

# Program Planning

OR

How we have fun!





# Why have a "Program Plan"?

- Helps you run your unit for the next year
- Use it to help plan pack meetings
- Use it to help plan den meetings
- Use it to plan your yearly budget



# Program Planning: Who, When, & Where

- Who: Anyone who has an interest in providing a great program for the boys.
- When: Late spring or early summer
- Where: Someplace comfortable & inviting



# Preparation for the Planning Meeting

- Calendars
  - School, Church, District, Council, Previous Year, Blank
- Monthly Planning Chart
- What events from the past year did the boys like best? Least? New ideas?
- Find dates for Scout Days with Council Program Partners, local sporting teams



# At the Planning Meeting

- Keep it light; have fun!
- Work together
- Assign chairs/committees to run events
  - Parents, Leaders, Community member



### Setting Up Your Plan

- Fill in the Planning Chart with:
  - Monthly Themes
  - School and Community dates
  - Pack, Leader, Roundtable, &
     Committee meeting dates
  - All district and council events and training
  - Pack activities and outings
  - Special pack events
  - Don't forget to add new ideas





## 9 Elements of Activity Planning

- 1. Objective
- 2. Fun
- 3. Variety
- 4. Action
- 5. Boy Appeal
- 6. Family Appeal
- 7. Achievement
- 8. Resources
- 9. Flexibility



### The Cub Scout Month

- Two or More Den Meetings
  - Boys and leaders
  - Activities and advancement (including outings)
- Pack Meeting
  - Fun
  - Recognition
  - Show, share, and succeed!
- Pack Activity



# 12 Core Values

Month	Core Value	Pack Activity Example
September	Cooperation	Pack Open House
October	Responsibility	Fall Family Campout
November	Citizenship	Pack Service Projects
December	Respect	Indoor Rock Climbing
January	Positive attitude	Museum Camp-In
February	Resourcefulness	Blue and Gold Banquet
March	Compassion	Pinewood Derby®
April	Faith	Pack Hike/Community Service Project
May	Health and fitness	Spring Family Campout
June	Perseverance	Swim Picnic/Graduation
July	Courage	Summer Camp/Day Camp
August	Honesty	Water Carnival/Cub Olympics



# Key Outcomes of Annual Pack Planning Meeting

- Pack schedule
- Pack budget
- Pack leadership



# Program Planning Helpful Hints

- Start a "Lessons Learned" packet for each event that can be passed to the new committee each year
- Use permission slips for outings
- Inform parents as early as possible as to costs involved with the different outings
- Use email/newsletters/social media to make sure all information is distributed



#### The Cub Scout Year

- Annual program planning conference
- Council/District activities
- Add your own activities
  - Pinewood derby<sup>®</sup>
  - Blue & Gold
  - Camping & other outdoor activities
  - Field trips
- Ensure a year-round program
  - Summertime Pack Award
  - Day/resident/family/pack camping
- Let Journey to Excellence be your guide!





# Pack Calendar Example

