

# TAPP SUMMARY FOR 2009 - 2010

Scouts & parents,

Our Troop Leadership held its annual Troop Annual Planning Program (TAPP) on June 12 with 21 Scouts present. Dragons, Great Whites, Aqua Beavers, Mighty Eagles, Purple Platypi, Ravens, Vikings, and King Cobras were represented; Terp-Tigers, and Panthers were not.

The 2009-2010 year was reviewed for service, trips, fundraising, and other events. The Scouts have also made a plan for the next rolling 13 months from August (August is covered both the previous plan and the new plan). All events were reviewed for both younger & older Scout appeal, participation, recruiting, and whether or not it was a "good event." Overall, last year's review for fun was very good; some advancement programs need to be improved, particularly for younger scouts.

Attached please find a draft Troop camping trip schedule for 2010-2011 from our Scouts' Troop Operations Workshop from the June 12 TAPP. Please remember that there will be changes & corrections. Merit Badge programs will be discussed at upcoming PLCs. The Scouts spent considerable time on several months since a number of events were possible.

Parents will need to find a least TWO adults that will support each Troop event in the next few months to make our Scouts' plans a reality. Please review your calendars and be prepared to discuss this at upcoming parents' meetings (some must be finalized before the August parents' only picnic). We all need to provide support for encouragement and assistance for our youth. It is neither fair nor appropriate for the same parents to provide all support for all youth activities. By more adults taking on an active role, it reinforces the leadership training the program provides for the boys.

All Patrols **MUST HAVE** two or more parents each to serve as Coaches for the Patrol. Coaches do not have to always camp, but a least one Patrol Coach or adult **MUST** be present at all activities for that Patrol to keep its leadership on track (two adults are required in the general area for youth protection). Every parent can find something that they can contribute to the Troop. Scouts will benefit most from interfacing with a larger number and variety of adults helping with the program.

We also need parents for Scoutmaster Conferences, Boards of Review, Merit Badge Counselors, organizing youth & adult physical records (new medical form requirements), maintain Merit Badge counselor list, assisting with event food, and etc. Helping does not necessarily mean camping, and does not have to take a lot of time. Please see Joe Blasko to see where you can help your Scouts.

**Rodney (with Minsi backup)** was chosen as the summer camp for 2011.

The TAPP also recommended that the Troop go to the **Sea Base (Tall Ships with Island Adventure backup)** for its high adventure trip in 2012.

Fundraising was reviewed and the Scouts present agreed that all Scouts should contribute \$45 to the Troop through fundraising or a separate contribution of \$45 (subject to parent Committee review).

The group wanted to continue Popcorn, Joe Corbi, and the bake sale with the Blood Drive, and consider a car-wash in warm weather.

The TAPP also wanted to continue all Service projects from the current year, and any opportunities like Preakness Balloons or snow removal that may be offered.

**Goals (and previous status) for the coming year include:**

**80% of Patrols should get National Honor Patrol** (3 Patrols did last year, 2 twice, 1 thrice, Goal was 80%)

**Troop should get the Centennial Quality Unit Award** (the Troop did last year)

**Troop should get Silver Level National Camping Award**

(We qualified for Bronze Level again last year, Goal was Silver)

**Each Scout should fundraise/contribute \$45 net for the Troop**

**Troop should qualify for Service Good Turn America Award** (the Troop led the District and Council in Service GTA activities last year)

**Membership growth should be 16 Scouts (2 full Patrols)** (we have 10 Bridging Scouts & 3 additional Scouts - 1 Patrols this year, Goal was 16 Scouts, 2 Patrols)

**Advancement:** (Overall, T-S-F – Tenderfoot-Second Class-First Class; S-L-E Star-Life-Eagle)

**Overall advancement 1.4 ranks per Scout** (last year was 1.1, goal was 1.4)

**T-S-F Scouts advance 2.6** (T-S-F was 4.6 ranks per Scout last year, Goal 2.4)

**70% of New Scouts achieve First Class in First Year** (last year was 33%, goal 80%)

**S-L-E Scouts 0.4** (S-L-E Scouts advanced 0.3 ranks per Scout last year, Goal was 0.4 recognized as slightly aggressive)

**Scouts achieve 4.0 Merit Badges per Scout** (actual last year 3.8, goal was 4.0)

**Scouts achieve 1.2 Eagle Merit Badges per Scout** (actual last year 1.4, goal 1.0)

**Hold 4 Courts of Honor** (3 held, 1 scheduled)

**Plan trips/events for excitement, adventure, and fun** (super good rating)

Advancement is basically up to the Scouts. However, we need to improve our older Scout program using Merit Badge presentations; Coaches, and encouraging older Scouts to contribute to the program for younger Scouts. The Scouts and Leadership at the TAAP have also committed to improving the behavior for all boys.

The Scouts have planned an excellent program for the coming year. The ball is now in the parents' court. Let us all help them -- to make their program a reality.

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## **Monthly Schedule of Camping Trips and Activities**

*(detailed calendar to follow later)*

August – Valley Forge / Hershey Park

September – Caving (backup Wilderness Survival)

October – Spangled Camporee & Webelos-O-Ree

November – Rappelling

December – Torsk Submarine

January – Skiing, stay at Hunting Lodge

February– Feast

March – District Adventuree

April – Bike Hike (at Gettysburg)

May – Ham Fest

June – White Water Rafting

July – Rodney Summer Camp

August – Fishing / Wilderness Survival (backup Kings Dominion)