

Mesa District Young Men Presidency/Commissioner Service Model

Instituted nearly 20 years ago, the young men presidency/commissioner service plan is the key to success in the Mesa District, Grand Canyon Council, BSA. This plan has become inculcated in our Stakes and the District and a tradition with those who serve young men in our community. This tradition is manifest in the success of the various programs and activities provided in the Mesa District.

The plan includes members of the Stake leadership including the Stake Presidency, the Young Men Presidency, and the High Councilors. The Stake Presidency Counselor responsible for the Aaronic Priesthood Young Men Program is a member of the District LDS Relationships Committee. This committee meets regularly with the District Chairman and the District Professional Staff as a steering committee for the District. The Stake Young Men President is expected to volunteer to serve as an Assistant District Commissioner (ADC) in the Venturing Scout Program and is responsible for the Units in his Stake. He represents those units to the District and represents the District to the Stake Venturing Units (and the Stake leadership in general). The Young Men 1st and 2nd Counselors volunteer and perform the same role as ADC's in the Varsity Scout and the Boy Scout programs respectively in the Stake and District. The High Counselor over Cub Scouting is expected to volunteer to serve as the ADC for the Cub Scout units in the Stake.

Unit Commissioners (UC) are called to serve in the Stake for a specific Scouting program. The UC works under the direction of the Stake Young Men Presidency member (or High Councilor for the Cub Scout program) within the program where they are called to work. These UCs are typically assigned to work with 2 to 3 units following the BSA commissioner service plan. Where possible, the UC is assigned to work with all the units in one building; typically two or three units per building. Thus a building should have four UCs (Cub, Scout, Varsity, and Venture).

All commissioners register with their home or another local unit and with the District as a multiple registrant. Commissioners are members of the District Committee and are expected to complete Commissioner Training, Leader Specific Training for the program in which they serve, and participate in the monthly District Committee Meeting. Commissioners work within the District structure and help to carry out the programs of the District. ADCs play the key role in the Mesa District as the commissioner corps that provides the training courses, camporee committees, rendezvous sub-camp coordinators, and key staff for all other District programs and activities.

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