

Topic:Membership

Chairperson [guest]

Membership

Posted 4-27-2001 13:49

Would anybody like to share their ideas on encouraging membership. I am particularly interested in Scout/Venturer/Rover age. I would love to see the numbers rise in these three groups. We have a very active group, and I know there are a lot of kids out there that are missing out. Any ideas are welcome.

Laurie

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Membership

Posted 5-8-2001 16:49

Have you seen the Membership Articles on Scoutscan.com?

Chairperson [guest]

No

Posted 5-23-2001 13:27

I haven't but will go and have a look for them.
Thanks,

Baston

Membership

Posted 8-28-2001 15:29

I have been a troop leader for ten years. And in that time I have watch troops shutdown left, right and center but our troop has grown over the years. I have found that the youth want a program that:

1. Centers on outdoor events and activites.
2. Has structure, consistancy and expectations.
3. Has recognition for achievements.
4. Has a caring leadership team.
5. Has pride in the troop.
6. Has FUN.

In the troops that I have seen fold there is generally the same problems.

1. The leadership team ignores the program. ie it's to much paperwork or badges are not given out when earned.
2. There is not structure ie. Opening, closing etc.
3. No uniform or only half of the uniform is required.
4. Older, stonger scouts are permitted to run the troop as a bully type atomosphere.

I have seen 5 troops shutdown in ten years but our troop is full for the next year by the end of june. We have a scout retention rate of 80+% and a cub coming up retention of 70%.
Now for the big secert to our success.

Run the program as B.P. set it up. Make it challenging and make it fun for everyone.

P.S. Read Scouting for boys (If you can find it) and Aids to the scoutmaster.

Good luck

YIS Baston

Chairperson [guest]



Registration is over

Posted 9-13-2001 01:58

now, we had a pretty good turn out at Beavers and Cubs, but our Troop number was only 7, the lowest in years. We do have a strong troop program, with experienced leaders who do a wonderful job of following programming and doing new and exciting things with the youth. I am not sure why our numbers are so low - maybe the cost of registration this year is a put off? We are in the process of having a lady from regional out to visit the schools and hopefully that will help. Thanks for your input. Sure would be nice to see these boards get going!

hstovold [guest]



membership

Posted 4-1-2002 22:16

Maybe do some exciting things that can be viewed by the general public in the neighbourhood. For example, Do you have a field that your troop could make a "Monkey Bridge", or other impressive and fun looking pioneering project? If so, go and do it right there where everyone can see!

huntsvillescouter [guest]



membership fees?

Posted 3-8-2003 15:37

I feel compelled to write and express my bewilderment of the 61% increase in membership fees for my region. Whith \$139.00 per youth for the 03-04 seson, I have to wonder if any of thier parents will still be willing to pay for Scouting given the cost.

Is there other regions which are bumping their membership costs to this degree?

Scouter

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membership Fees

Posted 4-15-2003 03:33

We are also feeling the big pinch this year. We just heard that our fees will go up from \$75 to \$100, plus cost of uniform. 2 years ago when I enrolled my son they were only \$55. That's a \$50 jump in 2 years.

Scouts is becoming an elite club, where families on a low or bugeted income will not be able to afford it, which is a shame, as everyone should have the chance to experience Scouting at any level.

Grizzly [guest]



We have the same problem of registrations going up. Plus I have heard from the youth that wearing a uniform or being associated with Scouting is a bad thing. It appears that the Cadets are the new cool thing and the cost is nil, and they get paid not much but still paid to go to camp

wearing a uniform or being associated with Scouting is a bad thing. It appears that the Cadets are the new cool thing and the cost is nil, and they get paid not much but still paid to go to camp (summer). They also get to go to quite the places like Paris France or Australia for example. How do we compete, plus we can't do this or that because of insurance. What are we to do?