



## **UMBRELLA MOVIE LICENSING FOR COUNCIL EVENTS AND TRAINING**

The Umbrella Movie License eliminates the liability exposure for the Local Council and the National Service Center concerning the presentation of movies or movie clips in connection with council facilities and events, such as camps, camporees, unit movie night, OA events, Wood Badge courses, NYLT courses, or any other activity where a movie is part of the program.

Since 2016, the fees to cover the cost of the umbrella license have been incorporated into the budgets of council Wood Badge and NYLT courses. However, the license can be used by the local councils for many other purposes. Beginning in 2024, local councils will pay a flat fee, based on council size, and will be invoiced by the National Office. Once the fee is paid, Scouting U will issue a copy of the yearly license to the local council.

### **FAQ**

**How do I know if a particular movie is covered under the license?** Once you pay the appropriate fees, you will receive a copy of the license and instructions on how to check movie titles. Wood Badge and NYLT movie clips, that are written into the syllabi, are already cleared.

**What is a “Public Performance”?** How many times have you seen the FBI warning at the beginning of a movie? Next time you pop a DVD into the player, read it closely. It states that the movie is for “Home Use Only.” “Home Use” means just that, viewing of a movie at home by family or a close circle of friends.

**What does the law say?** Under the Copyright Revision Act of 1976 all non-private exhibitors of registered copyrighted videos or DVD’s must obtain a Public Performance License. “Willful” infringement for commercial or financial gain is a federal crime carrying a maximum sentence of up to five years in jail and/or a \$250,000 fine.

**If I don’t charge admission, do I still need a license?** Yes. Copyright laws apply whether or not admission is charged.

**If I own the movie, do I still need a license to show it outside of my home?** Yes. Neither the rental, purchase, or lending of a video or DVD carries with it the right to exhibit movies outside the home.

**What if we are a non-profit organization, church, or government agency? Do we still need a license?** Yes. Copyright laws apply to all viewings of movies that take place outside of the privacy of a home, regardless of the organization holding the event.

**Who manages the Umbrella Movie License process for the National Office?** Scouting U is responsible for the movie license process. Contact Kathy Craig at [kathy.craig@scouting.org](mailto:kathy.craig@scouting.org) with any questions.