Blue Ridge Council 2023 Popcorn and Peanut Leader Guide



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LEARN WITH POPCORN

You've likely heard many times that "it's not about selling popcorn, it's supporting Scouting." But what does this mean? And how does it impact each individual Scout?

Scouting is here to help children become ethical adults that make good decisions. And popcorn serves an important role in this mentorship. It's a learning activity, just like any other, designed to build important skills towards this goal. Specifically:

Association with Adults

Kids are sometimes shy or fearful around adults, even ones they know. For most, this doesn't resolve itself as they age. They gain the opportunity for exposure and practice communicating with adults by participating in the popcorn sale. They build the confidence that will make future things like college essays, job interviews and talking to their boss so much easier. It sounds like a simple interaction, but it's a way for them to overcome a tough barrier and learn how to navigate an adult-run world.

Salesmanship and Entrepreneurship

Learning to set and reach goals through action helps Scouts develop important business skills. They learn how to best represent themselves and persuade others. In the future, they can use these tools to gain funding for a revolutionary business idea or be a strong team leader within their organization.

Grow and Sustain Scouting

Scouting is not just an activity, but also a future career path. The mission of the organization needs strong leaders to carry the mentorship and impact forward into future generations. Everything they learn by participating prepares them to teach others what they know in Scouting or whatever future career they choose. Popcorn also brings Scouting to the attention of many others who may not be familiar with all that Scouting has to offer.

Fund Membership and Activities

And of course, popcorn funds all the amazing activities in their Scouting program.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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2023 POPCORN PRODUCT SELECTIONS

- 6 pk Butter MW- \$10
- Caramel Popcorn Bag \$15
- Purple Popping Corn Jar \$15
- White Cheddar Cheese \$20
- 12 pk Sweet & Salty Kettle Corn MW- \$20
- 14 pk Extra Butter Roasted Summer Corn- \$20
- Classic Trail Mix \$25
- 13oz Cinnamon Crunch Popcorn Bag- \$20
- 22 pk Movie Theater Extra Butter MW- \$30
- Supreme Caramel w/ Almonds, Pecans, & Cashews Tin \$25
- 3 Way Cheesy Cheese Tin \$40
- Chocolate Drizzled Caramel Bag \$25 (Take Order Only)
- Tasty Trio Tin \$60 (Take Order Only)
- Chocolate Pretzels \$15(Take Order Only)

*MW- Microwave

To pick up your popcorn, follow these vehicle recommendations:

- Midsize car holds about 20 cases
- Luxury sized car holds about 40 cases
- Minivan holds about 60 cases
- Large SUV holds about 70 cases
- Small Pickup bed holds about XX cases
- Large Pickup bed holds about XX cases
- Rental Truck holds over 70 cases

2023 Peanut PRODUCT SELECTIONS

- Homemade Peanut Brittle 10 oz \$19
- Salted Virginia Peanuts 12 oz \$18
- Honey Roasted Virginia Peanuts 12 oz -\$19
- Salted Virginia Peanuts 20 oz \$25
- Honey Roasted Virginia Peanuts 20 oz \$30
- Honey Cinnamon Almonds 13 oz \$28
- Whit's Party Mix 18 oz \$35
- Salted Jumbo Cashews 12 oz \$28
- 4 Pack Gift Tower 21.75 oz \$55
- Salt & Ground Pepper Peanuts 20 oz- \$25 (Show and Sell Only)
- Salt and Ground Pepper Peanuta 12 oz- \$18 (Show and Sell Only)
- Hot Jalapeno Ranch Peanuts 12 oz- \$18 (Show and Sell Only)
- Crabby Chesapeake Peanuts 12 oz- \$18 (Show and Sell Only)
- Country Dill Pickle Peanuts 12 oz- \$18 (Show and Sell Only)
- Sweet & Savory Peanuts 12 oz- \$18 (Show and Sell Only)
- Roasted Salted in Shell 12 oz bag \$12 (Show and Sell Only)
- Virginia Trail Mix 14 oz- \$24 (Show and Sell Only)
- Whit's Party Mix 10.5 oz- \$20 (Show and Sell Only)
- Milk Chocolatey Peanuts Clusters 10 oz \$20 (Take order Only)
- Dark Chocolatey Almond Clusters 10 oz \$25 (Take order Only)
- Dark Chocolatey Peanut Clusters 10 oz -\$20 (Take order Only)

