

The BSA has a year round growth plan which is designed to facilitate Scout recruitment and pack-troop relations. The South Mountain District Membership Committee supports the individual units as they implement their yearly growth plan and will offer monthly advice to units in this column to give your unit leaders some ideas and suggestions.



MAY:

Council will be holding many events over the summer months to keep your youth active. Summer Day Camp is the week of July 16th and other events are planned. Watch for announcements. Join scouting Saturdays at 11am in June and July at the ArtsQuest Levitt Pavilion at SteelStacks for youth summer concerts.

May Activities:

Mark your calendars to attend the May 29th Membership Kick Off Night at the Priscilla Payne Hurd Education Pavilion at St. Luke's Hospital Room 111. The kick off starts at 7pm. Please assign a pack representative to be on hand to learn about our theme this year which is TOP GUN pack recruiting. AIM HIGH as we discuss goal setting, planning, council resources and how to achieve TOP GUN status and a pizza party for the entire Pack as a reward.



MAY:

May Activities:

Parents are already planning summer vacations. Give the new parents and scouts information about summer camp. Conduct a summer camp orientation to encourage full troop involvement. Cover for parents the week attending, payments due and medical forms needed.

Work on rank advancement with the new scouts. Help your new youth earn the SCOUT badge. Assign older scouts to work with them.

Work closely with the new scouts and parents during their transition to the Troop ensuring that the move is smooth and their needs are being met.

ALL UNITS: The first step for any recruitment effort is to appoint a troop committee member to serve as the troop membership chair. This person will develop and implement a year-round growth plan that incorporates all methods of recruitment, working closely with Cub Scout packs in the community, the district membership committee, and the unit commissioner.

Let us know your successes and your challenges with youth recruitment. The district Membership Committee wants your feedback so please drop us an email with your thoughts to: Mark Firth, SMD Membership Committee Chair at: Stee1city@verizon.net