



National AMBUCS, Inc. Nomenclature

10-for-10 promotion – A promotion offered to new AMBUCS chapters. Each time they fundraise for and purchase an Amtryke, the organization will give them a free Amtryke of equal or lesser value. Up to 10 free trykes.

Achievement Awards. Given to chapters to recognize outstanding efforts (e.g. local charities, community service, newsletter, etc.). Chapters must submit entries to be considered.

Ambility. Or **AmBility.** Term no longer in use. It was a National Program, adopted in 1998, focused on providing equipment for people with disabilities. As it became obvious Amtryke is really the entire program not just the foundation, the term has been phased out and replaced with Amtryke.

Amtryke Ambassador (fka Ambility Ambassador.) A member who has personally donated at least \$1,000 to the Ambility Permanent Fund.

AMBUCS. (A commonly used nick name for National AMBUCS, Inc.) is a national nonprofit organization composed of a diverse group of men and women dedicated to creating mobility and independence for people with disabilities by providing Amtryke therapeutic tricycles, Scholarships for Therapists and performing community service. Always upper case when speaking of the organization. Never drop the 'S' on the end. Possessive is AMBUCS'. "AMBUCS' logo is red and blue."

Ambuc – a member. Plural is Ambucs (a group of members).

AMBUCS Resource Center (ARC). AMBUCS national headquarters in High Point, NC.

Amtryke - a for-profit therapeutic tricycle company that is wholly owned by AMBUCS, a non-profit. Also the name of the product. And one of three major AMBUCS nationwide programs.

Amtryke therapeutic tricycle. A tryke for people with disabilities that can be driven by hands and/or feet. It improves strength, tone, motor coordination and self-esteem.

Big Hat Club. A prestige club within AMBUCS for members who have sponsored three new members in any 12-month period.

Blue Chip Goal. A membership goal for year-end, assigned by Awards Program to encourage 10% growth each chapter year.

Blue Chip Report. A quarterly report that charts each chapter's membership total since the beginning of the chapter year.

Boot Pin. Awarded to a member who sponsors a new member during Spring Round Up.

Branding Iron Pin. Awarded to a member for every third new member he/she sponsors during Branding Time or Spring Round Up.

Branding Time. Nationwide membership drive held October 1 through November 30.

Chapter – An official group of members organized as an affiliate group of National AMBUCS, Inc.

Chapter Year. June 1 to May 31.

Club – Term no longer in use. See chapter.

Cornerstone Fund. Provides for the growth and development of AMBUCS across the US. One of the three major program giving areas.

#1 Cowpoke. A title the Chapter President receives for achieving a net gain of five members during the Spring Round Up.

District Governor. Assists, visits, and supports chapters in the district, installs chapter officers, and conducts district meetings.

Evaluation Site. Hospitals, pediatric clinics, rehabilitation units, and VAs across the US that have agreed to identify recipients and evaluate them for Amtrykes. Most Eval Sites fit people from the community even if they are not clients. In recent years, Eval Sites are only established when sponsored by a local chapter. See the Evaluation Site Guide.

Executive Director. Operates the AMBUCS Resource Center, implements programs of the National Board and plans the national conference.

Friends. This category of membership is designed for those people who cannot be active members of chapters or reside in non-chapter

areas but who still want to contribute to the AMBUCS mission. \$25 fee includes a subscription to the AMBUCS magazine.

Gold Star Pin. A pin given to a Big Hatter for each member he/she recruits.

Invitation to Dinner/Lunch. An event where prospective members are invited with the express purpose of recruiting them as AMBUCS members. It is most often held during Spring Round Up.

Lasso Pin. Given to a member who sponsors ten new members in one chapter year during Branding Time and/or Spring Round Up.

Life Member. Lifetime memberships, sold at conferences, allow a member to no longer pay national dues. The fee must be paid in full within one year before the privilege can take effect. A limited number are made available each year.

Permanent Fund. Only the earnings of this endowment are spent each year, ensuring sustainable AMBUCS programs. Donors can direct their contributions toward Scholarships for Therapists, the Amtryke Program, or the Cornerstone Fund.

Merit Awards. Given to chapters at the national conference who achieve excellence in performance as defined by the National Board of Directors (i.e. Big Heart Award, Living Endowment Fund Award, etc.). Merit awards are given automatically and do not need to be entered.

National Conference. A four-day fall conference for all members. Members attend chapter business and educational workshops, awards ceremonies, celebrations, and fun outings.

National Board of Directors. The Executive Committee and Region Directors who direct policy for National AMBUCS.

National Executive Committee. The National President, President-Elect, and Past National President.

Orientation. An informal meeting attended by new chapter members to learn more about AMBUCS.

Region Director. Trains chapter officers, responsible for the regional conference and serves on the National Board of Directors.

Scholarships for Therapists Program. Educational scholarships given to juniors or seniors in college and graduate students majoring in

physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology or hearing audiology. Chapters are encouraged to sponsor local students. Applications are accessed and completed online through AMBUCS website, February - April.

Scorecard. A form chapters use to report their progress quarterly. Merit Awards are given to Chapter Presidents at the National Conference based on final scores. Participation is optional.

Silver Star Pin. A pin given to Big Hatters in exchange for ten gold stars.

Sparkplug. The one existing member chosen by a new chapter as the key motivator and mentor for getting the new group going.

Spring Round Up. Nationwide membership drive held March 1 through April 30.

Spring Regional Conference. A weekend conference held in each region where members participate in educational workshops, have an opportunity to exchange ideas and have a good time. One focus is for incoming chapter officers to learn what their positions entail, to ask questions and to find out where they can get help.

Spur Pin. Awarded to a member who sponsors a new member during Branding Time membership drive.

Strategic Planning. Planning that each incoming Chapter President does with his/her chapter board to determine its goals.

Therapist of the Year. A local therapist that a chapter considers to be the most outstanding in their community. The chapter honors this person as their Therapist of the Year and submits an application to the Resource Center. The National Scholarship Committee reviews the applications and chooses a National Therapist of the Year.

Top Spread Chapter. A chapter that increased their net membership by five or more members during the Branding Time membership drive.

Trail Boss. A title the Chapter President receives for achieving a net gain of 5 members during the Branding Time membership drive.

Visibility. February was Visibility Month in years past. Visibility now stretches from February through May. All chapters are encouraged to publicize AMBUCS in their home communities.

William L. White Member. A member who has personally donated at least \$1,000 to the Permanent Fund.

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