

Troop 46 Patrol Leader Conference

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Attendance:

- Steven Buck – SPL
- Max Gregoire – Phoenix Patrol
- Alex Panneton – Eagles Patrol
- Wilson Gramer – Los Gatos Patrol – Scribe
- Mr. Berthiaume – Scoutmaster
- Mr. Panneton – First Assistant Scoutmaster

Agenda:

- Discuss ways of boosting Patrol spirit
 - In a regular Troop Meeting:
 - Get people involved!
 - Doing activities as a Patrol/Having competitions against other Patrols
 - Patrol neckerchiefs/bolo ties
 - Handmake some or custom-order online
 - Cooking night
 - Patrol cooking competition
 - Patrol campout
 - Having Patrol over at someone's house – watching movie, having campfire, working on requirements/merit badges, etc.
 - Patrol yells and flags (Is it worth it as we rarely use them?)
 - Incorporate these into meetings
 - “Fun checks”:
 - “Deep thoughts”
 - Skits
 - Plan all of these into Troop Meetings.
 - Training for Scout skills
 - Knot tying games
 - Fits in with potential “pioneering” theme
 - At a preceding Patrol Meeting, have Patrol members learn the knots for the game
 - Practice flag ceremonies
 - Have a flag ceremony (presenting and retiring the flag) at the beginning and end of every meeting
 - Present the flag and attach to flagpole
 - Flag disposal ceremony

- Burn it? Or find other dignified methods
 - Practice folding the flag during Patrol Meetings
- Organizing Patrols
 - Patrol Choice Chart (PCC)
 - Scouts write down 3 friends that they would like to have in their Patrol. Plot on a graph and deduce Patrols from this.
 - Number of people per Patrol:
 - The greater number of Scouts per Patrol, the more inactive Scouts you can include
- **First Troop meeting – 2nd week of September (Sept. 12)**
 - Elections all in one meeting –
 - Scouts choose Patrols (PCC)
 - Elect SPL. Meanwhile, form Patrols with old SPL and Scoutmasters
 - New SPL appoints his ASPL, etc.
 - New Patrol members elect Patrol Leaders. Meanwhile, Scoutmaster talks with new SPL
 - Patrol Leaders appoint Assistant Patrol Leaders
 - There will be no Senior Patrol except the SPL and ASPL
 - On campouts, leave Patrol preference up to SPL and ASPL
 - SPL and ASPL can still fill out PCC just for campouts
 - Describe this process out on Scoutbook:
 - “If you can’t make the meeting, PM the Scoutmaster”
- 4th week of September (Sept. 26):
 - Game night (knot competition)
- Plan a camping trip for September
 - Camp Sayre:
 - Different tasks per Patrol (one Patrol does hiking, etc.)
 - See if Sayre can set us up with a Patrol-style camping experience (separate patrols) – NO full-Troop campout
 - Mr. Berthiaume to call Sayre for camping possibilities
- Looking forward to October:
 - Do the camporee in October (wilderness survival theme)
- For Annual Planning Meeting:
 - Troop calendar (month-by-month)
 - Talk about planning events in respective Patrol forums (for Scouts that won’t be there)
- Extra Notes:
 - George will probably be running the next PLC meeting.
 - Max and Steven – send out Scoutbook messages about planning and Patrol forming