2023 Important Dates

- June 20th, 2023
 - Popcorn Kickoff
- June 23rd, 2023
 - Commitment Forms Due
- July 10th, 2023
 - Show & Sell Orders Due
- August 5th, 2023
 - Show & Sell Pick-Up
 - Show & Sell Sale Begins
 - Take Order Sale Begins
- September 22nd, 2023
 - o 50% of Show & Sell Payments Due
- October 20th, 2023
 - Take Orders Due
 - Prize Order Due
- November 11th, 2023
 - Take Order Pick-up
- December 8th, 2023
 - Final Payments Due
 - Late Payments reduce commission to base amount.(30%)

3.5% Fee added for Credit Card
Payments. No Fee for payments by cash
or check

COMMISION & PRIZES

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- Increase Unit Sale 10% over previous year 3%
- Average \$350/Scout based on September 30th, 2023 membership-3%
- Online sales will count towards commission levels. Online Scout sales will count towards sale totals when determining prize levels.
- For every \$500 sold your name gets enter into a drawing for either your choice of a Go Pro or a Drone with Camera.
- \$2,500 Club Scouts who sell \$2,500 of popcorn/nuts will earn a free week of summer camp at Camp Old Indian or a Blue Ridge Council day camp.



CHOOSE A PRIZE AND GO FOR IT!

Scouts can qualify for BOTH standard prizes () AND an additional CAMP MASTERS High Achiever Prize



48 - LEGO Technic 4X4 Mercedes-Benz Zetros Trial Truck

Carrera Evolution Supercars 50 - Lionel Junction North Pole Central LionChief Set w/ Bluetooth



45 - Adventure Camp Package 46 - Dart Zone Pro MK 3 47 - LEGO Star Wars

The Justifier



24 - Carrera DTM High Speed Showdown 43 - LEGO Technic 2022 Ford GT

44 - Coleman Sundome 4 Person Tent



39 - LEGO Ariel's Underwater Palace 40 - Skullcandy Wireless Earbuds 41 - Foldable Drone



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36 - HEXMODS Pro Series Elite 37 - LEGO Hogwarts Magical Trunk 38 - North Face Stalwart Backpack



33 - LEGO Batman - Batcycle

33 - LEGO Batman - Batcycle 34 - Swiss Army Fieldmaster Knife 35 - HEXBUG VEX Motorized Robotic Arm



29 - 126-piece Tool Set 30 - Zing Bow w/ 4 Arrows Assorted Colors 31 - 2-Person Waterproof T

🔵 ∞ 28 - Hydration Pack - 2L

31 - 2-Person Waterproof Tent

32 - Grab Bag G



23 - 80x80 Binoculars w/ Case 24 - Telescope - 40x Magnificat 25 - Multi-Tool w/ Shovel & Ax 26 - Icee Freeze Pop w/ Syrup 27 - Grab Bag F 24 - Telescope - 40x Magnification



18 - PlusPlus Saturn V Rocket 19 - 5pc Stainless Steel Mess Kit 20 - USB Recargeable Headlamp w/ 50

Motion Activation 21 - Air Hunterz Zano Bow w/ 2 Zarts

22 - Grab Bag E

13 - Zing Air ZooperBall 14 - Duncan Limelight Yo-Yo 14 - Duncan Limelight Y 15 - Lock Blade Knife w/ BSA® Branding 16 - Catapult Plane w/ Decorative Sticker

Decorative Stickers

Flying Disc

17 - Grab Bag D



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5 - Knife/Fork/Spoon Combo w/

\$25(Level.

