



Monthly Roundtable

Scouting's BEST Opportunity to Train & Motivate Parents and Leaders

The Problem

Less than 1 in 3 volunteers agree that roundtables help them being an effective leader. Need we say more? Roundtables are not delivering on the promise we make to new unit leaders (and experienced leaders) to train and support them.



The Challenge

Leaders have their limited free time. They expect to be “entertained” with programs and training events that are high quality and helpful to them now. Volunteers running roundtables don’t have the time and, frequently, don’t have the skill to execute an extraordinary monthly program filled using great presenters delivering programs on interesting topics.



The Vision

Deliver a monthly training event that incorporates relevant/timely themes, idea sharing, dynamic presentations, inspirational speeches and problem solving opportunities for unit leaders (open forums or leader breakouts). Some of the goals include:

- Preserve elements of fun & fellowship
- Assure consistency for all districts
- Provide high quality training events
- Allow online viewing for those who cannot attend
- Add topics and programs of interest to parents (at least quarterly)



The Plan

Two-hour roundtables with four 30-minute segments:

- 7:00 Gathering, coffee, networking, displays, pre-opening activity, etc.
- 7:30 General (combined) session
- 8:00 Breakout by program (Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturing)
- 8:30 Social time, follow-up, networking, refreshments, Q&A, etc.



The main program (7:30-8:30) would be planned and executed centrally; the before and after “wrapper” (7:00-7:30 and 8:30-9:00) would be handled locally. This controls the quality and consistency of training and maintains elements of fellowship and fun while providing district leaders (volunteer and staff) an opportunity to communicate with and support local leaders.

Brief overview:

- Create a roundtable “show” every month at the Council Service center. This would be relevant and timely video training content.
- Broadcast 7:30-8:30 portion live to remote roundtables and individual viewers –or– provide electronic version for playback.
- Edit program, add content, and make available for viewing on internet and sharing via DVD or download. *Ultimately over time this will create a library of content.*
- All things routine (i.e. announcements) will be handled with printed handouts, pdf’s on the website, social media and broadcast e-mail. If something is important, a video commercial can be made and broadcast.