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## **THE REGISTERED ADULT**

Encouraging regularly attending participants to register as official members provides several ways to strengthen and grow a THRIVING Troop! Adults become involved, providing more options to fulfill oversight requirements.

By taking advantage of the Registered Adult membership position, adults can join without a leadership role, and can count to fulfill two-deep leadership. This spreads the responsibility to more, and takes the burden off the few! Young adults age 18-20 can serve in a limited capacity in this role too. SHARED LEADERSHIP (one of our Core Values) is actively at work!

In fact, we have found that in Troops that promote/encourage Registered Adult membership, a natural progression occurs. Registered Adults begin by stepping in as a part of two-deep leadership, and then discover additional ways they can help, and they feel empowered to do so!

You are encouraged to share the philosophy of Shared Leadership with your parents, members, and leaders, so they recognize the value and are willing to invest in membership. Find ways to make it financially feasible through fundraising and Charter Organization support to make it possible for those in need who desire to serve.

On a related note, utilize the new [Adult Connection Guide](#) that can also be found on the THRIVE page of [www.JoinTheTrail.com](http://www.JoinTheTrail.com). This form can be handed out to all regularly attending parents in order for Troop leaders to find out more; including what special interests and skills those around them have to share.

**SHARED LEADERSHIP—Make it happen!**