

## TROOP PROGRAM PLANNER

### A. Known facts - Troops with well planned annual programs:

- Are stronger and stay in business
- Keep their members and leaders longer
- Have higher advancement and more Eagle Scouts
- Have more fun and more parental participation

### B. What elements make up a near perfect experience for a Scout for a year?

- \*Monthly Camping Trips    \*Uniform    \*Advancement    \*Literature
- \*Summer Camps    \*High Adventure    \*Accident Insurance    \*Registration
- \*BOYS' LIFE Magazine    \*Trained Leaders    \*Fieldtrips    \*Charter Fee
- \*Service Projects    \*Parental Involvement

### C. What elements make up a near perfect troop annual program plan?

#### STEP 1:

- **Commitment** from appropriate adult and youth leaders to participate in planning and date(s) set for meeting(s).
- **Homework**  
Gather district, council, community, and chartered organization dates for events that will effect the troop.
  1. Review the resources needed to plan the annual program.
  2. Review the advancement status of each Scout
  3. List troop goals for the year such as Quality Unit, Camping Award, new equipment, special trips, good turn projects, anniversary celebrations, etc.
  4. Review program features available to the troop.
  5. Meet with the troop committee to:
    - Conduct Ideal Year of Scouting "Dream-storming" to list all the elements necessary to achieve the best possible program for boys and their families.
    - Incorporate Ideal Year of Scouting list into troop goals
    - Develop potential troop calendar
    - Develop proposed troop budget using Ideal Year of Scouting planner
  6. Meet with your senior patrol leader to plan the next steps leading to the annual troop program planning conference.

**STEP 2: Get Patrol Input** - Senior Patrol Leader introduces proposed program to Patrol Leaders Council for discussion and preparation for planning conference.

**STEP 3: Conduct the Annual Program Planning Conference**

**STEP 4: Obtain Troop Committee Support** – Presentation by Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster.

**STEP 5: Inform Everyone** – Parents Night program, newsletter printed annual plan and schedule. expectations of families, boys, and leaders.

D. For Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ to have an **IDEAL YEAR OF SCOUTING**,  
What will it cost??

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**TROOP BUDGET PLANNING GUIDE**