

**FACT SHEET**

**SUBJECT:** Support Requests for Boy Scouts and Permissible Support for Boy Scouts

1. **PURPOSE.** To provide guidance with regard to proper and allowable Army support to those making and processing support requests from the Boy Scouts.

2. **FACTS.**

a. DoD has long had a policy against sponsorship of nonfederal organizations. Therefore, the Army cannot sponsor any nonfederal organization including the Boy Scouts.

b. Boy Scouts will not be given exclusive rights to use property or facilities on the installation. However, this does not bar the Boy Scouts access to Fort Knox. Like all private organizations (POs), the Boy Scouts may be granted a license for use or allowed to lease property IAW AR 210-22, para 5-3 and AR 405-80, para 4-20.

c. AR 210-22, paragraph 2-1 requires POs to obtain written permission from the commander before operating on Army Installations. Paragraph 2-1 specifies the information that the PO must provide and provides a sample bylaw format.

d. AR 210-22, paragraph 3-2 requires POs to obtain adequate liability insurance and fidelity bonding. Paragraph 3-3 requires POs with gross annual revenues over \$1000.00 to arrange for an audit every two years. Paragraph 3-4 requires POs to ensure that they comply with all appropriate tax laws.

e. The Boy Scouts may request support for activities and such support may be given IAW AR 360-1, para 3-1. However, the support must not be preferential and must not be construed as an endorsement of the Boy Scouts.

f. Support, including personnel, equipment, and transportation, that is reasonably available from public commercial entities will not be provided by the Army. AR 360-1, para. 3-2k. "Reasonably Available" means that the organization can address its particular need without Army support. DoDD 1100.20, para 4.4.1.2. Army resources and services covered by this provision include, but are not limited to, communications equipment, transportation, visual information support, ambulances, public address systems, food handling equipment, bleachers, tents, and construction equipment. AR 360-1, para 3-2k(1-9).

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g. Demonstrations, exhibits, and static displays may be made available IAW AR 360-1, para. 7-1. However, support may only be provided to the extent that the personnel and equipment are available at the requested time and the provision of the requested support does not interfere with official duties of the requested personnel. AR 360-1, para 3-1.

h. Upon request, the Army may provide speakers to address the Boy Scouts about the Army. The speakers must be designated by the appropriate commanders IAW AR 360-1, para 6-1 and 6-2.

i. Boy Scouts may request support from local ceremonial units or other local units. The local commander of the requested unit can approve the request and may provide support IAW AR 360-1, para 7-5.

j. The Army cannot engage in or support Boy Scout fundraising or membership drives. AR 360-1, para 3-2t.

k. Permissive temporary duty (PTDY) may be authorized for scouting activities if:  
(1) The organization associated with the scouting activity is a “federally chartered, national scouting organization”;

(2) The absence generally should not exceed 14 days. For absences exceeding 10 days and not greater than 30 days, GCM serves as the approval authority;

(3) The soldier is “an adult scout leader or supervisor on a continuing basis”; and

(4) The support must be for logical functions such as mess, sanitation, or medical assistance.

l. PTDY should not be authorized for counselor or instructor positions associated with scouting activities unless a local government official states in writing that such support is not available from the local community. AR 600-8, para 5-32k.

3. Questions and detailed inquiries relating to support for Boy Scouts may be addressed to the Military Law and Ethics Division at 4-7414.

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