

## **Tony Petruzzi's helpful hints, ideas and best practices from his experience for Pack recruiting**

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1. Remember in December that Scout Sunday is in February and have a Scout unit do a flag ceremony before services. Do it again in May for Memorial day.
2. For a school PTSA, have a Scout unit do a flag ceremony prior to every PTSA general membership meeting. Tigers do the last one of the year. If a school does not have a unit, have the DE call and volunteer a unit to do it.

At both of these events have a flyer prepared that lists the dates and times for Pack Summertime Activities. Stress that the boy does not have to join Cub Scouts to participate in the Summer program.

3. When the new charters come back from National, schedule a ceremony to present the new charter to the Chartering organization head.
4. Do a flag ceremony prior to the various town/county council meetings.
5. Do a flag ceremony for the local Chamber of Commerce meeting, VFW, Foreign Legion, etc.
6. Have a District/Council sponsor a one day summertime activity for all Packs and boys of Cub Scout age. This helps Pack in getting Summertime Pack award.
7. At least one service project a year is required for each unit to do at their sponsoring organization for JtE.
8. How about service projects for those schools and churches that do not have Scout units?
9. Also Troop 158 is on the Keep National Highways Clean program and cleans once a quarter, the stretch of Franklin Farm Rd between the Fairfax Cty Parkway and West Ox Rd. They never have a problem getting their six service projects a year completed.
10. Use a local religious leader to set up classes for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts to earn religious awards, especially those churches that do not have a unit! For Boy Scouts you have to get multiple religious leaders, since the boy has to earn it in his faith. I am not sure about Cub Scouts.
11. Get with Fairfax, Reston, and Herndon Parks and Recreation to volunteer to quarterly clean the bike/walking paths in our District. Scouts in uniform doing service is good PR. Also someone could stop and ask where the unit is from because their son wants to join Scouting!!!

12. When doing a service project, always bring the Pack or Troop flag. Again good PR.
13. Get more units involved in earning the Historic Trails Patch, especially in this area. Coordination is thru US Park Service. It involves a hike along a historic trail and involves a service project, such as pick up the trash as you hike.

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