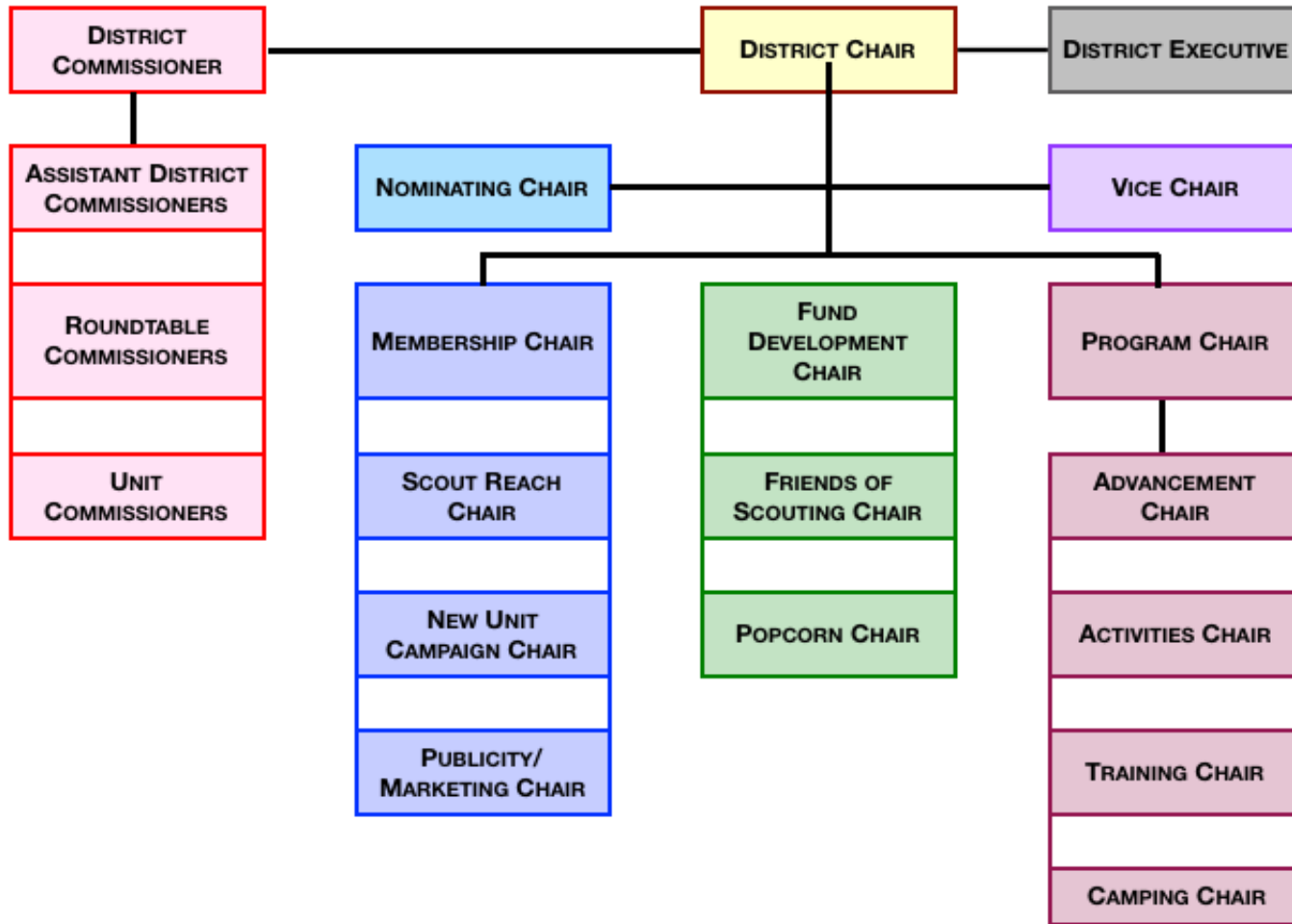


A Scouting district is a geographical area of the Scouting America local council

Purpose:

- **To work through chartered organizations and community groups to organize and support successful units**

