



Chester County Council
Boy Scouts of America

Unit Publicity Guidelines-2007

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Public Relation overview

What is Public Relations?

Webster's Dictionary defines public relations (PR) as "those functions of a corporation, organization, etc. concerned with attempting to create favorable public opinion for itself." Generally, those functions include communicating within and outside of the organization - examples might include publishing a newsletter, talking with a reporter, or speaking at a public event. While the goal is to develop a positive public image for a company or group, Public Relations professionals know that it's always easier to create a bad public image than a good one. In an era when newspaper and television reporters seem to focus mostly on bad or negative news, it's important to remember that effective Public Relations means planning and managing your Public Relations activities to build a positive image for your Unit.

Why Public Relations?

Public Relations is often an excellent way to help sell the Scouting program to boys and parents in your community. Positive publicity can have a direct impact on your unit's membership, recruiting and fund-raising efforts. In addition, it can often provide a boost to your advancement program by publicly recognizing the hard work, fun and accomplishments of boys in your unit.

The intent of these guidelines is to help each unit create and sustain their own active and successful public relations program. Your questions, improvement suggestions to these guidelines and update revisions to the attachments are most welcome. Send your written suggestions to the Chester County Council, Attention: VP-Marketing.

Think PUBLICITY all of the time!

District and Unit Impact on Positive Publicity

Each district and unit in the council must help focus on promoting positive public relations every day in your local communities. And we must tell Scouting's story as often as possible.

Thousands of Scouting articles and photos carry a strong, positive message each month about the presence and vitality of the Boy Scouts of America and its impact in local communities.

We need your help in getting the word out. What can you do to help? The answer is simple. You can provide local media with information that communicates the fun and values of Scouting.

A newspaper is a business, and like most businesses, it is operated to produce a profit. At the same time, the newspaper's editors also recognize their responsibility to serve the people of the community and are always looking for items with local relevance. The people in your community want to know about Scouting. They want to read the articles about their neighbor earning his Eagle Scout Award and the Cub Scout pack collecting thousands of cans of food for the hungry. They also want to see the photo of a troop setting up a neighborhood watch program as part of achieving the Crime Prevention merit badge. Therefore, your community newspaper is interested in reporting scouting news about your pack, troop, team, or crew. Odds are that if you have a good story, it will be reported.

We have pulled together some practical, low-tech resources to help you tell the positive story of Scouting in your council. There might never be a more important time than now to let the public know that scouting still believes in America's young people, and those children are worth the investment of both time and dollars. While today's children make up only 20 percent of the population, they are 100 percent of our future!

Get Started

How Do We Get Started?

The following are some ideas that have been found to lead to successful unit public relations:

A. Recruit a unit PR/publicity Chairperson volunteer. It's great if you can recruit a professional PR practitioner from your unit. Ideally this person will also agree to take pictures, when appropriate. The chairperson needs to be able to obtain volunteer assistance (create a PR Committee) if needed.

B. Develop a plan. The unit leader, unit or activities committee and the PR/publicity Chairperson should develop a Public Relations plan listing what activities you'd like to publicize, as well as when and how they'll be publicized. Attempt to include only newsworthy activities in the plan. There's no guarantee that what you submit to a newspaper will be published. So, you want to limit your submissions to items that the paper's readership will be interested in. Also, submissions more often than approximately every 1-2 months may "wear out your welcome."

C. Determine which media outlets are appropriate for your community and the item you're trying to publicize. Newspapers, particularly local papers, are generally receptive to community activities, including Scouting. Some radio stations and local cable TV stations also report on certain community events; however, their reach is usually more limited than local newspapers. Also, consider publicizing your activities to your sponsoring organization. Your sponsoring organization may also have a newsletter that you can utilize. Don't forget to send releases to non-traditional media outlets such as church, educational, community and corporate newsletters.

D. Call the papers or stations to verify/determine who you should be dealing with, e.g. editor, community bulletin board editor, etc. Introduce yourself and explain what you're trying to do. A good rapport with the media can increase the chances your material will get used.

E. Determine or verify the paper's deadline day and time for submitting articles. Also, find out how the paper prefers to receive your submission. If you will be submitting text only, the paper may welcome faxes. Personal deliveries are usually the best way to be sure that your material gets to the right person on time.

