

Scouting America

Theodore Roosevelt Council

To All Scoutmasters, Crew Advisors, Sea Scout Skippers, & Unit Committee Chairs:

Our Council, the Theodore Roosevelt Council, has a Special Needs Scouting Division. One of the functions of this division is to form and maintain the Special Needs Scouting Committee that reviews all applications for a Scout's registration/ classification of 'Scout with Special Needs'. This registration/ classification is coded into the computer by the registrar and the information does not appear on the unit's charter, nor reports including unit advancement.

The policy at our Council is that any requests for advancement extensions, for Scouts with Special Needs, beyond their registration age limit (18 for Scouts & 21 for Venturing and Sea Scouts) must be submitted at least 6 months before the Scout's 18th birthday!

Materials that are submitted on the Scout's behalf by the parent/guardian are a current Individual Education Plan (IEP), a current 504 plan (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973), current letters from a licensed physician for a physical disability, for developmental or cognitive issues, a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist.

These confidential materials, and updated copies of the materials are sent to and securely kept by our Assistant Scout Executive.

Upon approval of the advancement time extension, a letter from the Council will be sent to the parents/guardian and unit leader for their records.

The Special Needs Scouting Division has, as members, a licensed/certified social worker, a licensed/certified administrator of Special Education of the New York City Department of Education (retired) Cub and Scout Masters and parents of children with special needs among others.

For more information, please refer to the Guide to Advancement for the Scouting America or contact Susana Isaacson, A.C.S.W. Chair, SNS at oshoshana18@gmail.com or (516)263-9398.

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