



DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING 2015 GOALS AND METHODS

- 1) **Increase the awareness and visibility of Catholic scouting within the diocese---**
 - a. Host an annual "Bishop's Dinner" that would include pastor's/priests from across the diocese.
 - b. Promote Scout Sunday among all parishes, not just those that charter Catholic units.
 - c. Promote Priesthood Sunday and encourage scouts/units to thank their priests for their service and support of scouting and youth ministry.
 - d. Establish contacts with the Eastern rite Catholic churches.
 - e. Increase publicity efforts; especially through *The Catholic Sun*, Immaculate Heart radio and parish bulletins and via social media.
 - f. Share a list of Catholic-chartered units on the website according to parish/location.
 - g. Continue to host annual retreats and events for our Catholic scouts, including those outside the valley.

- 2) **Increase the chartering of new Catholic units in the Diocese—**
 - a. Develop a strong Membership subcommittee interested in developing new units and providing outreach to existing units.
 - b. Establish a relationship with the diocesan Office of Family Catechesis in an effort to promote scouting as youth ministry.
 - c. Meet with pastors of various parishes to promote Scouting as Youth Ministry and encourage support of Catholic Scouting.

- 3) **Improve outreach and support for existing units.**
 - a. Identify at least one Catholic liaison within each district to reach out to units in a "unit commissioner" type role.
 - b. Make personal contacts with COR's and unit leaders via phone or personal visit

- 4) **Increase the number of participants in our retreats and emblems programs---**
 - a. Continue to update the email contact list and send timely "e-blasts" with pertinent information.
 - b. Improve outreach via social media, personal contact and the diocesan newspaper, the *Catholic Sun*.
 - c. Recruit participants through the Eastern rite Catholic churches.
 - d. Develop better outreach and communication with Girl Scouts and American Heritage Girls.
 - e. Improve recordkeeping for participants in all emblem programs.

- 5) **Increase membership in the Bishop's Venturing Crew 2009---**
 - a. Hold a valley-wide recruitment event to gain new members and encourage dual registration.
 - b. Distribute crew informational brochures at events and have crew members present to talk with youth.
 - c. Post information on the crew Facebook page regularly.
 - d. Personal invitation by crew members.
 - e. Emphasize that members still enjoy scouting activities with opportunities to service the diocese.

6) Provide support for our Catholic scout leaders----

- a. Continue to make resources about religious emblems, patch programs and activities readily available.
- b. Continue to provide Religious Emblems Counselor (REC) training at least twice per year.
- c. Offer opportunities for a leader retreat and other activities for in an effort to renew our inspiration and enthusiasm for working with our youth and enhance our relationships within the committee and other leaders we work with.
- d. Communicate pertinent information from the committee, BSA and NCCS in a timely manner.
- e. Post meeting minutes and other communications to the website in a timely manner.
- f. Maintain a website and Face Book page that provides current and accurate information, resources and links.
- g. Provide Safe Environment training for leaders to assist with compliance.

7) Create a financial plan for both the current year and longer term---

- a. Develop and utilize a budget for the Treasury.
- b. Create a fundraising plan and carry out some fundraising activities to support our budget.

8) Increase the number of active committee members---

- a. Gain new members on the PhxDCCS
 - i. Personal invitation to join the committee, email outreach
 - ii. Gain active leadership on the committee from Girl Scout and AHG programs
- b. Acquire subcommittee chair persons

9) Increase the number of participants in national NCCS events---

- a. St. George Trek, Scouting in the Catholic Church, NCCS conference
 - i. Promotion by email, social media, at events and personal invitation

10) Earn Quality Diocesan Committee Award

- a. Maintain an active, involved and effective committee dedicated to serving our scouts.
- b. Continue providing emblems programs, activities and retreats for both youth and adults.
- c. Establish and maintain good working relationships with BSA, GCC, GSUSA, ACPC, AHG and the Diocese of Phoenix.
- d. Promote adult leader training and involvement locally and at the national level through the Scouting in the Catholic Church course and NCCS.