F. Establish a process within your unit for submitting and reviewing articles. The unit leader or unit committee may want to review articles prior to their submission.

Print Media

How Do You Prepare an Article or News Release?

Before you prepare your first draft, review the proper format for articles:

- Type your 'write-up'.
- Double space
- Use 8 1/2' x 11 " white paper
- Use photos when possible (see below for photo specs)
- Label your write-up as a 'NEWS RELEASE'
- If appropriate, name the specific section of the paper you would like the release to be include in.
- Be sure to include contact persons' name and phone number at the end of your write-up, to answer any questions the paper may have.
- Type "###" at the end of your release

When writing your first draft:

- Begin your write-up with the most newsworthy items.
 - Follow with less important information.
 - Answer the 5 W's and 1 H -- Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How
 - Use short sentences.
 - Stick with the facts, avoid opinions.
- When individual names are used, spell correctly.

Once you've completed your first draft:

- Review it again.
- Eliminate any unnecessary words. Read it out loud. Is it clear?
- Have a friend read it. Does it make sense? Is it interesting?
- Revise/rewrite to obtain maximum clarity with brevity.

Should We Take A Picture?

The old saying, "A picture is worth a thousand words" is especially true when working with the media. Given a choice between two similar stories, newspapers will often choose the one with an accompanying photograph.

In some cases, a newspaper may offer to send a photographer to your activity. It's suggested that you plan on taking your own pictures just in case the photographer doesn't show up. Most publication prefer digital images. The image format should be high resolution, 300dpi, jpeg formatted.

In your photos:

- Limit the number of subjects so you can be close enough to see faces clearly.
- Limit the background clutter; try for high contrast like a plain wall or trees.
- Avoid glass or mirrors in your background; the reflection can ruin a photo.
- When possible, take close-up action shots with smiling faces (to show Scouting is FUN),

What About A Caption?

Often, a well-taken photo with a good caption will get a reader's attention and get your message across.

In the caption -

- Include a picture title and a sufficient description of what's happening.
- Include names of subject(s) in the photo.
- Typed your caption on your release and mark it photo caption include the photo title in.

If supplying a print of your image type the caption and attach to the back of the photo. DO NOT write directly on the back of the photo (this can ruin it). Also, don't staple or paper clip it to your article, as that can also damage the photo.

- Include your name and contact phone number with the caption.

Additional Tips For Submitting Releases:

- If pictures and/or a write-up are planned for after the activity, submit it as quickly as possible. Old news is less interesting and is less likely to get published.
- Submit a news release about an upcoming event one to two weeks in advance of the activity.
- When there's not enough time to write a news release, the media alert comes in handy. It takes only a short time to write and can be faxed to your media source. It can also serve as an announcement of an important upcoming event; planning ahead allows the paper to reserve a prominent space for your article. In this case, you may want to send a media alert two to three weeks prior to the event and follow up with the news release one to two weeks prior to the event. Sample formats for the news release and media alert are included in this guide.
- Find the "hook" or "angle." Each news medium identifies reporters that cover an area; for example, one reporter may be assigned to sports and another for or finance, family, religion, entertainment, etc. This will allow you to contact different reporters with fresh ideas and pitches. Send only one release per story to each publication. If for some reason you do furnish duplicate releases, let the recipients know, for example, note, "Also sent to Sports Editor."

· Send copies of releases and clippings the council's VP--Marketing.

- Thank the reporter. Send a personal note after the story runs. Don't say "thank you" as if the reporter did you a favor-acknowledge the reporter for "doing a good job in covering the topic."

Why Not Send Our Story to the "Big Papers"?

Most weekly community newspapers are devoted to reporting on community events, making them ideal for Scouting-related announcements and articles. Daily papers, on the other hand, usually focus their attention on national and international news, as well as major stories in the region or area. Community events and local stories are not the primary focus of daily newspapers. In addition, daily papers serve a larger area than local papers - and therefore couldn't possibly report on every unit's activities or events. As a result, daily newspapers will rarely publish a story generated by a single Scout unit.