Bottle Opener **\$19**(EVEL.) Cinch Backpack w/ BSA® Branding Assorted Colors

Watt-200 Lumen COB LED Headlamp

8 - Watch/Pedometer -Assorted Colors



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0.1 - Popcorn Sale Patch Sell any item

0.2 - Online Sale Pin Sell One Online Order

0.3 - Military Sale Pin

Collect One Military Donation - Top Seller Pin Sell over \$1,000









Top Seller

\$650 Bonus Club

Scouts who sell \$650 in product will receive their choice of 0.5 - Hanging Hammock w/ Hardware

0.6 - Sluban Model Bricks Cobra GT40 Car

0.7 - LEGO Friends Lego Set - Assorted



Pack/Troop: Total Sales: Scout Name Prize # Prize Description Quantity

Descriptions of Prizes Available at www.kellerprizeprogram.com

CAMP MASTERS 2023 High Achiever Prizes \$3,000 & Up Club

Camping Package! 2-Person Tent, 3W-200 Lumen COB LED Headlamp, 4x30 Binoculars, 6-in-1 Cooking Multi-Tool, Cooler Chair Backpack, Metal Camping Mug

w/BSA Branding, and Sleeping Bag OR Visa Debit Card for 4% of total sales.

Example: \$3000 = \$120 debit card.Visa Debit Cards will be rounded to nearest \$10.

CM High Achiever prizes are not cumulative. Select only ONE prize. See prize form for more details at campmasters.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

Scouts Online Sales at PopcornOrdering.com count towards your prizes!

SELL \$400 ONLINE amazon **EARN \$10 GIFT CARD!**

Blue Ridge Council

www.blueridgecouncil.org Council ID: 551BRC For Popcorn Related Questions: Council Office: (864) 233-8363 For Prize Related Questions GCC/Keller Marketing: (888) 351-8000

GUIDELINES to Select Prizes

(1) Prizes earned based on individual sales. No combining of sales with other Scouts

(2) Sell any item receive the Popcorn Sale Patch.

Sell \$90 & select your choice of prize at the \$90 level. Sell \$190 or more & select a prize from the level you

achieve or select prizes from the lower levels as long as the total of the prize levels does not exceed the prize level achieved. Example: If you sell \$625 in popcorn, you may select ONE prize from the \$625 Level or ONE prize from the \$325 Level and ONE prize from the \$250 Level.

Parent's permission required and a Whittling Chip or Totin' Chip to order a knife.

All prizes will ship to your Unit Leader

(7) If a prize is no longer available a substitute of equal or greater value will be shipped

(8) Turn in your prize order with your popcorn order

LEADING YOUR UNIT

The Popcorn Kernel oversees operations of the Unit's popcorn sale. This is an important leadership role within the Unit. The PK ensures distribution, promotion, reporting and payments for Unit's entire sale period. They also work closely with their Unit committees and District Popcorn Kernel.

The best part is leading their #PopcornSquad in the Unit's goals for the sale. This includes:

- ★ Encouraging Scouts to Earn Their Way
- ★ Developing the Overall Sale Strategy for the Unit
- ★ Establishing Relationships with Community Businesses
- ★ Helping Parents Support Their Scout
- ★ Guiding the Unit's Progress to Their Sales Goal
- ★ Gathering and Distributing Important Information
- ★ Running Logistics for Product and Sales Earnings
- ★ Rewarding Scout Efforts with Great Prizes
- ★ and Hosting an EPIC Unit Kick-Off Celebration

Your #PopcornSquad includes (based on your Unit and District Size):

- ★ District Popcorn Kernel Your right-hand in all things popcorn
- ★ Unit Committee Members Helping you develop the plans and budgets
- ★ Assistant Popcorn Kernel Your left-hand in all things popcorn
- ★ Kickoff Kernel Your party planning partner
- ★ Show-N-Sell Kernel Your logistics coordinator (preferably with a truck!)
- ★ Pickup Kernel Your warehouse watchdog for product inventory
- ★ Prize Kernel Your fun-lovin' prize patrol buddy
- ★ Communications Kernel Your social media / email master spreading popcorn love

As exciting as these position titles are, people tend to more receptive when asked to execute a specific task, not just serve a role in the popcorn sale. When asking for help, be sure to say what you specifically NEED help with and how much time you think it will take them.

