



Boy Scout Breakout Troop Annual Planning February 1, 2018

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Why plan ahead?

- **Long-range planning is important**
 - Allows parents to hold dates on calendar
 - Increases Scout participation
 - Provides time to work out all of the details
 - Increases success of outing
 - Allows activities to better match the season
 - If you only plan a month or two ahead, you may mismatch outings
 - Alleviates budget concerns
 - Can balance yearly costs across the year
 - Demonstrates important principle in life
 - Scouts need to realize planning is essential to their future

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How far ahead to plan?

- **12 months is a good goal**
 - Feedback has shown scouts / adults like information a year out
- **Keep at least 3-6 months buffer**
 - Don't wait until the full plan is completed before starting to plan another year

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Who should plan? Scouts!

- **Meet with SPL / ASPL before meeting**
 - Help prepare them for success
 - Outline goals of meeting / expected outcome
- **Remind Patrol Leaders**
 - They represent the members of their patrol
 - Solicit ideas / feedback from patrol and bring to meeting
- **Whole troop is too many**
 - Patrol Leader's Council is a good subset
 - PLC provides a good representation of troop



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Prepare Ahead of Planning

- What to bring to your planning meeting?
 - Holiday calendar for period to plan
 - School Calendars for same
 - District & Council Calendars
 - Lodge Calendar
 - Church / Charter Org Calendar
 - Listing of Troop events from prior years
 - Budget info
 - Feedback / Idea lists from patrols (PLs)

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2017-2018 TRADITIONAL CALENDAR
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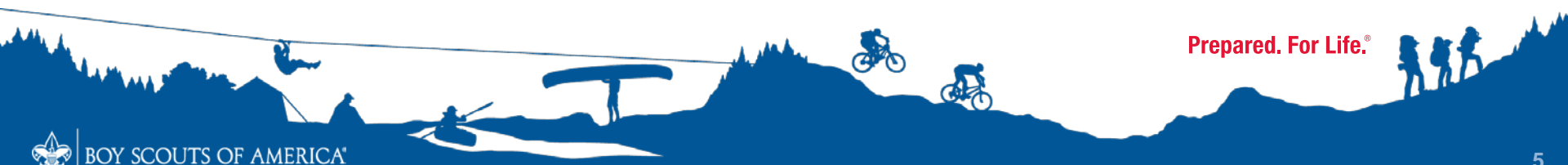
LEGEND / LEYENDA

- First and last days
- Winter & spring days off class
- Holiday
- Day Off
- Teacher workday

Days available for weather make-up in order of preference:

- 10/20 & 1/24 - Early Release (date compressed)
- 10/31
- 10/22 - Saturday, Full Day (date compressed)
- 1/22
- 3/27 & 5/29 - Early Release (date compressed)
- 10/22

* If a school day is cancelled due to weather, the school board will determine if the day will be made up. The school board will determine if the day will be made up. The school board will determine if the day will be made up.





What should be planned?

- **Choose a high level theme for each month**
 - No need to plan details yet
 - Suggest target of one event per month
- **Example themes**
 - Make sure themes are Scouting related and appropriate
 - First Aid, Pioneering, Swimming, Boot Camp
 - Hiking, Canoeing, Biking, Backpacking
 - Sports (Football, Kickball, Capture the flag, Ultimate)
 - Caving, Whitewater, Climbing, COPE, Shooting
 - And many more ...

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Separate Meeting

- **Typically takes about 3 hours**
 - Scouts compile lists of ideas
 - Voting amongst members to narrow down list
 - Reviewed by Adults during process
 - Verify plan is appropriate for Scouting
 - Encourage variety, discourage repetitive events
 - Must be affordable (only one or two costlier events per year)
 - Verify plan does not conflict with holidays / lodge events
 - If possible, get a room with a whiteboard
 - Allows Scouts to see what they are discussing / voting on

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Publish Results

- **Troop Scribe posts results**
 - Allows whole troop to see what was discussed and selected
- **Troop Committee should review / approve**
 - Should happen soon after meeting
 - Verify dates / budget concerns / Scouting policy
- **Update Troop Calendar AFTER approval**
 - No good to have a plan if no one knows about it
 - Important for Journey To Excellence achievement

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Outing Planning

- **Follow your troop process**
 - Plan details for each outing based on lead times required for each outing
 - Most outings should complete high-level planning at least 3 months in advance
 - Location reservations are typically the key aspect
 - Some outings will require more lead time (for example: Ski outings, shooting outing (need range reservations), etc)
- **Suggest Boy Lead planning**
 - Never do a task a Scout can do

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Outing Details

- **Scouts can successfully plan everything**
 - We assign a patrol to each outing
 - Patrol Leader / APL responsible for putting together details for outing
 - Selection of location, reservations, and necessary permits
 - Formulate activities for weekend and itinerary
 - Create transportation plan for personnel and gear
 - Adult leaders supervise and assist as needed (mentor)
- **Scouts review everything**
 - PL presents plan to PLC starting 3 months out
 - Includes MoC for Campfire, Scouts Own service, schedule

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Q & A

- What does your troop do today?
- Ideas to share with group?

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