

Tidewater Council Rovers

What are Rovers?

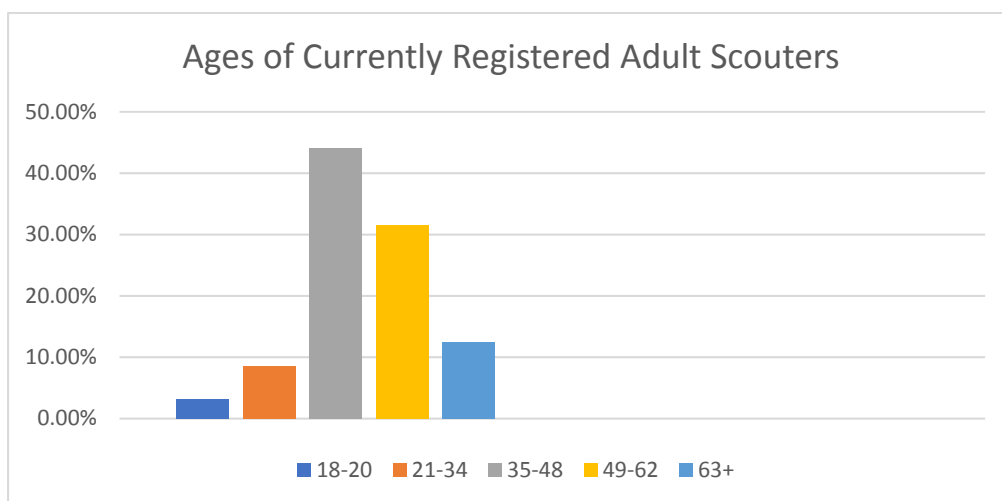
Rovers is a local pilot program to introduce young adult programming in the BSA.

Rovers are young adults, ages 21 through 34. We like adventure. We enjoy the outdoors. We care about giving back to our community. We support local Scouting. We have fun together.

Our mission is to equip and engage young adults in service and fellowship, centered around the guiding principles of the BSA.

Why does Tidewater Council need Rovers?

There is a clear gap in engagement of young adults. Only 8.6% of currently registered adult Scouters are Rover-aged (ages 21 through 34). Comparatively, 27.4% of adults in the Greater Hampton Roads region fall into this age bracket.



Lord Baden-Powell originally designed the Rover Scout program, and many National Scout Organizations worldwide have adopted the concept.

Rovers creates a place in the family of Scouting specifically for those who have aged out of youth programs and who are not yet parents of Cub Scout-aged youth. (The Rover program also welcomes young adults with no Scouting background.)

Through the Rover program, Tidewater Council aims to support continuous lifelong engagement and inclusion for all members of the BSA.

Focus Areas

- Service to Community

- Past events include: The Great American Cleanup with Keep Norfolk Beautiful
- Proposed future events include: Volunteering at Title I Summer STEM Camp, community cleanup in partnership with Friends of Indian River
- Service to Scouting
 - Past events include: Hosting STEM Nova training, volunteering at Cub Scout day camp
 - Proposed future events include: Volunteering as FOS presenters, Scouting for Food, Scout “Angel Tree”
- Fellowship
 - Past events include: Adult Pinewood Derby, The Great Inflatable Race, Rovers family picnic, Norfolk Tides baseball game
 - Recurring gatherings: Monthly meetings at various locations throughout the council
 - Proposed future events include: Camping, sailing, hiking, Norfolk Admirals hockey game

Organization

Rovers are registered as a district, led by a district chair and district commissioner/membership chair, and guided by a district executive.

In addition to in-person monthly gatherings, Rovers communicate via Slack, Facebook, text messaging, emails, and Google Hangouts.

Should the Rovers elect to fundraise (e.g. participate in the council’s popcorn or nut sales), they will maintain a custodial account through Tidewater Council.

Our Vision

Tidewater Council envisions the Rover program adding value to the lives of the young adults participating, to Tidewater Council, and to the future of the Boy Scouts of America.