

## Troop 29 PLC Notes

14 January 2020

### Attendance:

Present- Andrew Kedash, Ben Carrol, Sal Nicoletti, Rian Salter, AJ Lawson, Josh Brennan, Sean Mcdermott

Absent- Owen Thomas

### ❖ Patrol Reports

#### ➤ Banana Turtles

- Patrol has about 75% attendance
- Goals include desire to achieve Honor Patrol
- Recruiting new scouts

#### ➤ Beavers

- Mostly perfect attendance, however, only 3 people attended last campout
- Working on March camping trip and communications merit badge

#### ➤ Bears

- Leader says the patrol has “decent attendance”
- Patrol members are currently getting a feel for their position in the patrol
- Working on April camping trip

#### ➤ Spartans

- Leader says patrol has very poor attendance
- Figuring out any discrepancies with upcoming January camping trip
- Patrol supposedly has poor communication, lack of contact information

#### ➤ Thunderbirds

- Attendance has been great
- Beginning to plan may campout

### ❖ How can we improve patrol attendance?

- Contact absent scouts via cell phone or email
- Speak to absent scout and imply that they matter

### ❖ What can we do to improve the quality of patrol meetings?

- Select a merit badge that the entire patrol can work on collectively
- Work on a “skill”
- Attempt to gain Honor Patrol

### ❖ Communication

- Patrols should abstain from using email as means to communicate
- Try and utilize apps like GroupMe, or Band as a method to communicate with one another as there are no restrictions regarding iPhone or Android

### ❖ Patrol warrant officers

- Each patrol should have a warrant officer
- If there are not enough jobs, then allow the sharing of one

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- Specified person will check up on a regular basis to see if officers are meeting their job requirements
- ❖ “Old Business” ~things carrying over from the last PLC
  - Patrol based goals include, establish shadow for troop warrant officers, each patrol has warrant officers, warrant officers will utilize their staff, staff will be subject to review, SPL will choose troop level warrant officers...
  - Choose campsites/campouts that are more “exciting”
  - Campouts should be tiered to add more of a challenge
  - Campouts should retain some sort of ideal goal, such as dinner competition
  - SPL will reveal point-based totem pole every month
- ❖ How can we incorporate spirit meter into our meetings again?
  - Give scouts an incentive to actually fulfill the requirements to gain points and surpass other patrols
  - Improve current goals regarding the meter
- ❖ Pancakes
  - The roster for each of the jobs will be brought up the following meeting
  - Keep younger scouts as waiters, because our guests like to see the younger scouts taking initiative
  - Switching up of jobs for the upcoming event
  - Why are we doing this event? Money, and to make scouting more affordable
  - Scouts need to sell the entire quantity of their tickets
  - Scouting fees have increased, we need as many sales as possible
- ❖ January Trip
  - There would be issues because of snow
  - Rundown- 2-3 hour drive, a 20 minute walk from parking lot to campsite, personal gear will be placed on tarps, everyone will hike down from the parking lot to the drop off point. Scouts will be carrying both troop and personal gear to the campsite. Friday snack will be something basic. Saturday breakfast will be rather simple like oatmeal, cold, quick, easy, and low KP. Museums do not open until 9. Troop will have to bring all of their water with them. There is a mile walk from campsite to car location- do not bring something that you do not need! Emphasis on boots, no sneakers!
- ❖ February
  - Campout is themed for Geocaching
  - Camping trip will be located at Granogue
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