On occasion, however, significant or unusual Scouting stories may warrant submission to a daily paper. The Council office usually generates many of these stories. For example, daily newspapers have published stories about Scouts who have saved lives, and about Council-wide events or activities. As a result, the Council maintains relationships with daily newspapers in the area and can often assist you in cases when you believe an article should be submitted to a daily paper. For example, Council public relations may know of similar stories that could be combined into a single article, or may be able to tie your story into a larger Scouting story more likely to be published.

If you're interested in submitted a story to a daily newspaper, first consider the following:

- Is your article or story appropriate for a daily paper? For the most part, daily newspapers don't publish prepared articles. They pay a staff of professional reporters to develop and write articles - your story needs to be significant or unusual enough for the paper to want to assign to a reporter.
- Professional reporters are paid to find "angles" that you might not want included in your story. For example, you could suddenly find that a write-up about your unit's door-to-door fundraising campaign is included in a larger, negative story about fraudulent door-to-door solicitors. Remember that you have little or no control over how a reporter might use your story.
- What benefits would publication in a daily paper provide that publication in a local weekly paper wouldn't provide?

If you believe your story should be submitted to a daily newspaper, contact Chester County Council VP-Marketing to discuss your idea.

What About Cable Television?

Most cable TV systems offer Bulletin Boards, which provide short community service statements aired for non-profit organizations. Cable Bulletin Boards are best utilized for simple announcements of broad community interest, such as fund-raising activities. A cable Bulletin Board is a good place to announce a car wash or pancake breakfast, but is not the most effective way to announce your open house for new members.

Before submitting to a Bulletin Board, consider the following:

- Is your message appropriate for a Cable TV Bulletin Board? Can you communicate what you need to in the limited space available?
- Will your message be seen by the audience you're trying to reach? Not every home has access to, or subscribes to cable television.
- Does the cable company broadcast in the right areas or communities? Some companies only reach parts of a county or area, some cities and towns have several cable systems serving their residents.

To use a Bulletin Board, keep in mind:

- Type your announcement
- Double space it
- Usually Seven line maximum and six words (approximately 32 characters) per line
- Include contact person name and phone number after message
- Include the beginning and end date for the message. Usually there is a one-month maximum duration. If possible, give a two-week lead-time to start airing.

Tips for Effective Public Relations

1. Make sure you really have news. As simple as it sounds, too often people submit articles that just aren't interesting or newsworthy enough for the media to use. Learn to look at your article objectively by putting yourself in reporter or editor's shoes. Given a choice between an article about a Scout group that attends a high-adventure camp, or one about a similar group that spends a weekend at a local campground, which will readers find more interesting? That's not to say that you shouldn't try to publicize your group's activities; but you should limit your submissions to "cream of the crop" activities and events.
2. Consider combining events and activities into a single article. Although a community service project carried out by your unit may not be significant enough on its own, it could be included in an article about your unit's plans for the next few months, or in a more general article about your unit's overall contributions to the community.
3. Be careful not to wear out your welcome with the media. This is particularly important when dealing with "major" media (i.e. daily newspapers, radio stations, etc.). Dozens of Scout units simultaneously submitting articles to a newspaper can quickly diminish an editor's willingness to publish any Scouting-related articles.
4. Treat every submission differently. A common public relations mistake is to assume that because a newspaper prints your article on the front page, all your articles will receive similar treatment. Publication decisions are made each week or each day based on the newsworthiness, quantity, and content of all submissions received. A busy news day or a major story can quickly push your submission to the bottom of the list.
5. Don't forget to regularly thank the publisher/editor or other appropriate individuals responsible for printing or airing your material. Your unit may want to annually present them with a thank you certificate

or plaque. And if appropriate, invite them to be your guest at a fund raising activity like a pancake breakfast, spaghetti dinner or car wash.

Handling (and Avoiding) Negative Publicity

Although negative news stories about Scouts or Scouting are very rare, it's important to be prepared in case a situation arises that could result in negative publicity. While there's sometimes no way to prevent bad news from reaching the public, early and effective planning can help minimize the effects of negative publicity.

