

Team Relationships

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Highlight:

We encourage our Scouts to form positive relationships with their teams, families, and friends
We enable our Scouts through Cross-Team activities to interact with Scouts from other teams

As a nationwide Scout Program, we believe there is value in interacting with others beyond those within a Team and our Scout Programs.

Our Scout Programs do not operate by isolating our Teams or by providing infrequent once or twice a year times for our Scouts to interact with Scouts from other Teams. Within our own Scout Programs, we advocate Teams to interact with other Teams, at least once monthly, whether during weekend long trips, combined meetings or activities.

Exchange of Ideas

Our unique system of networking enables the cross pollination of ideas and the development of relationships by our Scouts. In some cases, the ideas are exchanged between Scouts of two local Teams; in other instances, the Scouts could exchange ideas although they are a significant distance apart. This allows for the free flow of ideas to spread from one area to another while Scouts enjoy adventures together. This also allows for the creation of personal relationships with those of similar or outstanding talent and skill, which enables our Scouts to interact with others while enhancing the process of their decision-making. Our networking system contributes to the development of the skill of fostering friendship, enabling them the opportunity over time to develop lifelong relationships.

We Support Friendships Between our Scouts and their Friends Who are Not Scouts

We support our Scouts regular unscheduled and scheduled interactions with existing friends who are not affiliated with our Scout Programs. As a part of being a Scout in the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts there are many opportunities to choose from. This provides each of our Scouts the opportunity to acquire shared interests, which will enable them to have shared experiences with the others who play a role in their life even, if they are not affiliated with our programs.

Ways Our Scouts Interact

As a part of our networking system of mentor, big brother, big sister, buddy and peer interactions, we have developed ways for our Scouts and Members to help each other and develop friendships that bridge every community. We encourage our Scouts to interact with those who bridge every community whether by identity, ability, interest, passion or geographic location.

Interaction with Other Scout Programs

The Scout Movement is an international fellowship and there are Scout Programs or Scout Organizations in nearly every country in the world, in many countries there are several. Within the United States, there are other Scout Programs or Scout Organizations and we encourage all our Scouts and Members to interact with those from other programs or organizations.

We also freely and enthusiastically encourage the sharing of our information amongst youth programs and other non-profit endeavors.

Adventure Scouts USA freely and enthusiastically encourages the cross pollination of information within our individual Teams, between other Teams within our Scout Programs and amongst the other Scout Programs and Scout Organizations within the Scout Movement.

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Interaction Within Our Scout Programs

Cross-Team Meetings

We arrange for our Scouts, Team Counselors, and Counselors to get opportunities to interact with others on their own level. Our Scouts arrange trips based on subject matter. A meeting on public safety would provide the opportunity for Scouts or Team Counselors and Counselors to tour the local police station, a local hospital, a battered woman's shelter, city hall, and more. A meeting on community resources would provide the opportunity for Scouts or Team Counselors and Counselors to visit a local department of the interior, parks services, or a homeless shelter. This provides our Scouts an extra opportunity to get out into the community and the community the chance to become better acquainted with our Scout Programs and our Scouts.

Within a Team

In our Scout Programs, we support the development of relationships by our unique system of:

- * Adult Mentor
- * Big Brother, Big Sister
- * Scout Buddy
- * Leadership, Personal Achievement and Peer Team Buddies
- * Leadership, Personal Achievement and Peer Local Area Team Buddies
- * Leadership, Personal Achievement and Peer U.S. Buddies
- * Pen Pals from other American and International Scout Programs

Adult Mentors

Our Scouts have the opportunity to develop positive, although unequal, relationships with Adult Mentors. Adult Mentors provide our Scouts with information, actual experience and access to contacts. The Adult Mentors also provide encouragement, motivation and challenge our Scouts to Give their Best. They also serve as positive role models for our Scouts. This enables our Scouts to see how good character can play a positive role in their own lives. Our Scouts also have the opportunity by interacting with their Adult Mentor to acquire a depth of experience, which enables them to make better decisions.

Our Adult Mentors, more often than not, work with more than one Scout. As additional Scouts work with their Adult Mentor, the Scouts have the opportunity to also develop a rapport with each other. This contributes to different aged Scouts working with a positive role model, while also strengthening their friendship and helping each other. These interactions provide the opportunity for our Scouts and their Adult Mentor to share positive experiences and for the Scouts to do so with each other. The time spent together permits the development of a positive relationship between our Adult Mentors and their mentored Scouts.

