

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SCORE

UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

It's time to get an idea of **How You Scout**. One copy of the **How Do You Scout** survey should be done by each family. It is best to have as many members of the family present as possible so that you capture everyone's perspective. You may even find during this process that members of your own family have different feelings about how they would like to participate in Scouting.

The following questions ask you about your attitudes concerning some key areas of differences that occur in a Scouting unit.

To complete the survey:

1. Circle the letter for the response that best describes the current state of the unit.
2. Put an X on the letter for the response which best describes how your family would like to participate in Scouting if it were up to you.
3. In the box to the left of the ABCD, write the number of letters that your X is away from your O.
4. Circle YES if it would be hard for your family to align with any view other than the option selected. Otherwise, circle NO.

Example...

2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	When our Scouting unit gets outside to do activities, we like to rough it whenever possible by taking minimal supplies and getting deep into camp.
	B	When our Scouting unit gets outside to do activities, we like to do it in "wilder" settings, but we still bring a few convenient supplies.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	When our Scouting unit gets outside to do activities, we enjoy having some of the comforts of home and opportunities for "wilder" adventures.
	D	When our Scouting unit gets outside to do activities, we enjoy having many of the comforts of home and we favor convenience over adventure.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES	NO

**When our Scouting unit gets outside to do activities ...**

	A	we like to rough it whenever possible by taking minimal supplies and getting deep into camp.
	B	we like to do it in "wilder" settings, but we still bring a few convenient supplies.
	C	we enjoy having some of the comforts of home and opportunities for "wilder" adventures.
	D	we enjoy having many of the comforts of home and we favor convenience over adventure.
YES	NO	

**The full uniform should be worn ...**

	A	at all meetings and activities/events.
	B	at all meetings and events, but we do not expect Scouts to wear them when we are doing activities.
	C	only for special events, but all Scouts should be wearing something that shows that they are a member of the unit when they are at a Scouting meeting or activity.
	D	for special events, but it really doesn't matter if they wear the uniform at meetings and activities.
YES	NO	

**Fundraising is ...**

	A	an important part of teaching Scouts to pay their own way, so all Scouts in our unit should participate in fundraising.
	B	an important part of teaching Scouts to pay their own way, but families should also be given the option to pay out-of-pocket.
	C	something we prefer to avoid, but we would be open to small and simple fundraising opportunities.
	D	something we prefer to avoid, each family should just pay their own way without being asked to fundraise.
YES	NO	

**The cost of Scouting is ...**

	A	not a concern, but we must see higher value with a higher price tag.
	B	Something that plays a role, but we are willing to splurge on occasion for something special.
	C	not our first concern, but it does play an important role in our decision to participate.
	D	a primary concern and will determine our ability to participate in activities.
YES	NO	

**Parents ...**

	A	participate in all aspects of Scouting alongside our Scout(s).
	B	participate in most of the Scouting activities, but also value having time where our Scout(s) participate without a parent.
	C	volunteer to help out occasionally but prefer to drop them off most of the time.
	D	see the value of Scouting with their child, but also recognize the value of dropping them off and having the time to accomplish other tasks or take care of younger children.
YES	NO	

**When thinking about the frequency of activities...**

	A	our family looks for any and all Scouting opportunities to be involved in.
	B	weekly meetings and an outing per month is the activity level that works best for us.
	C	biweekly meetings and an outing per month works best with us.
	D	meetings or activities that occur a couple times a month work best for us.
YES	NO	

**During activities and meetings...**

	A	our expectation is that Scouting meetings and activities are orderly and controlled. Chaos is not part of what we do.
	B	order and calm are the norm but we also find times for high activity and energy.
	C	we are OK with high energy and activity, but there must be a clearly defined structure being followed.
	D	we are comfortable with and celebrate the fact that meetings and events can and will get a bit wild.
YES	NO	

**Practice/expression of faith ...**

	A	are woven directly into all functioning and operation of our unit.
	B	have a standard part in the meetings/activities.
	C	are welcome, but they are not a standard part of our meetings/activities.
	D	are something that we prefer to practice outside of Scouting.
YES	NO	

**SCORING**

For every 0 or 1, score 0

For every 2, score 1

For every 3, score 4

To create your score, add up only those scores from questions to which you answered YES.

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE WRITE THE TOTAL SCORE IN THE BOX ON PAGE 1 AND DISCUSS WITH YOUR UNIT AT THE NEXT MEETING.

## **WHAT DOES YOUR SCORE MEAN?**

### **If your total score is a 0...**

Wow! Congratulations! Your Scouting unit seems to have been built for your family. If you're one of these lucky Scouting families, let us know how you discovered the "secret ingredient" to your unit's harmony.

### **If your total score is a 1 to 3...**

There are a few areas where you may prefer to do things a bit differently, but these differences are very slight and should be easily overcome. Just remember—communication is key! Consider chatting with other parents and your unit leader about their preferences to see if you can agree on some small changes that may make everyone's Scouting experience EVEN BETTER!

### **If your total score is a 4 to 8...**

While you generally agree with the way things are done in your unit, there are some things your family would really like to do differently. It's completely normal to have disagreements from time to time, and your perspective offers value on how the unit can best serve families. Consider voicing your thoughts in a constructive manner. You may find that others may feel the same way or that accommodations can be made so you can enjoy the program even more!

### **If your total score is a 9 to 12...**

Your family's Scouting style differs significantly from how your unit is run. Belonging to a unit that compliments your family's preferences allows you to get the most value out of Scouting. This is a good time to reflect on your answers from the survey and discuss all of your options with your unit leader and fellow parents. Whether you decide to stay with your current unit, join a different unit in your area, or start a new one, opening up the conversation is the first step to living your best Scouting life.

### **If your total score is a 13 and over ...**

The Scouting experience you're looking for is worlds away from how your current unit operates. These differences, and how strongly you feel about them, could be a sign that your unit may not be the right fit for your family. Don't be discouraged. Keep an open mind toward other units (there are tons of great ones to choose from!) and look for other families that like to Scout the way you do. The ideal unit might be around the corner or it could be one you create yourself. Your unit leaders and local Scouting council are there to help. Together, you'll be able to find the right fit for your family.