



TWIN RIVERS COUNCIL, BSA

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Dear Board Member:

Welcome to the 2022 Executive Board of the Twin Rivers Council. I am very proud and excited that you have agreed to invest your time, talent, and treasure in Scouting.

The scheduled Board meetings for 2022 are as follows:

- April, 21st at 6 pm – via Zoom
- July, 21st – at Rotary Scout Reservation
- October, 15th – Board Retreat / Key Leader Meeting at TBD
- December, 15th – Board Meeting / Budget Approval at TBD

You will be receiving individual calendar invites with meeting packets as we get closer to each event.

As a returning Council Executive Board Member, we request that you provide us with the following information:

1. Youth Protection Certificate (if required) – due March 31st
2. Board Member Information Form – due April 30th
3. Annual Board Contribution – Pledge requested March 31st
4. Executive Board Member On-Line Training – Recommended Completion June 30th

Additionally, we have the following information to assist you as a board member.

5. New Board Member Mentor Program – March through December
6. Council Governance and Resources – Ongoing and Updated as Required

References:

1. Youth Protection Certificate. Please remember that your Youth Protection training must be current to maintain your membership on the Executive Board. Youth Protection training is valid for two years from your most recent completion date. Please contact [Sandy Elkins](#) if you are unsure of your Youth Protection status.
2. Board Member Information Form. Please update your Board Member Information Form and return it to [Sandy Elkins](#) by April 30th. We will be sending out an updated version by the end of March. If you have one, please provide us with a photo ‘head shot’ to be used in our Board Directory.



3. Annual Board Contribution. Board members are encouraged to provide a \$1,000 tax-exempt eligible donation to our Council's Friends of Scouting campaign. This is not expected of our ex officio board members. Please click [here](#) to access the Twin Rivers Council FOS page to make your 2022 donation. You may spread your donation over the course of the year, or make a pledge and be invoiced at a later date. Please contact your employer to see if they offer a matching gift program. This would multiply the value of your donation.

100% Board participation in FOS giving is important as many grants and foundations request annual board giving statistics in their applications. In addition to funding BSA programs within our Council, your annual board contribution covers your BSA membership fee, if you are not also registered in a unit or on a District committee, and event and meeting incidentals.

4. Executive Board Member On-Line Training. There are two online training courses recommended for returning board members to complete. They include: *Council Executive Board*; and *Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Scouting*. Each of these classes may be accessed via your My.Scouting.org account.

Council Executive Board Training delves further into the role and responsibilities of Executive Board members. Completion of this course and *Youth Protection* allows you to become positioned trained.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Scouting. BSA collaborated with nonprofits and youth organizations to learn best practices and identify opportunities to advance the ideals of DEI throughout our communities and society. This training provides an overview of the BSA's approach to DEI.

5. New Board Member Mentor Program. Thank you to each of you who has agreed to serve as a mentor. We assigned mentors to all new board members to assist them as they onboard and learn the ropes. Mentors will be there to assist and support new board members during their first year (and beyond) on the Board. We are very excited to offer this new program.
6. Council Governance and Resources. Please visit the [Council Governance](#) website to access our Charter and Bylaws, orientation guide books, training, and most recent IRS 990 filings. This public-facing site will continue to be updated with new information. Please reach out to [Mark Switzer](#) if you are looking for additional governance, membership, and/or financial materials that are not publicly available to our membership.

The Twin Rivers Council is moving forward and growing. It is because of individuals like you that we are able to provide the quality programs of the Boy Scouts of America. As a Board Member, you are the individuals that set the standard for the Council. I am looking forward to working with each one of you as we provide the mission of Scouting to over 3,500 families.

Greg Szczesny
President

Drew Chesney
Commissioner

Mark Switzer
Scout Executive