

Questions for Troop Visits (Thanks to Pack 114's Library on the Net)

- How often has your Troop achieved Quality Unit status in the last 5 years?
- How are new Scouts handled? Are they mixed in with existing patrols or put into a new patrol?
- How many leaders are there? What is their attendance history at regular meetings and on outings?
- What is the boy:leader ratio at meetings and on outings?
- Do you have an active outdoor program?
- How many days/year are spent camping? Where?
- What are the plans for summer camp?
- What is your philosophy on uniforms?
- How are new Scouts going to learn what to do as Boy Scouts (camping skills, patrol activities, advancement, etc.)? Will they have an experienced adult leader working with them?
- What is a typical Troop meeting like? Do you work on merit badges? Do you play a lot of games?
- What is your philosophy regarding advancement (at what pace are the ranks earned)?
- What kind of program do you have for the older Scouts? Are there any High Adventure activities?
- What kind of fundraising do you have?
- What are the financial obligations for each Scout? a) at signup b) per campout c) summer camp d) dues e) other
- Do you pay for or subsidize training for the boys (Junior Leader Training, Den Chief training, etc.)? Does your Troop have a limitation on size?
- Do you have written policies?
- Is your Troop "boy-run" or "adult-run"?
- Are Troop meetings and activities planned:- by the boys? - for a full year? - at a patrol leaders meeting?
- What kind of equipment do you have? Is it in good shape? Do you have enough if (quantity) Webelos were to join your Troop?
- Are your Scouts able to balance Boy Scouts with other activities such as sports, band, church, etc.?
- How active is your Troop at District and Council events?
- How many current leaders are trained in: - Youth Protection? - Scoutmaster Fundamentals? - Woodbadge?
- What are the expectations/requirements of new adults/parents to this Troop - as assistant leaders, committee members, special event chairpersons, event workers, merit badge counselors?
- Does the Troop pay for any/all adult leader registration and training?
- How many leaders routinely attend Round Table?
- How do you feel about a Scout (and parent) visiting a meeting unannounced?