

# THRIVE DRIVE 2019

## Narragansett Council's Commitment to You

To help Scouting and your unit THRIVE, the Narragansett Council executive board and staff commits to:

### Program:

- ✓ Provide free weekend tent camping year-round at eight different camps in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, plus unique camping experience at Sandsland on Block Island (fee applies)
- ✓ Provide excellent, nationally-accredited Boy Scout summer camp, Cub Scout Day camps, and Cub Scout Family Camp. Comply with more than 250 accreditation, safety and quality standards
- ✓ Provide advanced training through National Camp Schools for summer camp staff members, safety training and equipment, pre-camp, mid-camp and post-camp inspections.
- ✓ Provide camp cabins, pavilions, and other facilities available for a nominal fee for unit activities and council activities
- ✓ Coordinate and organize a variety of Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing activities throughout the year to include camporees, Klondike Derbies, STEM programs, merit badge colleges, Cub Scout outdoor activities
- ✓ Conduct fundraising for and coordination of capital improvements at our council camps. More than \$8 million in improvements is underway at our council camps thanks to grants received
- ✓ Coordinate of programs including Scouting for Food, MassJam, Arrow of Light Crossover Ceremonies, Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner, National Youth Leadership Training, Wood Badge, and much more
- ✓ Coordinate special Scouting programs in partnership with organizations including the Pawsox, Boston Museum of Science, merit badge workshops, Trinity Rep, Providence Childrens Museum, Providence Bruins, and many more.
- ✓ Organize and facilitate council contingents so that Scouts can participate in trips to National & World Jamborees, Philmont Treks, Summit High Adventure Base Treks, Order of the Arrow conferences, and more
- ✓ Coordinate and support "campmaster" programs at most camps. "Campmasters" are volunteers that take turns spending weekends at our camps to be resources to units

### Unit Service:

- ✓ Provide training for your volunteer leaders through online platforms (ScoutingU) and in-person training courses, and the University of Scouting for all levels of the program
- ✓ Recruit, train and coordinate volunteer commissioners to visit and support units
- ✓ Provide 2 full-time unit service coordinators that assist your unit leaders and parents with questions, problems, orienting new leaders, coordinating commissioner service, coordinating roundtables, newsletters and more
- ✓ Provide 2 Scout Shops/Service Centers (Warwick & Swansea) to provide recognition, uniforms, books and camping gear to Scouts and their families with evening and weekend hours
- ✓ Organize monthly "roundtable" meetings for unit leaders to assist with program
- ✓ Provide liability insurance coverage for volunteer leaders and chartering organizations
- ✓ Provide accident and sickness insurance coverage for Scouts, leaders and parents participating in unit or council activities

Leadership:

- ✓ Recognition for leaders through service area and council recognition programs
- ✓ Annual Volunteer Recognition Picnic (free of charge) to all volunteers and their family members
- ✓ Screen all adult leader applicants for criminal backgrounds, research background checks issues, and research and address complaints
- ✓ Assist units with leadership, disciplinary or youth protections issues

Marketing, Communication & Membership Recruitment:

- ✓ Conduct "Scout Talks" with flyers and wristbands in all possible schools to promote your unit and all units
- ✓ Promote Scouting throughout Southeastern New England through promotional materials, media, presentations and community events
- ✓ Provide promotional kits for units to use at community events
- ✓ Provide portable, inflatable BB Gun and Archery ranges for use by units at Scouting promotion events
- ✓ Organize or reorganize units in towns or neighborhoods that need them
- ✓ Maintain online communication platforms to coordinate Scouting including council online calendar, BeAScout.org, Scoutbook, email distribution system, social media, and website.
- ✓ Organizing new Scouts BSA troops for girls
- ✓ Support camp alumni associations for Camp Cachalot, Camp Norse and Yawgoog Scout Reservation

Financial Support:

- ✓ Organize and promote the popcorn fundraising program to help units raise the necessary money to fund a thriving Scouting program at no risk. (More than \$185,000 in profit to units plus \$25,000 in prizes to Scouts in 2018)
- ✓ Provide a campership program to assist families with financial challenges to send their Scout to summer camp programs. (More than \$250,000 provided in 2018)
- ✓ Raise funds to provide Scouting units with quality leadership in our council's lowest income neighborhoods in New Bedford, Attleboro, Central Falls, Providence, and other communities

Administrative Support & Financial Stewardship:

- ✓ Facilitate Eagle Scout candidate applications, qualification reviews, Boards of Review and national certification
- ✓ Maintain unit accounts at no cost to units
- ✓ Process and maintain all registration, advancement, award records, and Boys' Life & Scouting Magazine subscriptions for 13,000 youth, 4,000 leaders and 4,500 donors
- ✓ Coordinate, promote and handle registrations for more than 100 council activities a year plus camps that serve more than 9,000 youth a year
- ✓ Compile and report financial records monthly to and be held accountable to volunteer finance committee and executive board
- ✓ Conduct annual external audit of financial reports and processes
- ✓ Handle state licensing requirements, tax filings, property insurances, annual reports and much more

**We pledge to do our very best to provide to you the support that you deserve!**