

Who Must Have Clearances?

All Laurel Highland Council paid staff regardless of the job responsibilities held must have proper clearances. This also includes all camp staff positions.

Any third party contractor who may have care, supervision, guidance or control of children, or routine interaction with Children must have proper clearances. Examples: a cleaning service is used to clean a council owned facility; a food service company is used to provide food service for a council owned facility.

All registered Scouters regardless of their position responsibilities must have proper clearances.

All non-registered Adults who may have care, supervision, guidance or control of children, or routine interaction with Children must have proper clearances and should be encouraged to become registered Scouters. The following serve as examples of adults in this category:

- Parent or Grandparent (or any other adult) who stays for the Den meeting and ends up assisting with projects being worked on, serving snacks, or monitoring restroom breaks.
- Parent or Grandparent (or any other adult) that lends a helping hand at the pack meeting or pack activities (such as Pinewood Derby, Day Camp, camping weekend, etc.).
- Parent or Grandparent (or any other adult) that acts as a driver for the activity.

These examples are not inclusive of all possibilities, but are examples to help you begin to think about the way your unit uses non-registered adults in ways where they are given responsibility for the care, supervision, guidance, or control of children or routine interaction with children.

Who Does Not Need Clearances?

The parent or grandparent (or any other adult) that comes to see their child at a Pack Meeting, Court of Honor, or other appropriate activity as an observer (no responsibilities assigned to them at all).

A guest speaker or skills instructor for a meeting or activity. The assumption is that registered adult leaders shall maintain all supervisory responsibility throughout the presentation/skills instruction activity and that this is typically not a person that has “regular” contact with the Scouts. For example, a CPR instructor comes in to certify Scouts in CPR. This is a 3-hour class that will be completed.

Two sets of parents work out a driving arrangement to take their children directly to the Pack or Troop Activity and to return them home. This is a contract between the parents outside of the supervision of the unit. However, if the pack or troop were gathering at their meeting location to travel together as a group to camp, then transportation from the meeting location to camp requires cleared drivers. The question to answer is “where does the event begin?” “When does the responsibility of supervision and care begin?”

As an unregistered parent, do I need the clearances to attend camp with my son? There is no change in requirements for a parent to attend camp with his/her children **this year**. In 2016, anyone attending camp with Scouts must have the clearances, even if not registered.

Are Tiger parents required to have the clearances? Parents of Tiger Cubs are not required to have the clearances unless they are serving as a den leader or in any other leadership position in the pack.

If a district committee member has his/her primary registration with a troop, does he/she have to have the clearances by the end of June? Anyone listed on the district charter must have the clearances by June 30, 2015, regardless of where their primary registration is.