For example, instead of: Hey Sarah, will you volunteer as Kickoff Kernel this year? Ask: Hey Sarah, your creativity and crafting skills are top notch. Would you help me with decorations and games for the Popcorn Kickoff? I'm thinking it will take us about 5 hours in planning and decorating day of, plus whatever time you'd estimate for creating them.

KERNEL CHECKLIST

	Attend Popcorn Trainings			
	Plan Annual Scout Program (w/ Unit Commitee)			
	Review Commission Structure & Prizes			
My #PopcornSquad	Determine Additional Unit Prizes			
District Kernel	Set Budget for Program			
Phone Email	Recruit Your #PopcornSquad			
	Update Scout Roster (w/ Membership Chair)			
A - a - a - a - a - a - a - a - a - a -	Direct Scouts to Self-Register or Update Bio			
Assistant Kernel Phone	Determine Per-Scout Fundraising Goal			
Email	Secure Storefronts (as / where possible)			
	Create Unit Timeline for Popcorn Sale			
Kickoff Kernel Phone Email	Establish Guidelines for Popcorn Pickup / Returns & Money			
	Confirm Show-N-Sell Locations & Times			
	Prepare / Update COVID-19 Guidelines			
Show-N-Sell Kernel	Place Unit Popcorn Order			
Phone	Host Unit Kickoff Meeting			
Email	Prepare and Distribute Handouts			
	Share Tips & Ideas for Selling Popcorn			
Pickup Kernel Phone	Provide Selling Incentives & Games for Scouts			
Email	Coordinate Pick-Up / Drop-Offs at District Warehouse			
	Encourage Scout & Parent Participation			
Prize Kernel Phone Email	Share Selling & Marketing Strategies			
	Help Scouts Share Their Online Selling Link			
Lillan	Place Final Popcorn Order			
Communications Kernel Phone Email	Order and Distribute Prizes			
	Remit Product Payments to Council			
	Contact District Kernel as Needed for Assistance			

Celebrate!

HOW MUCH POPCORN TO SELL

The mission behind the unit program planning philosophy is to help Scouting units fulfill young people's need for adventure and deliver on this promise. Units that operate under an annual program plan, that young people help construct, are proven to be more successful and make a more profound impact on the lives of their members. We promise young people the most exciting adventures they can imagine, and we had better be prepared to make it happen. How do you get buy-in and commitment from your unit's families when it comes to annual programming and fundraising needs? Your answer to this question is the key factor to the level of success your Scouting program will enjoy.

Brainstorming Ideas to Get You Started - The unit might plan and fund some of the following:

Program Ideas:

Summer Camp
Cub Scout Council Events
Monthly Unit Activities
Pinewood Derby
Patrol/Den Activities

Other Considerations:

BSA Registrations & Life Magazine
Meeting Supplies/Awards & Recognitions
Den/Patrol Expenses/Training Courses
Unit Equipment
Uniforms/Personal Camping Equipment
Assistance for Low-income Scout Families

Once there are several ideas under consideration, filter them to allow the most realistic ones to surface. Be cautious not to discount Scouts ideas. Do provide them with enough information to decide which are most in creating their best program year.

Next, add key dates to a unit calendar that will be shared with Scouts and parents. Be sure to account for vacations, holidays and other school functions.

You now know what you're doing and when. It's time to budget! You can use the planner to help you organize activities and determine your fundraising goal.

