

# Parent Orientation Guide

It's important to introduce new families to Scouting and to your unit's specific events, traditions, and expectations. By doing this separately from the registration night, you have time to review the [Family Talent Surveys](#) you collected and have an idea of which parents could potentially fill any vacancies. Setting the expectation that every family participates in leadership in some capacity prevents stress on leaders and makes sure that the work it takes to run a unit is evenly distributed. [If you need help planning your parent orientation, please reach out to your District Staff here.](#)

## 1. Introduce your Unit

Introduce your leadership and do an icebreaker activity to get to know your families. You can have separate activities for youth and adults.

## 2. Share Unit Information

Share information about your unit and about Scouting. Many units will dismiss the youth during this part of the presentation to do another activity. You can use the below PowerPoint Presentations as outlines for your orientation.

[Cub Scout Orientation PowerPoint](#)

[Scouts BSA Orientation PowerPoint](#)

## 3. Review Open Positions

Scouting is not a drop-off program. By setting the expectation that every family contributes, you create a better unit culture. Review your pack's organizational structure, and review the Family Talent Surveys you collected at your registration night. If you didn't collect them there, have each family fill one out now. Also review who is leaving at the end of this year – you want to make sure that you have a replacement trained to step in. Below are position descriptions for both Packs and Troops that you can modify to your specific unit.

[Pack Position Descriptions](#)

[Troop Position Descriptions](#)

## 4. Encourage Training

A trained leader is a prepared leader! Encourage your new leaders to do their position-specific training on [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org). Our council also offers in-person training several times a year for all positions. [Click here to view our training calendar.](#)