Adult Mentors can be current or former teachers, spiritual leaders, retired professionals or anyone who possesses good character and is willing to accept the responsibilities of serving as an Adult Mentor to one or more of our Scouts. An Adult Mentor relationship does not have a specific duration, although ideally the relationship should develop into a lifelong one. There is no specific number of times a Scout interacts with their Adult Mentor although ideally this occurs as often as they each want to. Sometimes those who have only a brief interaction leave an indelible impression.

Some of the qualities our Scouts should look for in an Adult Mentor are:

- * Someone who possesses good character and can serve as a positive role model
- * Someone who will accept the responsibilities of serving as an Adult Mentor
- * Someone whose personality is compatible

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- * Someone whose talents and abilities the Scout appreciates
- * Someone that is interested in a preferably longer term than shorter term association
- * Someone who values a win-win relationship and is willing to give of themselves. Our Scouts may offer a small thank you gift in return, which need not have a monetary value, just come from the heart.

Big Brother, Big Sister

Our Scouts have the opportunity to develop positive relationships with a Big Brother and Big Sister. The Scout's Big Brother and Big Sister provide them with information, actual experience and access to contacts. Their Big Brother and Big Sister also provide encouragement, motivation and challenge the Scout to Give their Best. They also serve as positive role models for the Scout. This enables the Scout to see how good character can play a positive role in their own lives. Our Scouts also have the opportunity by interacting with their Big Brother or Big Sister to acquire a depth of experience that enables them to make better decisions.

This also allows for the free flow of ideas that have been identified as working well within the Team and from other Teams. By each of our Scouts having a Big Brother and Big Sister, we support the creation of personal relationships with those of similar or outstanding talent and skill while enhancing the process of their decision making and developing potentially lifelong relationships.

The Scout's Big Brother and Big Sister is someone who possesses good character and is willing to accept the responsibilities of serving as a Big Brother and Big Sister to one or more of our Scouts. A Big Brother and Big Sister relationship does not have a specific duration, although ideally the relationship should develop into a lifelong one. There is no specific number of times a Scout interacts with their Big Brother or Big Sister although ideally this occurs as often as they each want to.

Some of the qualities our Scouts should look for in a Big Brother and Big Sister are:

- * Someone who possesses good character and can serve as a positive role model
- * Someone who will accept the responsibilities of serving as a Big Brother or Big Sister
- * Someone whose personality is compatible
- * Someone whose talents and abilities the Scout appreciates
- * Someone that is interested in a preferably a longer term than shorter term association
- * Someone who values a win-win relationship and is willing to give of themselves. Our Scouts may offer a small thank you gift in return, which need not have a monetary value, just come from the heart.

Scout Buddy

Our Scout Buddy relationship is intended to emphasize our Scouts interest in always being alert for their Scout Buddy, helping each other and keeping track of their Buddy.

Our Scouts have the opportunity to develop a positive relationship with a Scout Buddy. The Scout's Scout Buddy shares with them information and actual experience. Their Scout Buddy also provides encouragement, motivation and challenges the Scout to Give their Best. They also serve as positive role models for the Scout. This enables the Scout to see how good character can play a positive role in their own lives. Our Scouts also have the opportunity by interacting with their Scout Buddy to acquire a depth of experience that enables them to make better decisions.

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The Scout's Scout Buddy is someone who possesses good character and is willing to accept the responsibilities of serving as a Scout Buddy to one or more of our Scouts. A Scout can have more than one Scout Buddy. A Scout Buddy relationship does not have a specific duration, although ideally the relationship should develop into a lifelong one. A Scout interacts with their Scout Buddy throughout their Scout experience and ideally, they interact outside of the Scout Program as often as they each want to.

* Some of the qualities our Scouts could look for in an Scout Buddy are:

- * Someone who possesses good character and can serve as a positive role model,
- * Someone who will accept the responsibilities of serving as a Scout Buddy,
- * Someone whose personality is compatible,
- * Someone whose talents and abilities the Scout appreciates,
- * Someone that is interested in a preferably a longer term than shorter term association,
- * Someone who values a win-win relationship and is willing to give of themselves. Our Scouts may offer a small thank you gift in return, which need not have a monetary value, just come from the heart.

