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# A Scoutmaster's Brief Introduction to Special Needs

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# Be Prepared for Special Needs



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- Review health records (AHMRs) as they arrive.
- Offer safekeeping for meds.
- Address special needs during new member orientation.





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**Know  
Your  
Scout**

- Meeting with the family.
- Exploring the Know Your Scout outline.
- Getting advice.



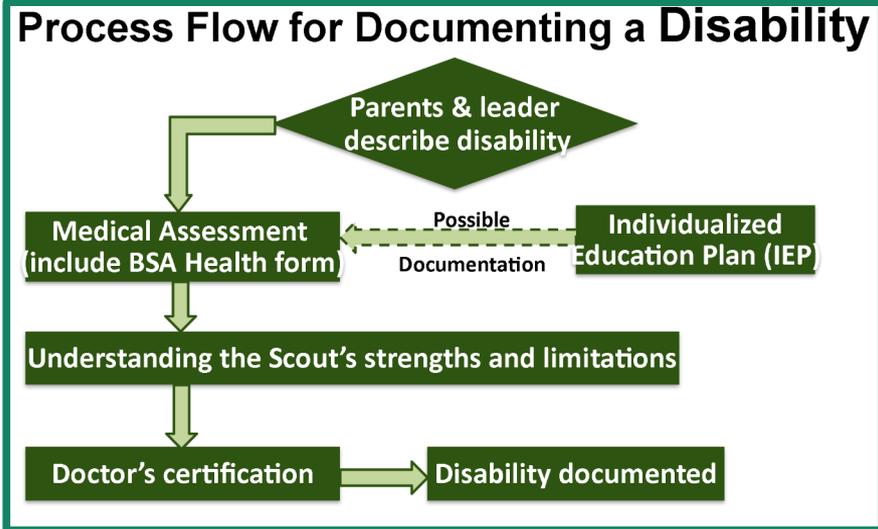
# Learning More about Special Needs

- Start with [ScoutingColorado.org/SpecialNeeds/Training](https://www.scoutingcolorado.org/SpecialNeeds/Training)
- [Scouting.org/resources/disabilities-awareness/](https://www.scouting.org/resources/disabilities-awareness/) -- SYD Training Bundle
  - Serving Scouts with Special Needs Presentation
  - Guide to Working with Scouts with Disabilities
  - Scouting for Youth with Disabilities
  - Guide to Advancement
- [AbleScouts.org](https://www.ablescouts.org/) / Inclusion Toolkit
  - Unit Leader's Role Supporting Scouts with a Disability
- More GCC resources



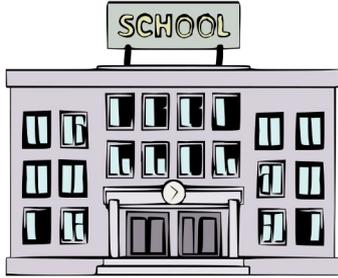


# Accommodate when Necessary



- Inclusiveness.
- Accommodations for advancement.
- Other accommodations.
- Engaging the troop.





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# Be Special Needs Friendly



- Build disabilities awareness into your program.
- Make the most of Scoutmaster's minutes.
- Recruit youth with special needs.



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