

Roundtable

Networking Training Collaboration

Roundtable is a district's single best resource when it comes to networking, training and collaboration. A well planned, well run roundtable is a meeting that meets the needs of the unit leaders, gives them current up to date information, all while having fun. Here are some tips for creating roundtable's Scout leaders want to attend!

1. Look for the right people to be roundtable and assistant roundtable commissioners. Scouters who are passionate, friendly and excited to create partnerships between commissioners and Scout leaders make great roundtable commissioners.
2. Create a roundtable schedule including: dates, times, locations or links and make them easily available so Scout leaders have the information they need to attend roundtable!
3. Market and advertise your roundtable! Make sure ALL Scout leaders and commissioners know they are invited to roundtable and welcome at roundtable!
4. Utilize the Roundtable Support Page for the most up to date content. <https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/roundtable-support/>
5. Follow the roundtable format on the support page and use the most current program and procedures. Roundtable commissioners model Scout uniforms, Scout terminology, and Scout procedures and policies. This helps leaders understand what to do and it's importance. For example: Safety Moments belong in ALL Scout meetings, and these are modeled for units at roundtable.
6. Look for ways to include Scouts at roundtable! Look for ways to include ALL program levels at roundtable.
7. Keep your program plan to 6 months or less. This allows districts and roundtable commissioners to change content when needed in case of urgent updates or important council or district information. This also allows you to match the current needs of a district with program at roundtable.
8. Utilize commissioners to fill roles at roundtable and help invite Scout leaders to attend. Let commissioners know they are welcome and needed at roundtable!
9. Provide training opportunities at roundtable as a special event, during or after the meeting to help leaders get trained.
10. Allow collaboration opportunities and networking between commissioners and Scout leaders. The answer to a question is almost always able to be answered by someone at roundtable.

Resources

<https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/roundtable-support/>

Roundtable Commissioners Scouting America – Official Group Facebook

