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Scout Troop 497



Annual Parents Meeting

October 4, 2018



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Scoutmaster's Agenda

- ✓ Welcome
- ✓ 2018 – 2019 Program
- ✓ 2018 – 2019 Objectives
- ✓ 2019 – 2020 Summer Camps
- ✓ Youth Protection
- ✓ Communications & Support

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Scoutmaster's Agenda (cont)

- ✓ Parents' Commitment & Fundraising
- ✓ High Adventure Programs
- ✓ Leadership
- ✓ BSA Membership Announcement
- ✓ Questions, Concerns, Feedback

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2018 Program Events

<i>2018</i>	<i>Monthly Theme</i>	<i>Camping Trip</i>	<i>Camping Activity</i>	<i>Special Troop Meeting</i>
September	Auto Maintenance	Assateague Island	Beach Fun	
October	Survival Skills	Gettysburg National Military Park	History	Court of Honor
November	Backpacking	Appalachian Trail	Backpacking	Thanksgiving
December	PASS Skills	Broad Creek/Camp Saffran	Senior Surprise	Christmas Party

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2019 Program Events

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January	Cold Weather Camping	Running Bear (ALKOR) ?	Fire Building	Troop Elections
February	First Aid	Rodney ?	Murder Mystery / Movie Night	Open House
March	Drug/Alcohol Awareness	Calvert Cliffs	Olympics	Court of Honor
April	Cooking	Old Rag Mountain	Day Hike / Patrol Cookoff	k-9 Unit Demo
May	Life Skills / Canoeing	Antietam Creek	Canoeing	Indoor Rock Climbing
June	Fishing	Susquehanna River	Water Weekend / Fishing	National Guard / Military
July	How to get a Job	Owasippe Scout Reservation, MI	Summer Camp	Check In
August	Planning	Planning Session - Leaders	Planning	
September	Patrol Model Camp Site	Assateague/Henlopen	Beach Fun	
October	Wilderness Survival	Caledonia St. Park	Shelter Building / Balloon Battle	Court of Honor
November	Backpacking	Appalacian Trail	Backpacking	Thanksgiving
December	Shooting Sports	Broad Creek, Dan Beard	Senior Surprise / Shooting	Christmas Party
January	Team Building	Rodney	Team Building Games	Troop Elections

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Last Years Objectives

2017-2018 Goals

- **Membership Goals**
 - Active Troop membership of 80 Scouts by year end.

- **Attendance Goal**
 - 60% Attendance for the year at camping trips

- **Communication Goal**
 - Patrol Leader makes two calls before camping trips each months
 - Confirm phone numbers and emails for all scouts.

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Last Years Objectives

2017-2018 Goals

- **Membership Goals**
 - Active Troop membership of 80 Scouts by year end. (75 registered Active Members)

- **Attendance Goal**
 - 60% Attendance for the year at camping trips (53% attendance at trips)

- **Communication Goal**
 - Patrol Leader makes two calls before camping trips each months (improved)
 - Confirm phone numbers and emails for all scouts. (complete)





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This Years Objectives

2018-2019 Goals

- **Membership Goals**
 - Active Troop membership of 80 Scouts by year end.

- **Attendance Goal**
 - 60% Attendance for the year at camping trips

- **Communication Goal**
 - Patrol Leader makes two calls before camping trips each months
 - Senior Patrol contacts each patrol at least once per week

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2019 - 2020 Summer Trips

- 2019 – Owasippe Scout Reservation - Twin Lake, MI
 - » Planning to begin shortly

 - 2020 – Adventure Trip Out West
 - » Likely Locations – Colorado or Grand Canyon Area
- Preliminary work underway – 2 weeks.

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Youth Protection

- New BSA Rules
 - 72 Hour Training Rule – Parents Included
 - We encourage everyone to take the training

- YPT for the Scouts
 - November Presentation – Parents Welcomed





Youth Protection

- Troop Commitment to the Scouts' Safety
 - Background Checks
 - Guide to safe Scouting
 - Youth Protection Guidelines





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Advancement

- First Thursday to First Class
- Scoutmaster Conferences
- Boards of Review
- Eagle Scout Process

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NEW Scoutbook.com

- ❖ Scoutbook.com is an online resource used to track your Scout's rank progress
- ❖ Parents and scouts can enter the scout's rank progress on the site
- ❖ Certified Leaders can approve after entry
- ❖ Experience is that leaders alone can't keep up with data entry
- ❖ Please update son's information prior to each First Thursday
- ❖ An invitation should have been sent to you to join.
- ❖ **Chris McClelland (mccllland.chris@gmail.com) or Adam Spence (adam@spencefirm.com)**

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How do I get involved

- Troop Committee
- Parents Club
- Assistant Scoutmasters
- Come to a meeting
- Contact Drew Rak, Ken Krach, Kevin Gibson, Ray
- Match Strength with Needs

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Communications & Support

- Scout weekly calls
- Website (www.troop497.org)
- Email updates is your email address accurate?
- Twitter Feed (ScoutTroop497)
- Facebook Page (Troop497)

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Problems and Issues

- Please remember we are all focused on the boys
- Three sides to every story
- Please respect work hours and after trip hours
- We are here to help.





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Our Parent's Commitment

- Support Son's Advancement & Participation
- Transportation - Two Short or One Long per year
- Support Fund Raising Effort
 - *Bull Roast – November 9th*
 - *Pancake Breakfast – March 3rd*
 - *Car Wash-A-Thon – June*

- *Enjoy Scouting with your Sons*

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Fundraising

- ✓ One Door to Door Activity - Car Wash
- ✓ Need Participation in all the efforts
 - ✓ Scouts are expected to participate.
- ✓ Short Duration - High Profit
- ✓ Need Everyone Involved for Success
- ✓ *Bull Roast - 1st Event – November 9th*
 - ✓ Can we ask every family to sell a table?

2nd Year – Valley Mansion, Cockeysville

Imperative that Everyone Helps!. Goal of 400 People at the Roast

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High Adventure Programs

- No high adventure in 2020

- 2019 High Adventure Trips
 - Philmont -
 - Northern Tier – Frank Streuber

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Leadership Concerns

- Must participate and fulfill job requirements
 - Have had to ask boys to redo their terms
- Don't always have positions readily available
 - We try to accommodate when possible
- Communicate schedule challenges
- Don't waste an opportunity to lead
- We take leadership seriously
 - Attendance requirement for most positions





Scoutmaster's Conferences

- Ask scouts to please plan ahead
- Last minute requests are more difficult
- Scout through First Class
 - Meetings & Trips – No Appointment needed
- Star
 - Meetings – Trips – *Appointment needed*
- Life, Eagle
 - Palmer Home – Trips – *Appointment needed*





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BSA Membership Changes

- The Boy Scouts of America has been coed since 1969
 - Exploring – Venturing - Varsity
- 2018
 - Girls welcomed into Cub Scouting
- 2019
 - Girls will be welcomed into “Scouts BSA”
 - Troops will be Girl only or Boy Only
 - Does change some things which we will have to address
 - » Summer Camp, District Events, Training, Etc.
- St. Joseph Parish has not decided how to proceed - pending

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