

Since Arrohattoc's district size grew a couple years ago to include the counties of Amelia and Nottoway, just the geographical size of our district alone has presented a challenge to ensure no area is overlooked. Even though the majority of our 70 units in the district are massed in Chesterfield County, there are 6 active packs, troops, and crews that operate in Amelia and Nottoway.

Our district committee meets every month but in Chesterfield County. It makes sense to have meetings where most people have convenient access; however, is it fair to those folks in Amelia and Nottoway to drive the extra distance?

Most events are planned where most of the scout population lives. Makes sense. However, how can we effectively see our district as one and make our Scouters feel that same way?

Most importantly, how can we grow scouting in these counties? With only 6 units represented, it appears an opportunity to increase scouting, even though these counties are considerably more rural.

So, your challenge is this. What ideas do you have that we, as a district can do, to embrace our newest areas in the district and continue to grow scouting and be effective as a district to serve equally all of our Scouters wherever they call home?