If a situation arises within your unit or with one of its members that you even think could result in negative publicity, it's critical to contact the Chester County Council immediately (you can contact the Scout Executive or the District Executive with any of these concerns). Some situations that could result in bad publicity include:

- A serious accident or life-threatening situation occurs during a Scouting event or activity
- A Scouting activity or event results in a number of complaints, either from parents, the sponsoring organization, or the general public
- A member of your unit or sponsoring organization is charged with or suspected of criminal activity - particularly if the alleged crime occurred during or in connection with a Scouting activity or event
- A reporter contacts you to discuss any Scouting activities, events, programs, or guidelines. Unless a reporter calls for clarification in direct response to an article you've submitted, calls from the media should be referred to the Patriots' Path Council.

Other Ways to Promote Scouting

- Letter to the editor. A simple, straightforward statement, written to the editor of your local newspaper.
- Op-ed page: "Opposite the editorial page." Some newspapers use this page to print reader opinions and articles by columnists.
- Target vertical media, publications that target special interests, such as magazines for parents and kids, outdoors publications, and other youth development magazines in your area.
- Send releases to local business newsletters and community bulletin boards.
- Speak formally at churches and other community and civic organizations, as well as informally with parents, friends, and coworkers on behalf of your council.
- Decorate a float for Scouts to ride on in your local parade.
- Hang banners during Scouting, Anniversary Week or to promote School Night for Scouting.
- Pass out fliers promoting School Night for Scouting.
- Set up booths at trade shows or fairs. Provide information that visitors can take home with them.
- Hang posters and fliers in places where boys and young adults will see them. The school may have a bulletin board for these items.
- With more than 100 merit badges, there should be something that will interest almost anyone. Market the possibilities a youngster can be involved in through merit badges. Create a story about the Cooking merit badge for the food section. Include a recipe of an item that can be prepared for a group of hungry young men. Write an article about the Personal Management merit badge for the finance section in local publications, or the Music merit badge for the local theater's playbill. How can you create interest and generate positive publicity through the other merit badges?
- Promote your community service projects.
- Word of mouth can be the best marketing tool. It is a free and effective method to spread positive messages. So, always remember to share the positive things your unit is doing!

SAMPLE NEWS RELEASES YOU CAN USE

NEWS RELEASE 1

Media Contact: [Contact Name], [Phone]

Cub Scout Pack [number] Wants You!

Pack [number], operated by [name of chartered organization], invites you and your son to become a part of one of America's leading values-driven organizations. Cub Scouting is a valuable resource that can help families accomplish worthy goals while building and strengthening relationships within the family.

Cub Scouting combines fun with educational activities and lifelong values. It also helps parents to help their boys strengthen character, develop good citizenship, and enhance both mental and physical fitness. In addition, the program provides boys with positive peer groups and tools to shape their future.

In Cub Scouting, boys learn ideals like honesty, bravery, and respect. These values help boys make constructive decisions throughout their lifetimes and give them the confidence they need to grow and develop. According to a recent study conducted by Louis Harris & Associates, "Character may be defined as the 'willingness to do what is right, regardless of circumstances.' Cub Scouting teaches boys what is right, in part by encouraging them to reflect on lessons learned through Cub Scouting activities."

Pack [number] will be hosting a round-up, where boys and their parents can find out more about Cub Scouting. We encourage every boy to bring a buddy. [Details of event]. Join us for more information.

Cub Scouting: Fun at every turn!

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NEWS RELEASE 2

Media Contact: [Contact Name], [Phone]

Is Your Child Learning Your Values?

Do you want your son to grow up to be self-reliant, dependable, and caring? Is it important to you that he learns traditional values such as honesty, trustworthiness, and respect for others and the environment?

If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, then you should check out what Cub Scouting has to offer boys in first through fifth grades. Pack [number], operated by [name of chartered organization], invites you and your son to become a part of one of America's leading values-driven organizations. Cub Scouting is a valuable resource that can help families accomplish worthy goals while building and strengthening relationships within the family.

Pack [number] will be hosting round-up, where boys and their parents can find out more about Cub Scouting. We encourage every boy to bring a buddy. [Details of event]. Join us for more information.

Cub Scouting: Fun at every turn!