Typical District Organization



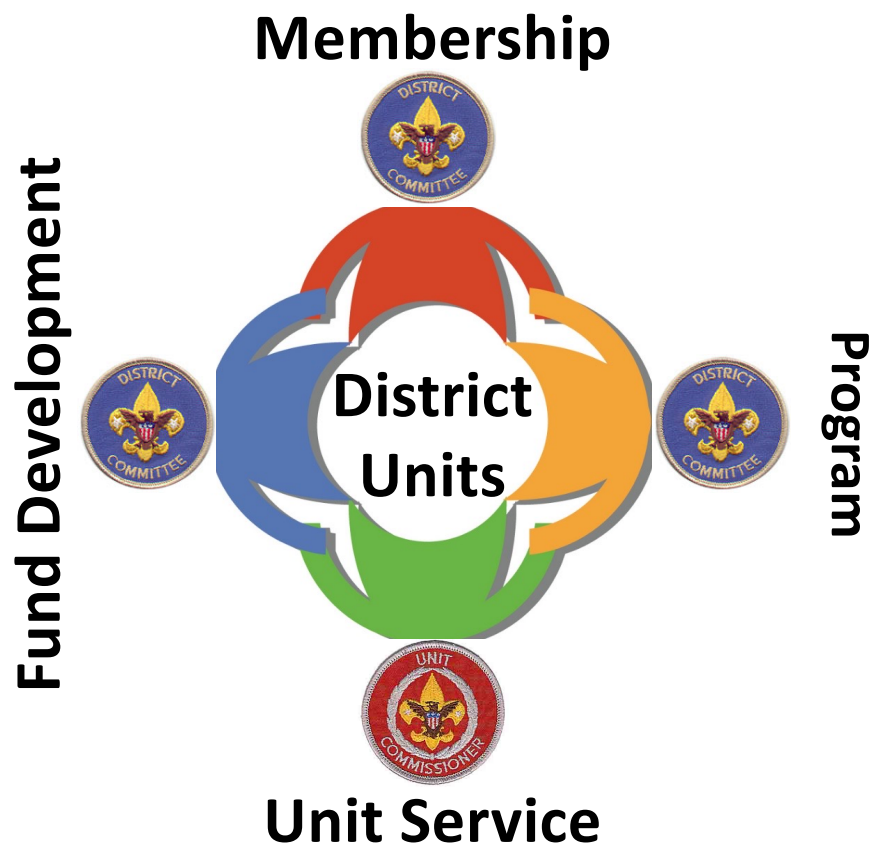


District Chair

- Recruit the operating committee chairs
- Initiate plans and help committee chairs recruit
- Train, coach, and mentor district committee members
- Provide recognition
- Support Scouting policies, procedures, and practices
- Annually appoint a new district nominating committee