Scouting teaches Scouts to earn their way. And a organized popcorn sale helps them learn to plan and meet their goals. Studies show your Scouting families appreciate a well planned sale that helps them coordinate it within their already busy lives.

Show them how the Unit and Scout sales fund the planned activities within the program. Present them with a clear fundraising goal. And offer an approach that allows them to achieve their goal.

A little time spent organizing now, means more participation and success in the fall!

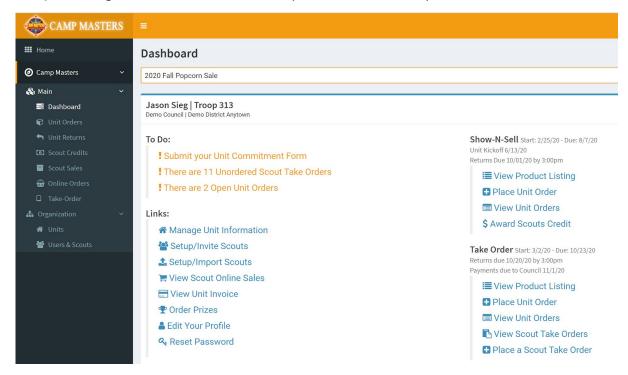
ANNUAL PROGRAM PLANNER

Involvement is key in the successful planning of your annual program. We recommend allowing Scouts and their families express their ideas during a Troop brainstorming session. The older the scout, the more benefit they get from participating in this planning. It also keeps everyone more engaged in the popcorn sale because they know the rewards of their efforts.

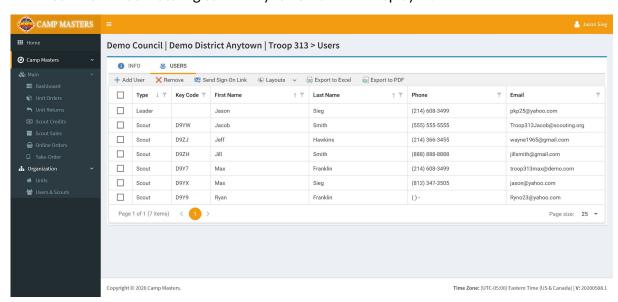
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		Registration & Insurance	\$
NOW CALCULATE YOUR POPCORN SALES GOALS		Advancements	\$
Divide UNIT BUDGET by UNIT COMMISION (This is your Unit Sales Goal)	\$	Uniforms	\$
		Scholarships	\$
Divide by All IMPER OF DARTICIPATING OF COOLITY		Other	\$
Divide by NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING OF SCOUTS (This is your Scout Sales Goal)	\$	TOTAL UNIT BUDGET	\$

UNIT LEADERS: Scouts must be registered in the CAMP MASTERS system to receive sales!

Step One: Log in to the CAMP MASTERS system and click "Setup / Invite Scouts.

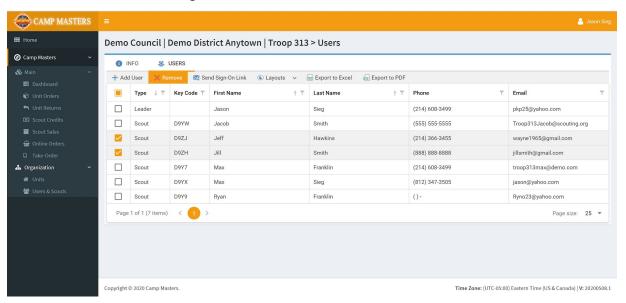


The list of current Scouts registered in your Unit will be displayed.

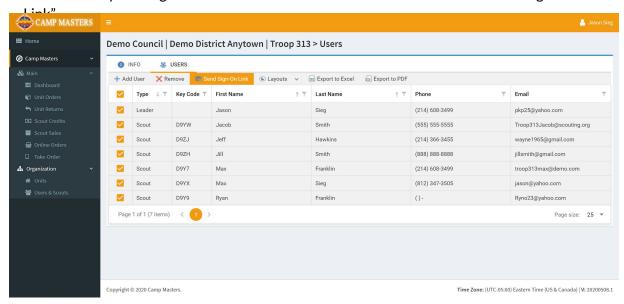




Step Two: Remove any Scouts no longer in your Unit by clicking the box to the left of their name(s). And then selecting "Remove" from the menu above.



