



## TROOP 272: PATROL LEADERS COUNCIL AGENDA

**Date: 8/31/2011**

**Call to Order:** Kyle Sawyer called the meeting to order ~7:17pm.

**Reading & Approval of Last Meetings Minutes:** Approved

### **Patrol Reports:**

- **Senior:** The start of this scouting season has gone well. Summer camp was a great success with many merit badges being earned, and a strong group of first year scouters. The planning for the main scouting season has been greatly undertaken. The patrols are underway on their planning of patrol trips. The seniors are camping at Tohickon Valley Park in Eastern Bucks County and going rock climbing on the cliffs at Ralph Stover State Park. We will be going up to the area on Saturday morning. The Senior Patrol has also finalized our patrol vision which each of our members has a copy of. We have no advancements for the court of honor. The program crew met to talk about the skill session and plan. This month we have an exciting program with both home repair and fire safety, which will be further explained by Max. The administration is running well and a lot of gear is back from the summer. The newsletter is in progress as well. Towards the end of the month we have our Kayak trip on the Delaware River. At the end of the month we have the Court of Honor and are expecting some advancement especially in the Ninja Patrol. It's going to be a good start to the main scouting season. Kick back into the scouting gear and prepare for a good year.

Start: Working as patrols and teams to accomplish the goals we have

Stop: Later completion of skill session plan forms

Continue: Planning and Commitment

- **Venture:** The Venture Patrol is at a good start. We are finalizing our trips and trying to foster the incoming troops. We are also ready and preparing for T.L.T.

- **Blazing Eagles:** The Blazing Eagle Patrol is doing well. Summer camp went well and our patrol earned a lot of merit badges. Our patrol vision is nearly completed and now the patrol has to finalize it. Also, our patrol trip is going to be archery and planning is going along well. We plan on trying to complete as many of the requirements for the archery merit badge as possible, if we don't complete all of them. Furthermore, Jon Kopsick will represent our patrol on the High Adventure Committee. Now for a quick SSC:

Start: Start frequently checking e-mails and responding to them if necessary.

Stop: Stop getting off topic when trying to accomplish something.

Continue: Continue cooperating to get planning done

- **Raven Claw:** We had a great summer. All 9 members attended summer camp. We earned 39 merit badges during summer camp. 6 of us attended our first High Adventure. We have completed our patrol vision. We need to start planning our patrol trip. We are looking forward to a great year.

Start: Reminding patrol members to come early for patrol meetings

Stop: Showing up late for patrol meetings

Continue: Building our patrol spirit.

- **Olympians:** The Olympian patrol had been having a great year and had a great time at summer camp. We have begun planning for our patrol trip at six flags. Many of us are ready or almost ready to become first class.

Start: Planning ahead

Stop: Becoming unfocussed with tasks

Continue: Having fun

- **Troop Guide/ Ass't Troop Guide & Ninjas:** Oral report given.

### **Support Position Reports:**

- **Assistant Senior Patrol Leader for Program:** We have been working and figured out the plans for the round robin. The fire house is a day trip and the theme of October is inventing. The kayaking trip is planned and the patrol trips have started.

- **Order of the Arrow Troop Rep./ Service:** The order of the arrow dinner, September 14<sup>h</sup>. Contact Sam if you can attend.
- **Historian**
- **Head Program Specialist:** The September trip is planned and the October round robins are finished. The patrol trips are turning out great. We are not sure if the PECO fire training is happening and in October is fire training.
- **Max Miller: September's Theme – Home Repairs**
- **Connor McGaffin: October's Theme – Inventing:** The round robins are assigned and I found a guest speaker, Mr. Mitchell.
- **Noah Pallmeyer: September Trip – Kayaking:** Just to make sure that everyone brings a bathing suit, towel, and water shoes for the kayaking trip. On Saturday, we will kayak.
- **Nolan Hiehle: October Fire Training Trip**
  
- **Assistant Senior Patrol Leader for Administration:** T.L.T. is turning out great and the Q.M. work night was canceled. We are looking forward to adopt a highway and a positive year.
- **Training Instructor:** The scouting summer went well and I look forward to a productive new scout year! I have been planning TLT and everything should be set for September 10-11, when TLT is this year. I am trying a new idea in TLT, which is adding a theme to the overall program which I hope makes this year's TLT even better than the last ones. I also look forward to the Parent Training Nights later in the year which I will start planning once TLT is finished and my eagle project which I hope to have in late October and early November.
  - Start: Work on Parent training nights
  - Stop: Can't think of anything
  - Continue: High hopes and planning for this year's training events
- **Recruiting Instructor:** Jon Kopsick had made contact with the cub scouts and looking forward to the incoming cubs. I have started planning and connecting with the W.S.S.D. schools.
- **Den Chief**
- **Quartermaster/ Assistant Quartermaster(s)/ Librarian:** The Q.M. has been great this year. I'm focusing on the patrol Q.M. and making it clear that the patrol Q.M. makes sure that all of the patrol stuff is there and cleaned. The Patrol Q.M. has to be on the trip to be the patrol Q.M.
  - Torben discussed the expectations for the Patrol Quartermasters during the trips and the check-in process. Patrol QMs help gather their patrols equipment, help open equipment up ready for the QM, and make sure that equipment gets home with patrol members on trip.
- **Corresponding Scribe:** The newsletter is in progress and the thank you letters are done.
- **Webmaster**

### **Old Business** (unresolved new business from previous PLCs)

- The troop is looking for a new t-shirt design. The number of current troop T-shirts we have is dwindling. Eric Mitchell is organizing the t-shirt design and will hand out a flyer at next week's meeting.

### **New Business**

- Motion to adopt the 2011-2012 Troop Vision was made by: \_\_\_\_\_ and Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_  
APPROVED
- Motion to hold PLC Executive Sessions every other month was made by: \_\_\_\_\_ and Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_  
These session are just for patrol leaders to discuss: visions, problems, concerns. APPROVED
- Motion to present a monthly "Honor Patrol" Ribbon was made by: \_\_\_\_\_ and Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_  
We will start having a monthly honor patrol ribbons. This is to encourage patrols to work well together. This ribbon will add on to the usual ribbons given out for winning games, uniform inspections, and attendance. This ribbon is awarded for patrols that: Have patrol meetings frequently, Are respectful at skill sessions, Works together, Goes along with the programs. APPROVED

**For the Good of the Troop** (Constructive criticism, positive feedback & general concerns)

- Kyle went through our new Junior Leader Binders and looked at all of the resources we have for the year.
- Kyle discussed the PLC expectations for who must attend the meetings. Everyone must hand in some type of report; either to the recording scribe or to the leader above them on the junior leader chart.
- There is a star gazing trip at widener for FREE. It is a great idea for patrol trips. Usually open 8-9 P.M. on Monday and Friday. It is opened a half an hour after sunset. See Kyle for more details.
- The South Media Fire Company is in need of service help on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. They are having a commemoration for those lost on 9/11. They need help setting up for the event. The ninjas, as well as anyone else who doesn't have to go to TLT before 12 pm, can help set up around 10 am. This is a great way to serve the community. See Kyle for details.
- Tree lot Cleanup from Hurricane Irene damages is to be held on September 1<sup>st</sup> at 4-6 p.m. It can be accounted as service and an adopt-a-highway make-up. Service is a good turn.

**Leadership Skill Session** (10-15 minutes session on specific leadership skill): Geoffrey Gaskins

- Played a COPE Game within the leadership corps. Discussed the need for teamwork.

**Next PLC Meeting:** October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Adjournment:** Motion made by: \_\_\_\_\_ and Seconded by:

Meeting adjourned ~8:35pm