Troop 10
New Parent Orientation
April 2006

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Advancement

- A Scout is responsible for his own advancement. This is not Cub Scouts.

- Only adult leaders and Life Scouts can "sign off". Also, other Scouts designated by the Scoutmaster.

- Scout Spirit is "measured" by participation (not just attendance) at outings and meetings. Guidelines is 60% in the previous 3 months. SM makes final determination.

- Position of Responsibility – agreed with SM. Required for Star and above. Scout must have PoR and perform as required.

- If the Scout's progress is not in Troopmaster, it doesn't exist. The Scout (not the parent) must show Mrs. Susan V. his progress periodically. (Scanning the Scout's handbook is very helpful.)

Advancement – Part 2

- Process for rank advancement
  - Scout must get signed off on all requirements except for Scout Spirit, Scoutmaster Conference, and Board of Review.
  - Mrs. Susan V. makes the **FINAL** determination if Scout is ready for SMC and BoR.
  - Scout should be in Class A uniform for both SMC and BoR.
  - Parent must attend BoR meeting to help with other Scouts' BoR.

- Scout account cannot be negative to advance.

Communications

- Troop 10 Website - http://troop10.nwsc.org/

- Troop 10 Yahoo Group
  - Sign up through website or invitation
  - Newsletter and other communications are sent through this group

- Roster
  - On Yahoo group site
  - Keep info up-to-date with Mrs. Susan V.

Camping

- Sign-up form
  - Due on Monday before camp-out
  - Need your contact info – we've used it
  - Directions on form
  - Give to Mrs. Jill H.

- Parent needs to drive at least 1 of each 3 camp-outs Scout attends

- Food buyer – Scout buys food for patrol
  - <u>Scout</u> converts menu to shopping list. Budget is on menu plan.
  - Don't overbuy. Please. Especially milk.
  - No soda. Think healthy.
  - Turn in receipts within 2 weeks. Or "thanks for your donation."

- Adult patrol
  - One adult buys for each meal and leads cooking
  - Others sign up for clean-up
  - Mr. Dave K. coordinates

Suggested Gear

- Shake-down - specific gear for the camp-out listed on sign-up sheet
- General packing list in Handbook
- Look at weather forecast for campsite (enter Zipcode from sign-up sheet on weather.com) and adjust gear accordingly

- Packing light – Can your son easily carry all of his gear?
- Example

- Specific suggestions
  - Down sleeping bag   - Thermorest sleeping pad
  - Headlamp   - Water bottle (doesn't have to be Nalgene)
  - No cotton - especially socks

- No electronics (including cellphones)
- No candy

Scout Account

- What is it?
  - A Scout can earn money for Scouting activities and Scouting activity-related gear.
  - Scout (not troop) fundraisers – popcorn, wreaths, plant sale (high adventure)
  - Troop holds Scout's money.

- Money can be "spent" by designating payment choice for camp-outs or by sending gear receipts to Mr. Nick W. for reimbursement.

Adult Training

- Standard
  - Youth Protection
  - Safe Sanctuaries
  - New Leader Essentials
  - Position Specific – Asst. Scoutmaster and Committee Member

- Other
  - Climbing Instructor – we are a climbing troop
  - First Aid
  - CPR – very important
  - Wilderness First Aid – really good for high adventure

High Adventure

- Opportunities
    - National BSA – Philmont, Seabase, Atikokan
    - Other – Blue Ridge, Quetico

- Generally Scouts have to be 13 or 14 years old at time of trip. Depends on camp requirements <u>and</u> SM and expedition leader approval.

- These trips are run by interested parents. This could be YOU.

Other

- Uniform
  - Class A = Scout shirt with neckerchief
  - Keep rank patch up-to-date – Scout can sew
  - Shirt must be tucked in – no "Troop 10 roll"

- Parents can participate in Pledge of Allegiance and Scout Oath and Promise
  - Scout sign - 3 fingers, forearm is 90° to upper arm
  - Scout salute - only if in uniform

- Useful websites
  - www.meritbadge.com
  - www.nwsc.org