

# Guidance for Unit Web Sites

After considerable discussion and review, the BSA national council has issued the "Guidance for Unit Web Sites" below. These guidelines address a few vital items pertaining to unit Web sites. Councils may wish to add their own items to this rather short list.

*Unit Webmasters should contact their local councils for policies and procedures pertaining to the use of the Internet for promoting and supporting Scouting units.*

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The Boy Scouts of America provides the following advice for individuals who use privately owned Web sites and e-mail accounts to communicate information about Scouting.

### Decorum

Scouters should exercise propriety and good taste online. Material that will be posted to a unit site or sent from a unit e-mail account should be reviewed by at least three adult members of the unit committee. Access (the ability to place material on the site or send messages from the account) should be controlled by an adult who is responsible to the committee.

### Youth Protection

**Names, images, and especially contact information pertaining to youth members should *never* be gathered or published over the Internet.**

### Copyright

Do not "borrow" (without permission) content for use in unit Web sites. Written permission should always be obtained,. Even when material is declared to be "free" or "public domain;" it might not be.