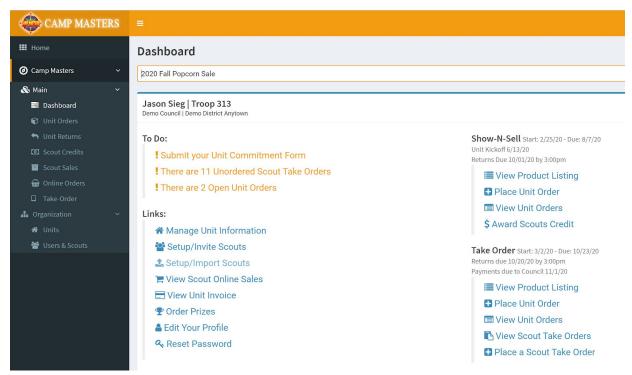
Step Three: For the remaining Scouts, make sure their contact information is correct. Then select them by clicking the box to the left of their names. And then select "Send Sign-On



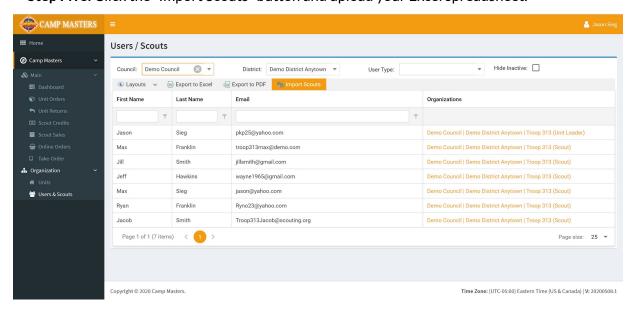
This will email each of the Scouts their unique CAMP MASTERS link so they can access the system without having to login. This makes taking orders and payments much easier.



Step Four: For new Scouts, select the "Setup / Import Scouts" option from the dashboard.

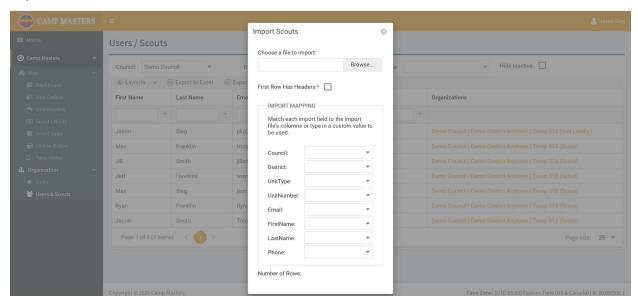


Step Five: Click the "Import Scouts" button and upload your Excel spreadsheet.

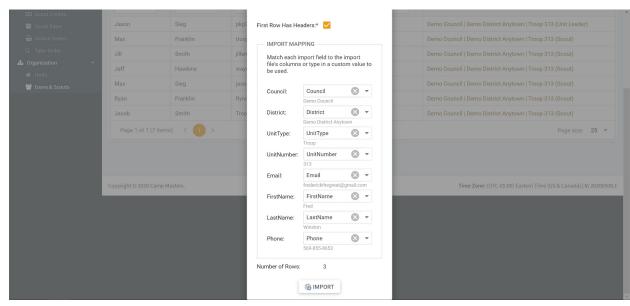




Step Six: Select your file and complete the field matches to the spreadsheet columns below. If you sheet has headers, be sure to select the "First Row Has Headers" box.



You'll see a data preview as you assign each field for import. Once complete, click "Import".



You'll see a green success box once imported.

✓ Import Succeeded - Download and review the import file for details. <u>Click</u> <u>here to download the import results file.</u>

If you get an error, check your spreadsheet rows again carefully for typos.



