

Information for the Counselor of the Interpreter Strip
Chief Cornplanter Council
Boy Scouts of America

Thank you for helping our scouts! The Interpreter Strip is earned by relatively few scouts and adults. The strip itself is a small item worn on the scouting uniform to signify the ability to communicate in a foreign language or sign language.

General Instructions

- Scouts should not meet with you by themselves.
- Meet with the scout as many times as necessary to complete the requirements.
- The scout is expected to meet the requirements as they are stated—no more and no less.
- Use the “Record of Earning the Interpreter Strip” form found on the council’s website (www.cccbsa.com) in order to keep track of and document the scout’s completion of the requirements.
- Once the scout has finished the requirements, he should take signed record to his Scoutmaster for approval.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the necessary qualifications for a counselor?

Typically, the counselor for the interpreter strip is a high school foreign language teacher, or college-level instructor. Native speakers who are not teachers can serve as counselors as well.

Why is the contact information needed?

It is necessary to have a way to contact you in case there is any question concerning a scout’s completion of the requirements. The information asked for on the record form is the same information asked of merit badge counselors and is never distributed or shared for any reason.

Do the requirements have to be completed all at once?

No. The scout can have as much time as necessary to satisfactorily complete the requirements.

Whom can I contact with questions?

Feel free to contact the Chief Cornplanter Council office located in Warren, Pa. The phone number is (814) 723-6700 and the website is www.cccbsa.com.