



The Vermont Society of Sons of the American Revolution

Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Program

BSA PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

The Vermont Society of Sons of the American Revolution (VTSSAR) Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Program Committee, as it has heretofore been created by the President of the Society under the authority vested in him, is chaired by a VTSSAR member, in good standing, (preferably a present or former Adult Scout Leader and/or senior Scout by rank) appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the current President of the Society. There shall be a maximum of 14 other members of the Committee (preferably one from each of the following Counties: Addison, Bennington, Caledonia, Chittenden, Essex, Grand Isle, Orleans, Rutland, Washington, and Windham; and Windsor County plus the towns of Granville, Braintree, Brookfield, Randolph, Chelsea, Tunbridge, Vershire, Stratford, Fairlee, West Fairlee and Thetford; Franklin County plus the towns of Belvedere, Cambridge, Johnson and Waterville; Lamoille County less the towns in the Three Rivers District; and Orange County less the towns in the Calvin Coolidge District) appointed to the committee by the current President of the Society from VTSSAR Compatriots (preferably having similar Scouting backgrounds as the Chairman) recruited and nominated by the Committee Chairman. These committee members shall serve at the pleasure of that President to implement the BSA program in their resident County and such other Counties as may be from time to time assigned by and under the direction of the Committee's Chairman. The Chairman shall appoint, from the other committee members, a Vice Chairman for each of the four Districts (Ethan Allen, Calvin Coolidge, Three Rivers and Long Trail) within the BSA Green Mountain Council as delineated in Figure 1 of this Job Description subject to the approval of the VTSSAR President. The Chairman of the BSA Program Committee serves on the VTSSAR Awards and Medals Committee.

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Committee is responsible for managing, administering and implementing the VTSSAR BSA Program through out the state of Vermont. The BSA program shall consist of three (3) elements: an Eagle Scout Recognition Program, an Eagle Scout Scholarship Program, and a Scout Merit Badge Counselor Program. The Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Programs recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the Boy Scouts of America in training America's youth and promoting good citizenship. Each year, the Eagle Scout Programs provide an opportunity for the VTSSAR to 1) recognize outstanding Scouts across the State of Vermont who attain the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America, and 2) to invite each Eagle Scout, not having reached the age of 19 years, to compete for the recognition as the Outstanding Eagle Scout of the Vermont state society and for \$14,000 in scholarships from our national society. By completing the National Eagle Scout Scholarship Application, Eagle Scouts rediscover the greatness of America's founding in the composition of a 500-word patriotic theme. In the completion of a

four-generation ancestor chart, many Eagle Scouts also discover their lineage to patriots of the American Revolution – opening the door to their membership in the SAR. The Scout Merit Badge Counselor Program shall promote the teaching of American heritage, genealogy, and citizenship throughout the Vermont State Scouting program by developing from VTSSAR membership merit badge counselors who shall be available to the Green Mountain Council, its regional Districts and local Boy Scout Troops for counseling Scouts as they seek to qualify for those respective Merit Badges.

To effectively implement the BSA program, the Chairman builds and maintains relationships with the Executive Director of the BSA Vermont State Green Mountain Council #592 and its Board of Directors as well as enlisting the assistance of VTSSAR members located throughout the 14 counties of Vermont (see the VTSSAR Membership survey for each Compatriot's Scouting history). The Vice-Chairman builds and maintains relationships with the BSA District Staff in his respective area of responsibility.

The VTSSAR Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship program goals are as follows; to promote the SAR's connection and common goals with the BSA, to recognize each Scout reaching the Eagle Scout Rank at his respective Troop's Eagle Scout Court of Honor presentation (by the presence of a VTSSAR representative and his personal awarding thereat an Engraved Eagle Recognition certificate to the Eagle Scout being so honored), and to promote participation in the VTSSAR's State (and National) Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition (badge for entry and the presentation of a trophy and VTSSAR monetary award to the annual State winner).

Other duties and responsibilities of the VTSSAR BSA Program Committee, include, but are not limited to: (1) maintaining an adequate supply of BSA/NSSAR Good Citizenship brochures, Eagle Scout Certificates, Eagle Scout Scholarship participation badges, and one trophy on hand for awarding on a yearly basis, (2) obtaining the names of each Scout reaching the rank of Eagle, by direct coordination with each Troop's Adult Leadership within the state and/or the respective BSA District Advancement Coordinator, (3) preparing the certificates to be awarded, (4) assuring that a member of the said committee is present and personally presents the certificate to each Eagle Scout at his respective Troop's Eagle Scout Court of Honor presentation, (5) arranging for the taking of and/or obtaining photographs of each certificate and award presentation; (6) preparing and submitting articles (with at least one accompanying photo) on the committee's activities and the annual VTSSAR state Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition winner for publication in the VTSSAR newsletter, the posting on the Society's website and to the National SAR Magazine, (7) maintaining a list of all present and past Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition participants and winners, and (8) retiring the committee's records in accordance with the Society's Records Management and Preservation policy.