STOREFRONT RECRUITING

You can never start too early in securing storefronts. Of course, it's going to be a bit different this year. And that means adapting your approach. Here are some of the best tips to help you do just that:

- Grocery stores and home improvement stores are both essential businesses. But they
 are receiving policies and procedures for Coronavirus from corporate. Make sure you
 approach the store/company Manager with this in mind. Do some research and find
 out the policies in place so you can adapt your approach and relate how Show-N-Sell
 will meet these guidelines.
- Right now, resources are tapped thin in these stores. Consider sending an email or leaving a message for the Manager to call you back. The reality is, you're not going to be their first priority right now. After a few attempts, and still no response, only then try going in person.
- Think of other high-traffic, essential businesses in your area to contact. As other businesses begin reopening, reach out to them as well.
- Use the COVID-19 recommendations in this guide to help the Manager/Owner understand that above all else, safety comes first. This will help ease their mind while it is still uncertain what the fall recommendations will be.

SAMPLE EMAIL / SCRIPT

Hello [NAME],

This is [YOUR NAME] from Scout Troop [Troop #]. Our Scouts are holding our annual popcorn fundraiser this year. The funds raised supports their ability to participate in our local Scouting program.

Due to the coronavirus, it's going to look a lot different this year. However, with everyone's safety guidelines in mind, I wanted to reach out regarding hosting a Show-N-Sell at {STORE NAME] in [MONTH].

Much can change between now and then, so I'm not looking for a definite answer today. What I'd like to do is confirm you'd consider it and then reach back out for a yes or no as the date draws closer.

Can I reach back out in [A MONTH, A FEW WEEKS?]?

SHOW-N-SELL SCHEDULING

You can manage your Show-N-Sell dates and volunteers within this table. Or look below for instructions to use an online management tool.

DATE	LOCATION	SHIFTS	NEEDED ADULTS AND SCOUTS
Ex. Sep 15	Harris Teeter St. Johns Avenue	8 - 10 AM	Adult 1: Adult 2: Scout 1: Scout 2: Scout 3:

ONLINE SIGN UP INSTRUCTIONS

Video Training here:

- 1. Create a free account at <u>SignUpGenius.com</u>.
- 2. Then follow these step-by-step instructions: https://www.signupgenius.com/fag/create-sign-up.cfm

YOUR POPCORN KICKOFF

A great popcorn sale starts with a great popcorn kickoff! Follow these simple steps to start your popcorn sale with a BANG and motivate your Scouts, parents and other volunteers.

- 1. **Set the Agenda.** Think of things that are fun and fast-paced. This helps build energy and excitement for the popcorn sale. Scouts will leave ready to earn their way selling delicious popcorn!
- 2. **Ask for Help.** Enlist others to help you pull off a fun and exciting popcorn kickoff! No need to try and take it all on yourself.
- 3. **Know Your WHY.** Share the exciting Scouting Program that this fundraiser will support. Talk about the activities and what the Scouts will experience. And reiterate that it can all be paid for by POPCORN! (See pg 4 for additional info to share.)
- 4. **Review the Forms**. Show Scouts the forms they'll be using in detail so they understand how to use them to promote the products and capture orders.
- 5. **Build their Profile**. Have each Scout register or update their profile at CAMPMASTERS.org.
- 6. **Ready to Sell!** Add CAMP MASTERS to their phones.
- 7. **Sharing is Caring**. Explain how they can share their CAMP MASTERS profile link with friends, family and through social media.
- 8. **Cover What's Critical**. Spend some time explaining the different ways to sell, key dates for the program and show and sell locations.
- 9. **Focus on the Goal**. Motivate Scouts to take on the Unit Scout goal and to pick an awesome prize as part of their goal!
- 10. **Create a Memory**. End the night with a fun and memorable event. Scouts love to be part of the action. And they always love a good pie to the face of their Unit Leader!