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NEWS RELEASE 3

Media Contact: [Contact Name], [Phone]

SCOUTS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY! _____ YEARS YOUNG

[Anniversary Date]

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country,
and to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times,
to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

-The Boy Scout Oath

([City], [State], [Date])-The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) celebrates its [#]th Anniversary this week, and [City] will be abuzz with Scouting activities commemorating the founding of the movement. One of the nation's largest youth development organizations, the BSA was founded on Feb. 8, 1910.

"We're working hard to make sure the youth of tomorrow are prepared for what awaits them," proclaimed Scoutmaster [First Name, Last Name]. [Unit] will celebrate by [Fill in Activity Details Here]

"Within the span of just years," [Last Name] added, "the name 'Boy Scouts' has become a paradigm for a good turn and the ideal of community service."

The idea for the Boy Scouts of America began in 1909, when William D. Boyce, an American

businessman, was lost in a London fog. A young boy found Boyce and led him to his destination. Boyce offered to tip the young man for service; the boy refused, saying he was a Scout and could not accept payment for a Good Turn.

The businessman later asked the boy to introduce him to Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, in England and publisher of the handbook Scouting for Boys. The groundwork to bring Scouting to America had been laid.

Boyce established the Boy Scouts of America on Feb. 8, 1910, with the help of Baden-Powell, wildlife author and illustrator Ernest Thompson Seton, naturalist Daniel Carter Beard, and attorney James E. West.

Since the 1910 inception, the Boy Scouts of America has become one of the nation's premier youth development organizations, with more than 100 million people participating on adult and youth levels.

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NEWS RELEASE 4

Media Contact: [Contact Name], [Phone]

CUB SCOUTS PARTICIPATE IN END-OF-THE-SUMMER CAMPING ACTIVITIES

([City], [State], [Date])-More than 100 Cub Scouts from [the metropolitan area] gathered this weekend for two days of fun-filled camping at [Location] for the traditional end-of-the-summer campout.

Cub Scouts, leaders, and parents pitched their tents and braved plummeting temperatures to participate in the last camping rite of summer. Activities started with a cookout dinner Friday night and ended with parents and leaders cooking breakfast on Sunday morning before everyone broke camp.

These extended campouts give Cub Scouts the opportunity to demonstrate to their parents skills ranging from knot-tying to first aid, and from tepee building to outdoor cooking "The Cub Scouts get such a thrill out of being able to show their parents all the knowledge they learn at the weekly meeting," said Cubmaster, [First Name, Last Name]. "It's not like they can run home after a den meeting and say, 'Hey Mom, let me show you how to light a campfire."

Activities during the campout included an outdoor obstacle course race, timed knot-tying competitions, and a mother/son fishing derby. Awards for the top three Cub Scouts and their mothers were presented at the

Sunday breakfast. "The campout 's also a great way for Cub Scouts from different elementary schools to get to know one another," said [Last Name].

"Sitting around the campfire and roasting marshmallows with the other guys and my family was great," said Cub Scout [First Name, Last Name], "but the best part was winning the fishing derby with my mom ... she's the best."

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SAMPLE MEDIA ALERT FORMAT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MEDIA ALERT

WHO: _____

WHAT: _____

WHERE: _____

WHEN: _____

Background: _____

For more information, contact _____ at _____
(Contact Name) (phone)

SAMPLE MEDIA CONTACT SHEET

Name of Newspaper/Magazine: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Delivery Address: _____

Contacts:

Editor: _____

Reporter/Columnist: _____

Reporter/Columnist: _____

Reporter/Columnist: _____

Telephone Numbers:

