

5/7/14 Leader-Committee Meeting

Attendance: Tom Bertelsen, Maggie Hannon, Ellen Drexler, Danielle Neary, Stu Garmise, Jim Callaghan, Jan Bertelsen, Nancy Gianetti, Todd Gianetti, John Tomanelli

Year in Review

Trips

- PLC voted Cape Cod bike trip as #1, Indoor Rock Climbing was #2. Least favorite trip was Camp Mattatuck.
- Scouts are happy with variety of trips this past year
- Possibility of Project O discussed, if we could team with another troop or Girl Scouts (25 min.)
- Jim suggested we do a winter trip (i.e. Mt. Adams)
- CRC attempting to set a calendar for Fall, Winter (Klondike) and Spring events – follow HR Facebook page for updates
- Work to incorporate Scouts' Own Service and campfire programs as regular features
- Todd suggested adding a Troop Banquet, discussion to make it a pot luck at the lake as the closing of the troop year

Advancements

- Since November 8 Court of Honor, 12 merit badges, 3 Tenderfoot, 2 Second Class, 2 Star
- 2 scouts actively planning Eagle projects, several more upcoming

Leadership

- PLC gave feedback on each leader; nothing negative, just their perceptions
- Discussion on how bullying is handled in troop resulted in a plan as follows:
 - o More policing needed by leaders on campouts
 - o Strategic planning of camping layouts
 - o Tenting, hanging out with friends is a privilege that can be revoked if expectations are not met; consequences must be immediate in a bullying situation
 - o The person being teased determines if it is bullying, not those doing the teasing
- Bryan on Scouting: leaders should not try to re-live their scouting days, new bait and strategies need to be used to connect with scouts today
- Importance of succession planning to provide full training and preparation for replacements in key roles

Help Wanted

- Current volunteers are all filling multiple roles, discussion on how to engage others not currently involved (although troop has a 75-80% involvement rate which is well above average)

- Use the Heads Up and troop Facebook page as means of communicating job opportunities
- Try to build a group of potential Eagle advisors who will work with one scout at a time, leaving the ceremony detail to a separate committee. Possible names: Jon Wood, Mike Davis, Gil Thompson, Steve D'Andeneau, Andy Pulvermacher, Warren Cyr, Dwight Fowler