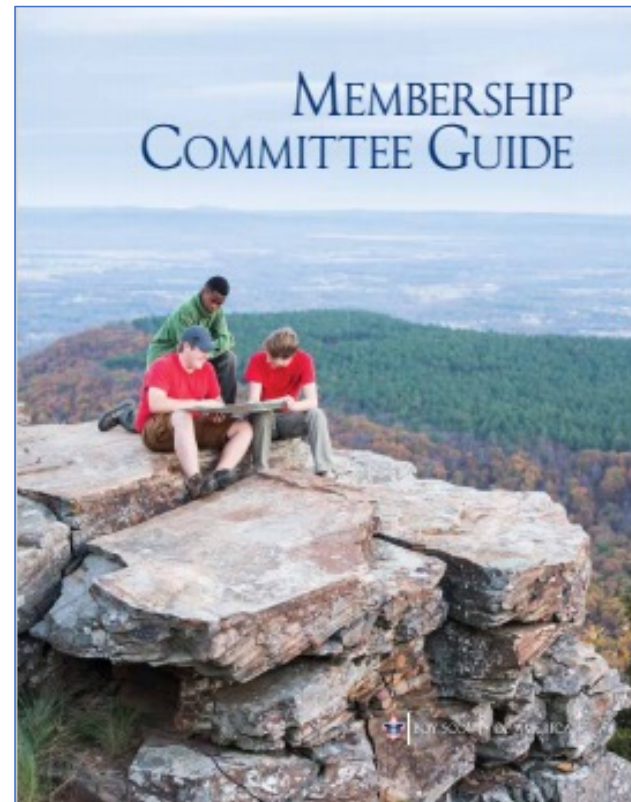
District's Four Functions



Membership Committee



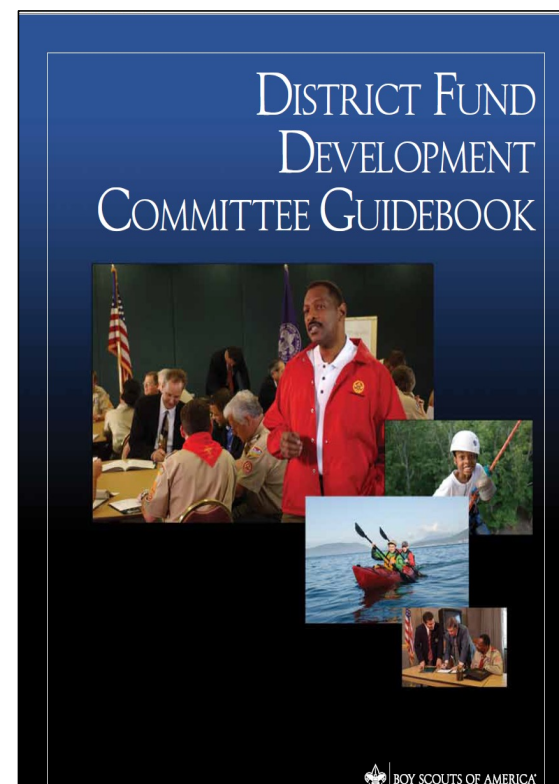
- **New unit development**
- **Membership recruiting**
- **Membership retention**
- **Program transition**
- **Unit retention**



Fund Development Committee



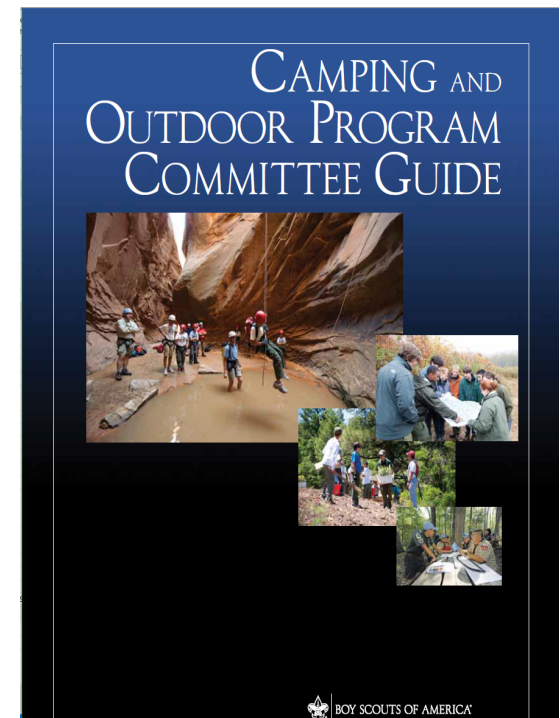
- **Friends of Scouting**
- **Product/project sales**
- **Promote council endowment**
- **Special events**
- **District activity budgets**



Program: Camping and Outdoor Program Committee



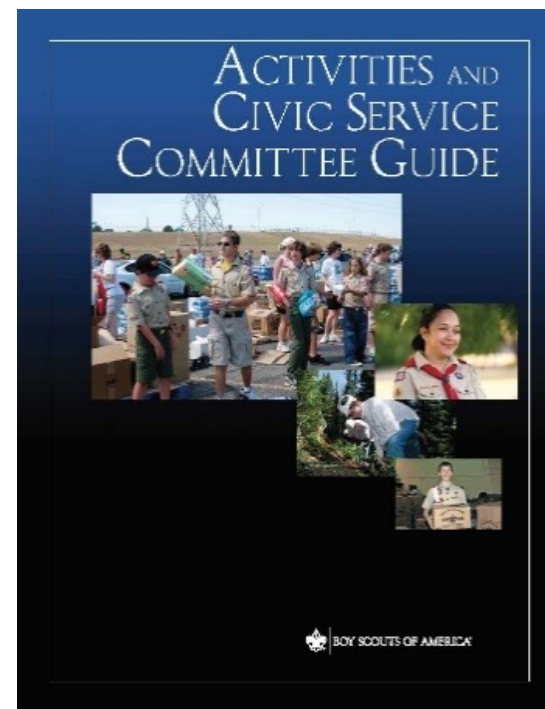
- Camp promotions
- Select event leadership
- Promote unit year-round camping and outdoor events
- Health and safety guidance
- Promote the use of camperships



