



# The Lodge's Role Council Support

## Why?

**2008-2012 OA Strategic Plan:** The OA expects every lodge to be:

- An integral part of every council.
- Responsive and flexible in meeting the needs of their council.
- Proactive, innovative, and energetic in their support of the council and its units.

**Quality Lodge Petition Requirement #9:** The lodge contributed cash, materials, or both, to the council in an amount equal to at least \$2.00 per lodge member.

**Quality Lodge Petition Item #11:** In addition to contributions made in item 9, the lodge made a minimum contribution of \$1000 to the council's endowment fund.

**Quality Lodge Petition Requirement #5:** The lodge completed service projects for the council camp or service center, and a council approved community service project. ...During the year, lodge members contributed an average of three hours of service per person.

**Quality Lodge Petition Item #15:** The lodge provided manpower, resources, and/or program assistance in support of the Scout council's Cub Scout outdoor program and Webelos transition to Boy Scouts.

**Quality Lodge Petition Item #17:** The lodge created a plan to serve the OA Scoutreach Mentoring Program. The plan was approved by the Scout executive or the council Scoutreach committee and was included in the lodge annual report.

**Quality Lodge Petition Requirement #7:** Following a review of the OA 2003-2007 Strategic Plan, the lodge Key 3 met with the Scout executive and members of the council executive board to identify ways for the lodge to be more effective in cooperating and coordinating with council programs and events. The lodge calendar permits members to actively participate in unit, district, and council events.

**Quality Lodge Petition Requirement #10:** The lodge submitted an annual report of accomplishments to the council executive board.

## How?

### Opportunities for Council Support

#### Financial Support

- *Direct Support:* council endowment fund, capital campaign contributions, friends of scouting
- *Gifts in Kind*
- *Support Council Fundraisers*
- *Lodge Fundraisers*

#### Council and District Events Support Service Projects

- *Council Camps*
- *Service Centers*
- *Approved Community Service Projects*

#### Membership

- *Webelos-to-Boy Scout Transition*
- *Scoutreach Mentoring Program*
- *Membership Verification System*

#### Scout Camp

#### Become an Integral Part of the Council

- *Annual Meeting with the Scout Executive*
- *Integrate Council and Lodge Calendars*
- *Lodge Leadership Annual Report*
- *Become a Member of the Council Executive Board*
- *Encourage Everyone to Join the Team*

#### Marketing the Lodge

- *Re-Brand the Lodge*
- *Back to Basics:* integrate council and lodge newsletters, integrate council and lodge websites, communication booths/displays
- *Annual Council Executive Board Presentation*