The Chairman of the BSA Program Committee shall report on the activities for which he and/or the committee has been assigned at each meeting of the Society or Board of Managers either in person, if present, or via the Chairman of the Awards and Medals Committee (1st Vice President). Reports to the Board of Managers shall be reduced to writing and presented to the Secretary at least 48 hours prior to each meeting for early distribution to each member of the Board and for attachment as an enclosure to the minutes of the said meeting.

This Job Description supersedes all previously approved and adopted Job Descriptions for the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Program and Committee. Significant changes reflected in this Job Description from its previous version are underlined herein.

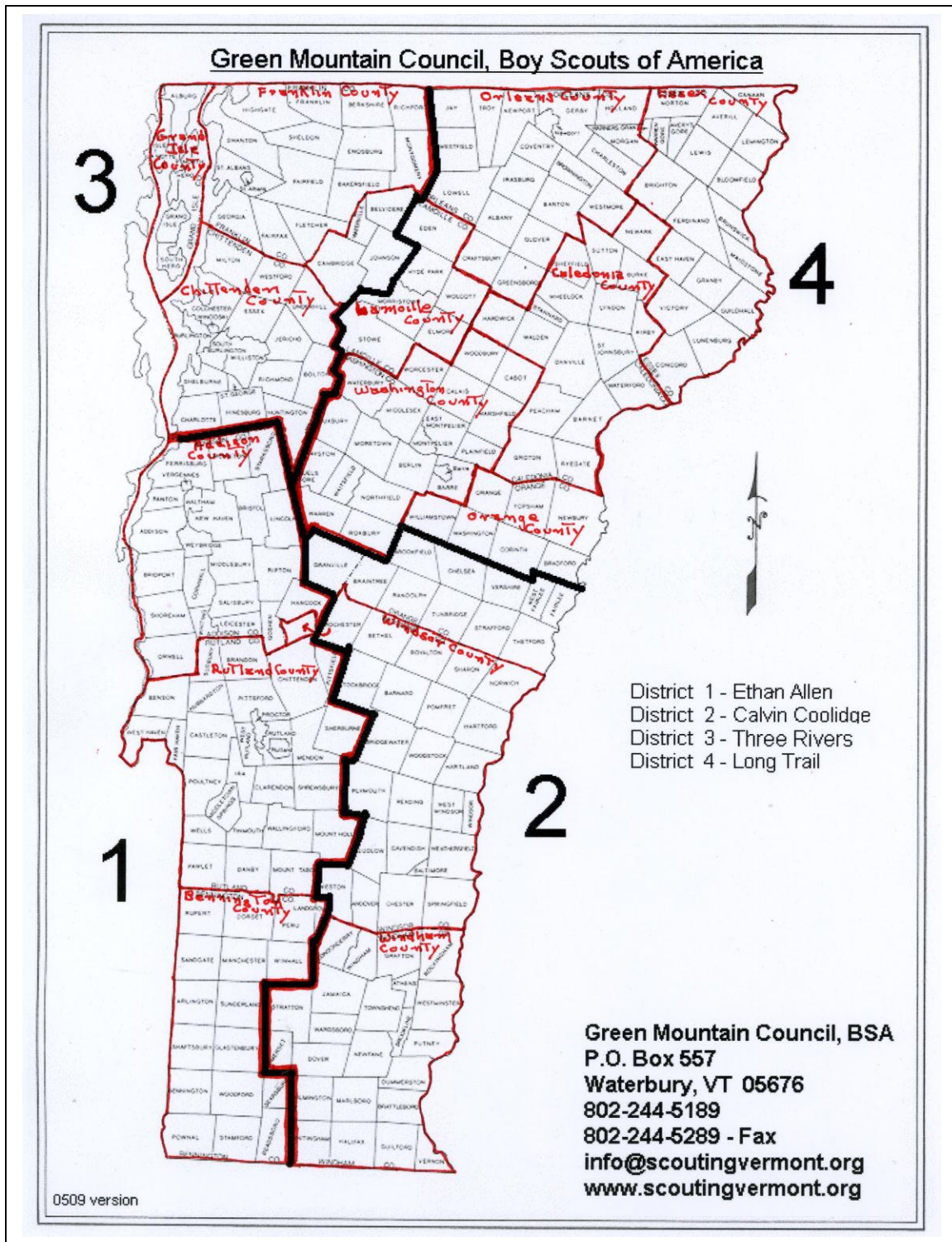


Figure 1 - Map of the Green Mountain Council BSA with District and County Boundaries

Approved and Adopted By the Board of Managers July 19, 2012.

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Secretary