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Activity Support

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What

Parents Got Talent! – Get them involved!

Why:

- Studies have demonstrated a key element to the health and continued growth of a group benefits from parental involvement.

What do I Need

- A copy of VRAD – (Volunteer recruitment and Development) this document ([see Link](#)) will be valuable as a resource to answer many questions a parent or volunteer may have about becoming involved in Scouting.
- The screening section of B.P.and P ([chart see link](#)) this important tool will clearly demonstrate how a parent may be come involved in varying levels of commitment and responsibility. This could go a long way into encouraging the parent assume a more responsible role and gradually grow in the role.
- Recruitment literature- These items are useful at striking up those key conversations to involve parents. Information has shown that most people will volunteer you just need to ask.

Who Do I Need

- Council Field Executive, Community Development Worker, section leader and or group committee member. Youth can help also.

Preparation

- Have your programs planned well in advance so as to make parents aware of volunteer opportunities. Send out an Itinerary with the youth highlighting opportunities for parents to contribute.

How do I do it

- Be open and approachable to the parents of your youth and encourage positive participation and demonstrate the fun they can have with well planned and prepared program plans and participation. Utilize a parent survey of skills and resources that can be shared with the group.(i.e. Volunteer firefighters giving tours of the station, Farming families can have sections out for a visit) Use a parent rotation ([see online doc](#))

Follow-up:

- Screening and registration. Invite them to become more involved and thank them for what they have done.