

# MEMBERSHIP

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.



**APRIL:**

Continue your spring recruitment efforts if you are going to have active programs for the new youth joining your PACK over the summer. It's good to keep your PACK somewhat active over the summer with picnics or other outdoor events. Council will be holding many events over the summer months to keep your youth active. Summer day camp 7/15-7/19 at Louise Moore Park is one opportunity to watch for. If you recruit in the Spring, engage prospective parents in taking leadership positions.



**APRIL:**

**Scout leaders: Please remember to complete and turn into council the new scout applications for the Webelos that crossed over to your unit.**

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

ALL UNITS: The first step for any recruitment effort is to appoint a troop or a pack committee member to serve as the unit membership chair. This person will develop and implement a year-round growth plan that incorporates all methods of recruitment and work closely with the schools, the district membership committee, and the unit commissioner. Members of the membership committee have already begun reaching out and promoting this.

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: [Stee1cty@yahoo.com](mailto:Stee1cty@yahoo.com)

I wish to thank the District Committee for nominating me for the District Award of Merit. It's great to work so closely with so many individuals that really care about growing our organization and working to improve our communities through the scouting program.