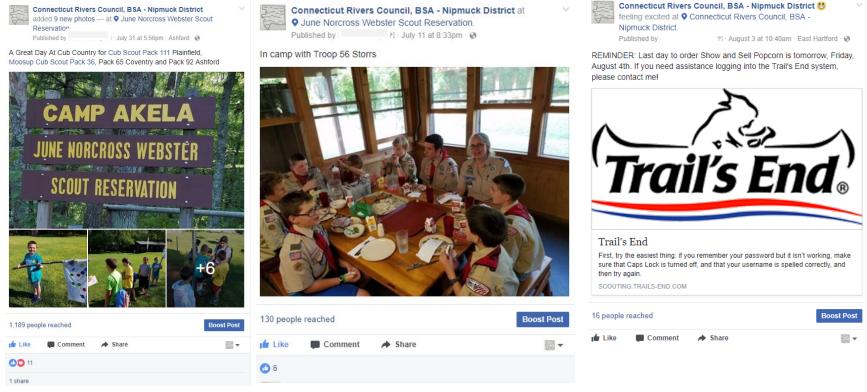
Using Facebook Effectively for your Unit



Here we have three posts from the Nipmuck District Facebook Page. One was seen by almost 1200 people, one by 130, and one by 16. The first is property tagged, and was shared in a town's Facebook group. The second is a nice picture. The third is important, but belongs not on a public Facebook page, but a Facebook group. Getting people to see what your posting is the key to getting your message out to your community, and to being successful in growing your pack, troop, crew or post!

Your Unit should have BOTH a <u>Facebook Page</u>, and a <u>Facebook Group</u>. Your Page is your public storefront, your group is for internal communication. Your Page is for public relations, recruiting, and promoting your unit in the community. It's for connecting with alumni and potential members. Your group is for communicating with the parents you have now. Units ordering show and sell popcorn isn't for the general public. Telling them where our Scouts will be selling Show and Sell popcorn is.

Does your page identify the town your unit serves? Moosup Cub Scout Pack 36 is better as a page name than Pack 36.

What are three great stories you can share on your page this month? Great pictures? Video? Your scouts are doing amazing things, and people need to know about it.

You will need to do a little bit of work to get your content seen. You need to like and share it. You need the people in your unit to do the same.

What are the major Facebook Groups in your town? (ie <u>Plainfield Residents</u>, <u>You Know You're From Putnam</u>..., the local PTO group, etc.)

Have you joined them? Are you sharing local scouting content in there regularly?

Are you tagging people, pages and places in your photos, videos, and articles? (Not scouts, but leaders)

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