News Desk: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Other: _____

Publication day: _____ Deadlines: _____

Notes: _____

LOCAL MEDIA OUTLETS

Al Dia	weekly	Krista Poplau	editor@aldiainc.com	215-569-4666 x121	215-569-3271	1500 JFK Blvd.	Suite 525	Philadelphia	PA	19102	Friday, for following week end publication	Email Releases. Attached files and copied and pasted text. Photos in jpeg format. Serving the Philadelphia and Delaware Valley region. Circulation 50,000. Free newspaper in Spanish only.
Avon Grove Sun		Maurice Boyer (editor), Karen Bisby (reporter)	agsun@kennett.net	610-869-8300	610-869-4746	50 Railroad Ave.	Suite 4	West Grove	PA	19390	Monday, in order to run in Thursdays paper.	Email Releases. Formats: Attach text files as Word documents and photo attachments in .jpeg formatting.
Cecil Whig		T. Peddicord (editor)	tpeddicord@chespub.com	1-800-220-3311 or 410-398-3311	410-398-4044	P.O. Box 429		Elkton	MD	21922		
Chester County Press	weekly on Weds.	Carla Lucas (editor)	carlalucas@comcast.net or editor@chestercounty.com	610.932.2444	610.932.246	309 Limestone Road	PO Box 520	Oxford	PA	19363	2 weeks	E-mail releases. Formats: Word attachments and .jpg for pictures. After-the-fact submissions accepted. No older than 2 weeks. Press release must highlight local southern Chester County news. Unidad Latina: Spanish bi-monthly 16-28 pgs. Paper that is free and distributed to Chester, Delaware and Lancaster Counties in convenience stores, supermarkets, hotels, restaurants, laundromats, etc. This paper has the same stipulations that the CC Press has. Unidat will accept stories in English.
Chester County Kids	monthly	Jeffrey S. Hoagland	sections@dailylocal.com	610.430.1121	610.430.1194	250 N Bradford Ave		West Chester	PA	19382		Free monthly magazine, containing information pertaining to kids in Chester County. Distributed to locations on the first Monday of each month, except July. Under the direction of the Daily Local.

Connections	monthly	Jan Cohen (contributing editor)	Bobd@Housemagazine.com	610.630.9332			P.O. Box 236	2820 Audubon Village Dr. #324 Audubon, PA 19403	Fairview Village	PA	19409		No specific formatting guidelines. Magazine, published 10 times per year, serving the greater Philadelphia region. Offers information regarding home designs and furnishing.
Community Courier	weekly	Francine Fulton -works from her home	news@engleonline.com	800.800.1833 x 5592 or 6018	717.394.9829		PO Box 500		Mt. Joy	PA	17552	min. 2 weeks	E-mail releases. Published in Lanc. County. -They print 3 papers every week. They are published every Wed. One covers Phoenixville/Downingtown/Exton/Coatesville. 2nd covers Morgantown & Honeybrook. 3rd covers Gap & Oxford. This is for all CC editions. Mark CHESTER COUNTY clearly on e-mail & faxes.
Daily Local	daily	Andrew Hachadorian (editor)	nonprofits@dailylocal.com	610.696.1775	610.430.1194 - attn: Jane Lawrence		Close to Home	250 N Bradford Ave	West Chester	PA	19382	about 1 week	Better to fax info to Jane Lawrence. press release in body of e-mail; not as an attach. Pictures as attach. must be in .jpeg format.
Downingtown Ledger	weekly	Bryan Robinson	downingtown@kennett.net	610.518.1363	610.518.1358		36 W Lancaster Ave		Downingtown	PA	19335	about 1 week	E-mail releases. More interested in stories from local troops in Downingtown/Coatesville. Not particularly interested in general Council news. Prefer troop specific community service activities stories. Identify kids in any pictures sent. 300 dpi resolution required for photos. Have press release in the body text of the e-mail.
El Hispano	weekly	Aaron Lopez	alopez5268@aol.com	610-789-5512	610-789-5524		8605 W Chester Pike		Upper Darby	PA	19082	2 weeks prior to the event	Email Releases. No attachments. Text in the body of the email. State the topic in the subject line of the email. Only photo attachments in jpeg format. Free and subscription newspaper serving counties around

													the Chester County area.
Kids	monthly	Bob Ludwig (editor) Sharman Lucwick, Ad Mgr.	page1pub@aol.com	610-873- 8840	610-873- 2788	Page 1 Publishers, Inc.	341 E. Lanca ster Ave.	Downin gtown	PA	19335			
Main Line Life	weekly	Warren Patton		610.896.9555	610.896.9 560	311 East Lancaster Avenue		Wynne wood	PA	19096	1 week		E-mail releases. Release should tie into Tredyffin, Easttown, Malvern or Frazer. The paper is published on Weds. Release must reach them 1 wk before. They will run "after the fact" stories if no older than 2 wks. Scouts/people in pixs must be identified otherwise won't run. Pixs must be in .jpg format. Put release in body text OR as a Word attachment. Include Council contact information.
Main Line Times	weekly	Richard Ilgenfritz	news@mainlinetimes.com	610.642.4300 ext.264	610.649.9 318	311 E Lancaster Ave		Ardmor e	PA	19003	1 week		E-mail Releases. Formats: Word attachments and either .pdf or .jpg for pictures.
Main Line Today	monthly	Hobart Rowland (editor)	hrowland@mainlinetoday.com	610.325.4630 or 888.217.6300		4699 West Chester Pike		Newtow n Square	PA	19073			Monthly magazine available through subscription and purchase through newsstands.

