

Troop 46 Patrol Leader Conference

Wednesday, July 5, 2017

Attendance:

- Alex Panneton
- Brian Garner
- George Powell
- Matthew Levasseur
- Wilson Gramer (Scribe)
- Collin Marcucci (Scribe)

Patrol Check-In

- Phoenix Patrol (Max Gregoire)
 - Max was not present today.
- Eagles Patrol (Alex Panneton)
 - 2-3 people active in Patrol
 - Due to the fact that people don't know that there are meetings over the summer
 - Can't plan campout with too few people
- Los Gatos Patrol (Brian Garner)
 - 8 total people, but 3 or 4 active
- To fix the participation issue PLs should reach out to members of patrol

Agenda:

- Preparation for Wah-Tut-Ca
 - Have a meeting discussing:
 - Packing List
 - Demonstrate setting up mosquito net/showing foot lockers
- Individualizing patrols
 - A patrol is a "group of friends".
 - Meeting elsewhere for patrol meetings
 - PLs can plan this at someone's house or other location (see below.)
 - Patrol competition during meetings/Wah-Tut-Ca
 - Patrol meeting/campout ideas:
 - Cookout/campfire
 - Lashing practice/practical application
 - Hike
 - Frost Road
 - Sullivan Farms
 - Sports
 - Look for ways to apply Scouting traits/abilities to any Patrol Meeting.
 - Individualizing patrols at Wah-Tut-Ca

- July meetings
 - Next week (July 11) - No Sportsman's club. Just plan a "pioneering" Troop meeting instead
 - Colin & Wilson will be the highest rank at this meeting, so they will plan something on Scoutbook. Ideas:
 - Fishing @ Frost Road
 - Wiffleball Game
 - Someone would have to bring game materials → ask on Scoutbook
 - Hike
 - ~~Kimball Farms~~ → permission slips
 - Find Scout games (team-building games) online (Minefield, etc.)
 - Rank advancements
 - How many people will we need to do these? Keep this in mind when planning.
 - If we don't get enough replies, decide for ourselves & send out confirmation email.
 - Ask the SP, PLs, and Mr. Berthiaume for any questions.
 - 3rd week of July (July 18) - Patrol meetings & mention Wah-Tut-Ca packing list/email out on Scoutbook
 - 4th week of July (July 25) - Wah-Tut-Ca info meeting:
 - One person brings a copy of the packing list & reads it out
 - Talk about first day, water test
 - Talk about events (range, AII, etc.)
 - Talk about buddy system
 - So-Key-Tay (new Scout program)
 - Don't talk about negative things!
 - Consult Steven's list at the meeting for all ideas.
 - George will bring in a mosquito net & foot locker, and the troop will demonstrate how to use/setup these.
- Troop vision
 - A vision is what the Troop follows to make decisions - it's what you *see* when you think of Scouting and your Troop. Each Troop has a different vision.
 - Gist:
 - We are an independent, boy-led group
 - People think that the meetings are somewhat boring: Focus on fun, with Merit Badges & Ranks coming down the line for those who want to pursue them
- Planning APM date
 - **Annual Planning Meeting: Sunday, August 27th at George Powell's house from 4-8pm**
 - **16 Nottingham Rd. Tyngsborough**

- Training environment
 - Example: Tying knots
 - Guided Discovery
 - Instead of telling them the answer/how to do something, you demonstrate it and let them figure it out
 - Example - using a calculator to find $2+2$ will get it right but you won't know *how* it's right. Doing the addition out yourself will get it right *and* teach you how to do it.
 - Works for ranks or just in general
- Guiding patrol leaders
 - Everyone is kind of set on this!