

Troop 714

Notes from Adult annual planning meeting

August 11, 2012

- Keep goals SMART
- **Activity Report file-**
 - o Build a file of activities and trips to utilize prior learning and experience
 - “After action” document to be completed- “thorn/rose” report from boys
 - Keep key leaders in the loop of information- SM, CC, AIC, ASM in charge, Activity chair.
- **Improve communication:**
- Adult Leaders- Utilize a mentoring program to train/prepare adults for the future events. (ie, on various events and activities- SM in training for summer camp, etc)
- New parents need better mentoring on activities and troop procedures.
 - o Help encourage adult involvement and interaction.
 - o Motivate all adults to attend information opportunities
- Develop communication within each patrol- make sure there is at least 1 representative at adult meetings and get information distributed to all parents of patrol.
 - o Get a spokesperson for each patrol
 - o ‘patrol parent’ who will make sure information is communicated timely.
 - o Each patrol has a lead ASM- this could be a lead CM in addition.
 - o ASMs have a big job already.
 - o Committee position- Scout Parent Initiative (Tylee Rogers might be looking into this?)
- Roundtable attendance has been tied to service patrol to make sure we have adults attending.
- We active adults need to reach out and invite at least 1 other adult to participate more- we need to break down jobs to make them do-able.
 - o Reach out to adults not currently involved- especially Stephen Poole’s patrol
- Timeliness- AIC/ASM need to make sure planning for activities happens timely
 - o Have a patrol level parent meeting
 - o AIC needs to be recruited as early as possible
- **Troop photos-**
 - o Get group photos of entire troop and also each patrol for the boys
 - o Need someone to update the photo board as well.
- **Scout Strong Program**
 - o To encourage scouts (and adults) to be more active
 - o Include in both adult and scout goals.
 - o Need an adult PALA (?)
- Adult leader openings/needs

- Execution meeting- we have planning meetings every year to review the previous year's goals and develop the new year's goals- can we follow the planning up with an execution meeting to work on implementation?
- Fund Raising-
 - o Extend Pine Straw sales through April (done)
 - o Popcorn has been declining- what to do for troop?
- **Recruitment:**
 - o Needs to stay as a goal-
 - Missing 1 or 2 years of new boys can kill a troop quickly
 - o Mystery Cookoff?
 - o Keep 2011/12 goals in place
 - o Look at alternative options for sources.
- **Advancement**
 - o How to encourage
 - o MB clinic- 2 a year? We've done 1 at end of January last 2 years
 - Revenue generator
 - Gives our boys good opportunity for advancement
 - Especially Eagle required badges are good
 - o Pre-Meeting activity time?
 - Opportunity provided for boys to meet with MB counselors
 - MB clean up?
 - o MB Counselors
 - Boys must go through SM in order to get a MB counselor
 - New MB counselors might be encouraged to get involved in other areas to help the boys get to know them.
 - o Personalized Advancement Plan
 - The troop has an advancement planning form available
 - ASMs should review plans with scouts at least annually
- **Training**
 - o NYLT- encourage and support our youth to staff
 - o Develop list of MB counselors
 - o Increase/Improve Adult training levels
 - Laptop station available at troop meetings for adults to use
 - CPR training 2x/year
 - Offer adult training opportunities at our MB clinics
 - 'patrol parent' can monitor their patrol adult level of training
 - Offer adult training (both 'formal' BSA and 'casual' information at sessions during troop meeting and/or at parent meeting.
- **Policy changes**
 - o Are posted on troop website

- **Driving Policy**

- Needs to be clarified and explained
- No one <21 can drive to an event where little or no sleep is anticipated
 - BSA policy requires a minimum amount of sleep
- No one <21 can drive non-family members to any event
- Anyone <18 must get permission from SM or CC before event to drive themselves.

- **BOR**

- at least 2 adults from each patrol be registered CM and available and active with completing BOR
- Have BOR training at an adult meeting

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