MetroKids	monthly	Nancy Lisagor, PhD	editor@metrokids.com	215-291-5560, ext. 102	215-291-5563	4623 S. Broad St.		Philadelphia	PA	19112		E-mail Releases: A monthly magazine, distributed to public libraries, museums, schools, childcare centers, community centers, retail stores, malls, hospitals, doctor's offices, bookstores, tourist centers, and many other locations.
Oxford Tribune			tribune@kennett.net	610-932-8530	610-932-2808	10 S. Third St.	Suite 2	Oxford	PA	19363		
Philadelphia Daily News	daily	Editor			215.854.5852	PO Box 7788		Philadelphia	PA	19101		
Philadelphia Inquirer/Neighbors	weekly	Lou Rabito	rabitol@phillynews.com (editor) PAlists@phillynews.com (events)	610-313-8216		800 River Rd.	Route 23	Conshohocken	PA	19428	2 weeks	Don't send pictures.
Philadelphia Inquirer/W.C	daily	Wendy Walker		610.701.7600	610.701.7630	120 N. High Street		West Chester	PA	19380	3 weeks	Tony is the Chester County Bureau Chief. Don't send pictures.
Suburban Publications, Inc.	weekly	Al Thomas or Ryan Richards	-	610.688.3000	610.964.1346	134 N. Wayne Avenue	PO Box 409	Wayne	PA	19087	about 2 weeks	This is 2 newspapers: Wayne Times and Wayne Suburban. They are only interested in specific Scout information about Paoli, Berwyn or Devon Troops/Scouts. They are not very interested in Cub news. ALSO: Scouts names must be included in any pics we send, otherwise they won't publish the pix.
The Kennett Paper	weekly	Liza Benham	copyeditor@mail.kennettpa.com	610.444.6590	610.444.4931	112 East State Street		Kennett Square	PA	19348	1-2 weeks	LIZA IS THE EVENT LIST PERSON. All material needs to be sent before the event. Only time an event is covered after the fact is when it has been covered by a reporter. This paper publishes on THURSDAY.

The Kennett Paper	weekly	Chris Barber	editor@mail.kennettpaper.com	610.444.6590	610.444.4931	112 East State Street		Kennett Square	PA	19348	1-2 weeks	CHRIS IS THE PRESS RELEASE PERSON. Releases in either Word attachments or e-mail body txt. Pics should be in .jpg format with people identified. Chris will forward info to Liza for the events calendar. Only occasionally will run "after the fact" press releases.
The Mercury	daily	Nancy March	nmarch@pottsmmerc.com	610.323.3000	610.323.0682	24 N Hanover		Pottstown	PA	19464	asap	Leadtime - please send as soon as possible.
The Pheonix	daily	Patricia Matson	editor@phoenixvilleneews.com	610.933.8926	610.933.1187	225 Bridge Street		Phoenixville	PA	19460	1 week	
The Trend	weekly	Hayden Mitman	-	610.783.1185	610.783.1570	780 5th Avenue	Suite 100	King of Prussia	PA	19406		
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Town Talk	weekly	Chris Parker	cparker@towntalknews.com	610.566.6755 ext. 102	610.566.1261	PO Box 110		Media	PA	19063	1 week	E-mail releases. Press Releases must be reached by noon on Friday, in order to be published in Wednesday's publication.
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Trend Leader, ssilver@phillynews.com

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[WCOJ 1420 AM](#) West Chester, WCOJ Radio Company, Studio on-air talk line, local entertainment, public affairs, news and local sports programming. Contact: 610-701-9300 wcoj@wcoj.com

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