Program: Activities and Civic Service Committee



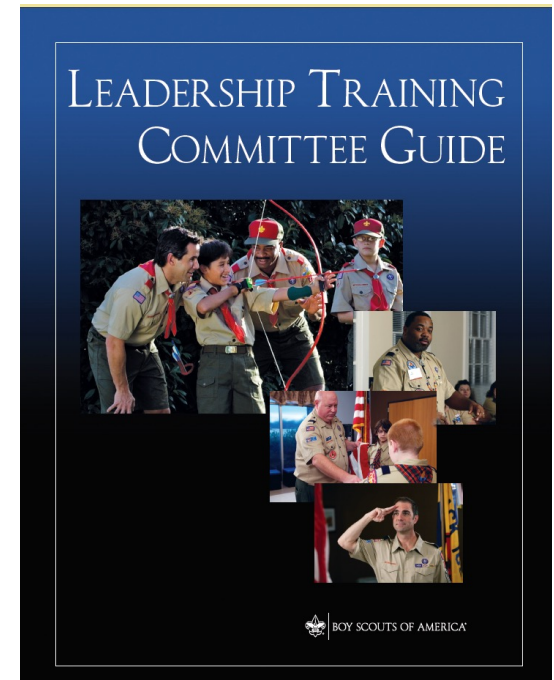
- Civic service
- Anniversary celebrations
- Competitive skill events
- Display events
- Special functions
- Publicity



Program: Training Committee



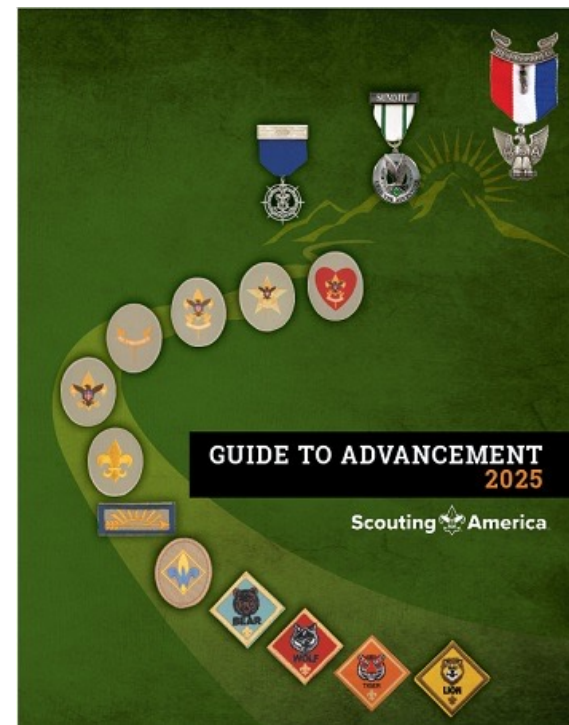
- **Recruit, train, and supervise trainers**
- **Train leaders**
- **Process to get new leaders trained**
- **District training events**
- **District training records**
- **Support and encourage pack trainers**



Program: Advancement and Recognition Committee



- **Advancement**
 - Review & approve Eagle projects
 - Merit badge counselors
- **Recognition**
 - District Award of Merit selections
 - Other district awards



Unit Service



Commissioner Objectives



- **Membership retention**
- **Membership growth**

Our Methods



- **Objective metrics**
- **Unit Connections**
- **The Key 3**
- **Impact, Not Activity**
- **Grow Partnerships**
- **Change the Way We Work Together**

District Commitment



- **The Process:**
 - Identify district resources
 - Link resources to unit needs
 - Monitor plan progress
- **Resources:**
 - District committee organization chart
 - Contact information

Case Study Exercise



Who on the district committee might provide the best path to assist the unit with the issue?

Case Study A
(Pack)

Case Study B
(Troop)



Course Summary



- **What is a typical district structure?**
- **What are some of the key operating committees of the district?**
- **How are Unit Service Core Concepts used to link unit needs to district resources?**



**Questions?
Comments!**

