

Troop 57 Webelos/New Scout Parent Orientation

1. Get all parent's names on sign in sheet, and introduce the Troop 57 people present.
2. Welcome, and introductions.
 - a. "Key Three"
 - i. Scoutmaster – D.J. Keller
 - ii. Committee Chair – Bernt Carlson
 - iii. Chartered Organization Representative – Mike LaFew
 - iv. Alpine Lutheran Church is our Chartering Organization
 - b. Treasurer – Cindi Gustafson
 - c. Advancement Chair – Lisa Dunaway
 - d. SPL – Jimmy Peplos
3. Boy Scouts vs Cub Scouts.
 - a. Boy run vs adult run.
 - i. SPL runs weekly meeting
 - ii. PLC meeting once a month for anyone with a leadership position.
 - b. Advancements at the boy's pace, as fast, or as slow as they want.
 - i. Goal is First Class rank in the first year.
 - ii. Summer Camp big part of that goal.
 - c. Parents can no longer sign for advancements.
 - d. Merit badges, more in-depth on a topic than you see in Cub Scouts, many to choose from.
 - e. Troop 57 has merit badge counselors in house for all Eagle required merit badges.
 - f. Safe Scouting, every registered adult leader has to go thru youth protection training, and gets a background check.
 - g. A Scout is never alone with an adult leader, even his child.
 - h. Always report any behavior that seems out of line. We don't want to take any chances with our boys.
4. Troop 57
 - a. Large, Active Troop, currently.
 - b. Full Class "A" uniforms a requirement.
 - i. Troop has a uniform exchange system for Scouts to turn in their outgrown uniforms for others to use free of charge, first come first serve. Located in the Troop closet.
 - c. Monday night meetings, September through May there are swim nights once a month on the 4th Monday at the "N" Center from 7-8:30. Work on Swimming and Lifesaving merit badges and swim tests for camp.
 - d. One outing a month.
 - i. Camping

- ii. Hiking
 - iii. Canoeing
 - iv. Bike Hike
 - v. Cave camping
- e. Well Equipped.
 - i. Tents
 - ii. Gear
 - iii. Canoes
 - iv. Trailers
 - v. Patrol boxes
- f. New Scouts need to provide personal gear (Tesomas checklist)
 - i. Mess kit – plastic one in dip bag.
 - ii. Sleeping bag
 - iii. Full uniform, Troop 57 T shirts and sweatshirts.
 - iv. Rain gear
 - v. Boots
 - vi. Backpack
 - vii. Personal hygiene items
- g. Well Funded:
 - i. Transfer of Scout Accounts from Packs.
 - ii. Troop Fundraiser: Tree Lot,
 - iii. Scout Account fundraisers: Cherry Valley Days, Flower Bulbs, Popcorn, Wreaths, candy bars, Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's.
- h. Registration and Health Forms:
 - i. Registration forms. Re-charter fees from Cub Scouts transfer.
 - ii. Transfer of health forms from Packs.
 - iii. Physicals for Summer Camp.
- i. Large Committee: Still room for more. Please consider what you can do to help. You will be around anyway to some extent, so lend a hand. Spreading the work around keeps it from becoming an undue burden on any individual. We try to remember that this is about the boys, not us. Good way to start is to attend a Committee Meeting held on the 3rd Tuesday in the Church basement.
- j. No electronics on campouts
- k. Costs.
 - i. Monthly Dues: \$8.00 per month
 - ii. Outings/Campouts run \$25-\$85 depending on activities.
 - iii. Summer Camp \$325.
 - iv. Typical High Adventure \$1,000-\$1,500.
- l. Communications:
 - i. Make sure we have a good e-mail address for Parent and Scout
 - ii. Troop website (need e-mail for notifications).
 - iii. Troop Facebook page.
 - iv. Handouts at meetings.

- v. Sign ups at "back table"
 - m. When your son joins the troop you will get a policy handbook.
- 5. Big Trips/High Adventure – once a year
 - a. Camp Tesomas, and extended treks Apostle Islands, & etc. from there for the older boys.
 - i. Summer Camp is possibly the single most important activity for a new Scout.
 - ii. Fun activities.
 - iii. At Summer Camp they work on rank requirements for 1st Class requirements.
 - iv. Many Scouts this is the first time away from family.
 - v. A time for personal growth and bonding with his Patrol.
 - b. Age & rank requirements (Generally 13 and 1st Class).
 - c. High Adventures: Past - D.C., Sea Base (Fla), Philmont (Cimarron, NM), Sid Richardson Scout Ranch in Texas, Grand Canyon, Hawaii, Summit 2015.
 - 1. Philmont ???
 - 2. Sea base ???
- 6. Boy Scouts, and specifically Eagle Scouts
 - a. Troop typically has 3-5 Scouts per year earn the Eagle rank, nationally it is about 2-4% of the total Scouts, Troop 57 is about double that.
- 7. Open it up to questions.
- 8. Tour of Troop Garage if enough interest.