



We Want You To Be A



How Can You Help?

Let me show you how...

What is a Champions Buddy Unit?

A Champions Buddy unit is the cooperation between your unit and a Special Needs unit to offer support and guidance to ensure that the needs of the Champion Unit are met and are receiving the benefits offered by membership in the BSA.

Benefits of the Champions Buddy Unit Program

Teaches Scouts caring, patience and understanding

Special Needs Scouts receive the same opportunities that all our youth receive

Provides Scouts with special needs or disabilities what they want most....the opportunity to participate like other Scouts....Your Scouts help give them that opportunity

Wonderful learning experience for all involved through a broader understanding of Scouts with special Needs.

Enrichment of the lives of more youth in our community

Unlimited service hours, unit service projects and Eagle projects are available

Increase in membership

Who can help?

Scouts in your units

Adult Volunteers

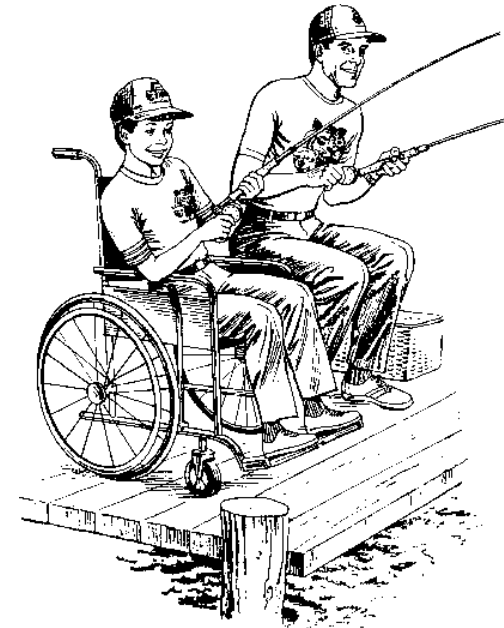
Unit Leaders

Someone who wants to make a difference in the life of our special Scouts

What can you do?

Adopt a home program

Participate in scheduled events for our special needs units such as outings, picnics, and Pinewood Derby



More Info

What does the Three Fires Council Special Needs Committee do?

- **Promote awareness to Scouts and unit leaders**
- **Assist with Disabilities Awareness Merit Badge**
- **Provide training to adult leaders and youth**
- **Distribute available publications by the BSA**
- **Support the growth of new units and provide service to existing special needs units and leaders**
- **Work with and assist other Council committees to deliver a quality Scouting program to all youth**
- **We have the full endorsement and support of the TFC and have the full resources of the council available**

Mission Statement: The mission of the Three Fires Council Special Needs Committee is to provide young people the opportunity to participate fully in the inclusive program offered to all youth by the Boy Scouts of America. To offer a welcoming haven for special needs youth where every boy can succeed and fit in, in a non-judgmental atmosphere for both scouts and their parents. To educate the Council and public on the opportunities available to our special needs Scouts, to promote scouting to all youth and support special needs units in any way we are able to.

Vision Statement: The Three Fires Council Special Needs Committee aspires to offer the nation's foremost youth program for local youth with special needs. We will need to get over barriers to delivering our program by getting people to look beyond the stigma of "special needs". Some of the people that need to look beyond this may be the parents of the boys that may benefit from scouting and the adult volunteers we depend on to deliver this program. Many people believe that special needs youth are seamlessly integrated into society, but that is just not the social reality. We seek to do what we can to open minds, change attitudes and show people the true benefits of special needs scouting.



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