Troop 433

The Basics of Patrol Meetings

Purpose:

The purpose of having patrol meeting is to help each scout develop friendship and brotherhood with each of the scouts in his patrol by having time for fun and adventure. The patrol meeting is not intended to be a short version of a Troop meeting, rather it should reflect the makeup of the scouts within that patrol and their interests. The patrol setting allows for a more flexible format to use the scouting program to fulfill each scout's individual aspiration for adventures. Patrol meetings are an active demonstration of Scouting's "Fun with a Purpose" core value. The patrol meetings are also intended to teach specific skills that include:

- How to have self discipline in a group setting (be a team player),
- How to plan an event and assign tasks with accountability built into the system.
- What is the effect on the other scouts based on how well each of the members does his task.

Planning:

The reason for planning patrol meetings is to make sure each scout's time is used effectively. When you are going to do something with a number people with divergent schedules planning is critical to make the most of the time. A little planning with plenty of room for change is the best for this size of a group.

Scope:

There are two types of patrol meeting. One is a short meeting within the Troop meeting to do planning and evaluation. The other is an adventure suggested and planned by the scouts in that patrol.

- A "Planning" patrol meeting follows the outline below and is intended to facilitate the "Adventure" meeting. Each patrol will have a planning meeting scheduled at most Troop meetings. Each patrol will have a meeting outside of troop meetings once a month..
- A "Adventure" patrol meeting can be held almost anywhere and may be about almost anything. The main idea is to use the methods of scouting to have fun. This will help with the purpose of scouting and give a forum for some great times with your friends.

Planning Meeting Responsibility:

Patrol Leader	Have the meeting pre-planned with the subjects you will cover
	Have your notes from last meeting and the PLC meeting
Assistant Patrol Leader	Know what the Patrol leader has planned to support him and be ready to step in if needed.
Attendees	Be prepared for holding an organized meeting
	Have your tasks completed from previous assignments

Adult - mentor/guides:

- Assist with behavior issues that the Patrol Leader cannot handle
- To provide some teaching and coaching to make sure the patrol uses some method for planning.
- To encourage the whole patrol (all ages) to participate.
- To make sure that the patrol meeting has a record of the decisions made and topics discussed (part of any well run meeting).

Planning Patrol Meeting Agenda – Troop 433

Opening (Call to order should include the Patrol Yell)

Old Business, Overview of tasks:
- Review Scouts accomplishments since last meeting (Use *Patrol Meeting Planning Work Sheet* started from the prior meeting)

- Review any scouts unfinished business that hasn't been accomplished

- What was well planned and done effectively on the last event? What can be done better for the nest time? (Keep a record for use when planning the next event.)

New Business, Needs of the group:
- Review with members present any concerns or needs for Advancement and record it to bring back to the next PLC.

- Review with members present any concerns or changes in the [Troop] or [Patrol] schedule.

- Plan for your next adventure meeting (Record using a separate *Patrol Meeting Planning Work Sheet* for each adventure).

- Item from PLC _____

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- Provide Scouts with any "Take Home" information such as copies of your *Patrol Meeting Planning Work Sheet* for the next scheduled event.

Closing, (Patrol yell, Motto, Slogan)

Patrol Meeting Planning Work Sheet – Troop 433

Planning Sheet is for: Date: _____ Start Time: _____ AM / PM

Starting Location: _____

Description of Event: _____

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Cost: $ _____, Money is Due: _____

Persons Planning to Attend:

1. Scout in Charge: _____ Phone: (___) ____- _____

2. Name _____ Phone: (___) ____- _____ **3**. Name _____ Phone: (___) ____- _____

4. Name _____ Phone: (___) ____- _____ **5**. Name _____ Phone: (___) ____- _____

6. Name _____ Phone: (___) ____- _____ **7**. Name _____ Phone: (___) ____- _____

8. Name _____ Phone: (___) ____- _____ **9**. Name _____ Phone: (___) ____- _____

Drivers / Adults: (two deep required, have at least one)

Name _____, Information on file with the Troop Yes / No* Phone: (___) ____- _____

Name _____, Information on file with the Troop Yes / No* Phone: (___) ____- _____
* Each driver must supply the Troop Youth Protection person with driver and insurance information before a trip is taken.

Reservation if required (Who is Responsible for making it)

Name _____ Date Due: _____

Patrol Items needed:

Item _____ Responsible Scout: _____

Item _____ Responsible Scout: _____

Scouts are to bring: _____

_____

Event Ends at: Time: _____ AM / PM

Pickup scout at: _____ or **Scouts will be dropped off at home**.
                                   (location)   (Circle One)