



To All Cub Masters, Scoutmasters, Crew Advisors, Sea Scout Skippers, & Unit Committee Chairs:

Scouting America Long Island has a Special Needs Scouting Committee. One of the functions is to form and maintain this Committee and review all applications for a Scout's registration/ classification of 'Scout with Special Needs'. This registration/ classification is coded into the computer by the registrar, and the information does not appear on the unit's charter, nor reports including unit advancement.

The policy at our Council is that any requests for advancement extensions, for Scouts with Special Needs, beyond their registration age limit (18 for Scouts & 21 for Venturing and Sea Scouts) **must be submitted at least 6 months before the Scout's 18th birthday!** The RBAE form should be submitted to the SNS Chair.

Upon approval of the advancement time extension by the Council Scout Executive a communication from the Council SNS Chair will be sent to the parents/guardian with a copy to the unit leader for their records.

Materials that are submitted on the Scout's behalf by the parent/guardian are a current Individual Education Plan (IEP), a current 504 plan (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973), current letters from a licensed physician for a physical disability, for developmental or cognitive issues, a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist.

These confidential materials, and updated copies of the materials are sent to and securely kept by our Scout Executive.

The Special Needs Scouting Committee of Scouting America Long Island has, as members, a licensed/certified social worker, counselors, unit leaders, and parents of children with special needs among others.

For more information, please refer to the Scouting America Long Island website or contact Susana Isaacson, A.C.S.W. Chair, SNS at oshoshana18@gmail.com or (516) 263-9398.