Team, Local Area and U.S. Leadership, Personal Achievement and Peer Buddies

Scouts in our Scout Programs are given Leadership, Personal Achievement and Peer Buddies from within their individual Team and in addition from another Local Area Team and from elsewhere in the United States.

The Leadership Buddy is a fellow Scout who holds the same or higher Leadership position as the Scout themselves hold.

The Personal Achievement Buddy is a fellow Scout who holds the same or higher Personal Achievement Award Level as the Scout themselves hold.

The Peer Buddy is a fellow Scout who joined at or about the same time frame as the Scout themselves joined the Scout Program.

Our Scouts have the opportunity to develop positive relationships with their Leadership, Personal Achievement and Peer Buddies. The Scout's Leadership, Personal Achievement and Peer Buddies provide them with information and actual experience. The Buddies also provide encouragement, motivation and challenge the Scout to Give their Best. They also serve as positive role models for the Scout. They enable the Scout to see how good character can play a positive role in their own lives. Our Scouts also have the opportunity by interacting with their Leadership, Personal Achievement and Peer Buddies to acquire a depth of experience that enables them to make better decisions.

This also allows for the free flow of ideas which have been identified as working well within the Team, from other local area Teams and from Teams throughout the United States. By each of our Scouts having Leadership, Personal Achievement and Peer Buddies, we support the creation of personal relationships with those of similar or outstanding talent and skill while enhancing the process of their decision making and developing potentially lifelong relationships.

The Scout's Leadership, Personal Achievement and Peer Buddies are those who possess good character and are willing to accept the responsibilities of serving as a Leadership, Personal Achievement and Peer Buddy to one or

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more of our Scouts. The Leadership, Personal Achievement and Peer Buddy relationship does not have a specific duration, although ideally the relationship should develop into a lifelong one. There is no specific number of times a Scout interacts with their Leadership, Personal Achievement or Peer Buddy although ideally this occurs as often as they each want to.

Some of the qualities our Scouts should look for in their Leadership, Personal Achievement and Peer Buddies are:

- * Someone who possesses good character and can serve as a positive role model,
- * Someone who will accept the responsibilities of serving as a Leadership, Personal Achievement or Peer Buddy,
- * Someone whose personality is compatible,
- * Someone whose talents and abilities the Scout appreciates,
- * Someone that is interested in a preferably a longer term than shorter term association,
- * Someone who values a win-win relationship and is willing to give of themselves. Our Scouts may offer a small thank you gift in return, which need not have a monetary value, just come from the heart.

Scout Pen Pals from other American and International Scout Programs and Scout Organizations

Our Scouts have the opportunity to develop positive relationships, with similarly aged Scouts, by their being given Scout Pen Pals from other American and International Scout Programs and Scout Organizations. The Scout Pen Pal provides the Scout with information and actual experience. The Scout Pen Pal will also provide encouragement, motivation and challenge our Scout to Give their Best. The Scout Pen Pal also serves as positive role models for the Scout. This enables the Scout to see how good character can play a positive role in their own lives. Our Scouts also have the opportunity by interacting with their Scout Pen Pal to acquire a depth of experience that enables them to make better decisions.

This also allows for the free flow of ideas within the Team, from other Teams, within our Scout Programs and amongst the other Scout Programs and Scout Organizations within the Scout Movement. By each of our Scouts having a Scout Pen Pal, we support the creation of personal relationships with those of similar or outstanding talent and skill while enhancing the process of their decision making and developing potentially lifelong relationships.

The Scout Pen Pal is someone who possesses good character and is willing to accept the responsibilities of serving as a Scout Pen Pal to one or more of our Scouts. The Scout Pen Pal relationship does not have a specific duration, although ideally the relationship should develop into a lifelong one. There is no specific number of times a Scout interacts with their Scout Pen Pal although ideally this occurs as often as they each want to.

- * Some of the qualities our Scouts should look for in Scout Pen Pals are:
- * Someone who possesses good character and can serve as a positive role model,
- * Someone who will accept the responsibilities of serving as Scout Pen Pals,
- * Someone whose personality is compatible,
- * Someone whose talents and abilities the Scout appreciates,
- * Someone that is interested in a preferably a longer term than shorter term association,
- * Someone who values a win-win relationship and is willing to give of themselves. Our Scouts may offer a small thank you gift in return, which need not have a monetary value, just come from the heart.

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