

Highlights:

Elections are held. Scouts finish planning family dinner night, finish planning the camping trip, continue to plan Personal Hero Night, start to plan a recruitment activity, and start getting out their invitations to Personal Hero Night.

Remember not to invite Activity Buffet Guests to the next meeting because it is a dinner meeting.

About Meeting Worksheets

Meeting Worksheets serve as a source of suggestions to our Scouts. However, our Scouts choose, organize, and lead their own meetings, programs, and activities, and it is up to them to decide how to run their meetings. The choices provided for each portion of the meeting are examples for our Scouts if they choose to use them, with the understanding that our Scouts may make the choices that seem best to them.

Preparing Well in Advance of the Meeting

Elections will be held during this meeting, so the Team Counselor will need to bring ballots and a ballot box. This can be as simple as a shoebox with a slit cut in the top and pieces of paper.

Have at least 50 of the following on hand, but you may want to make more copies because you will need to have them at every meeting:

- o Rising Star Scout Promise
- o Scout Code
- o Scout Motto
- o Scout Spirit
- o Inspiration for Rising Star Scouts
- o The History of the Scout Movement
- o Paperwork for the Scouts to fill out, such as membership applications to join
- o Brochures

- o Team Constitution and Bylaws
- o Parliamentary Procedure
- o Team Sheet (list of all local teams, where they meet, and contact info)

- Collect ample pens and pencils to bring to the meeting

Coming to the Meeting

- Be sure to bring along the American flag if the location does not have one.
- Be sure to bring along all the copies and forms that you previously made.
- Bring ample pens and pencils.
- Bring along anything necessary for the Activity Buffet.
- Be sure to bring along Frisbee, basketball, or whatever other equipment the Scouts will need to play before the meeting starts.

Scouts Arrive

- Set up the American flag.
- Set up the Good Time candle.

Early Arrivals

Scouts who arrive early can help get ready or play a game. Preferably, Scouts can play outside, if weather permits, games like Frisbee or basketball. This will help them bond as friends and work out their energy in a constructive way before participating in the meeting.

The Meeting

This meeting must be FUN. All meetings should be FUN, but it is vital that Scouts have FUN during their first several meetings because that is what is going to encourage them to come back. This not school. Scouts are supposed to have FUN, and FUN is what keeps them coming back.

Jump Start (approximately 1-3 minutes)

The purpose of the Jump Start portion of the meeting should be explained to the Scouts. Jump Start serves as a way to allow Scouts to get to know each other by asking and

answering some FUN questions “hot potato” style. A question is tossed out to a Scout and then they pick someone else to answer. The goal is to get the Scouts participating and to come up with an answer immediately. Every question should be discussed for a total of approximately 60 seconds, allowing time to discuss 1-3 different topics. Naturally, every Scout will not speak every time.

It is not considered acceptable for Scouts to be late, but if they are, Jump Start also allows time for all the Scouts to arrive and not miss more important portions of the meeting.

Below are a few choices or Scouts are free to come up with their own:

What is your favorite snack?

What is your favorite meal to have for dinner?

What is your favorite dessert?

Best of America (approximately 1-2 minutes)

The purpose of the Best of America portion of the meeting should be explained to Scouts.

Best of America allows our Scouts to talk about what they think is best about our country. Examples of what Scouts can do during this section include: tell a story, sing a song, or speak from the heart regarding what they believe is the Best of America. A different Scout presents Best of America at each meeting. A Scout volunteers at each meeting to present this section at the next meeting. When each Scout has led this portion of the meeting, start over.

Below are a few choices or Scouts are free to come up with their own:

Describe your favorite American military victory

Describe your favorite American hero and why

Describe a little known American hero

Personal Hero (approximately 1-2 minutes)

The purpose of the Personal Hero portion of the meeting should be explained to the Scouts.

During this portion of the meeting a Scout's name is drawn from a hat randomly to name someone they consider a hero and why. Afterward there is time for other Scouts to comment. After a Scout has already led this portion of the meeting, remove their name from the hat. Scouts may choose anyone they want. Popular choices include historical figures, parents, and grandparents, figures from the heritage of their faith, athletes, or mythic action heroes.

Team Time (approximately 5-10 minutes)

The purpose of the team time portion of the meeting should be explained to Scouts.

Team Time is the portion of the meeting in which Scouts discuss information or take part in activities that are relevant to the entire team. During Team Time, Scouts plan future meetings, such as the Educator Night, and weekend activities, such as camping trips. It is also during Team Time that Scouts vote and decide via consensus whom they want to be Activity Buffet Guests at future team meetings, and Scouts volunteer to contact them. Consensus means the Scouts discuss the issue until they all agree.

Scouts choose which Guests they would like to invite to the Activity Buffet for the next meeting(s):

Actor
Author
BMX biker

Remember, the next meeting is a dinner meeting, do not invite any Guests to a meeting where there will not be an Activity Buffet!

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Cross Team Sports Day is held this weekend.

Friendship Activities (Approximately 5-10 minutes)

The purpose of the friendship portion of the meeting should be explained to Scouts.

Friendship activities help our Scouts get to know each other better and help them develop the skill of fostering friendship. During this portion of the meeting, the Scouts take part in games and activities to help them get to know each other better.

Below are a few choices or Scouts are free to come with their own:

Musical chairs,
Charades
10 Questions (rather than 20)
Bingo
The Whistle Game

Scout Spirit! (approximately 1-2 minutes)

The purpose of the Scout Spirit! portion meetings should be explained to the Scouts

The Scout Spirit! portion of meetings provides our Scouts the opportunity to understand and appreciate the guideposts they have been provided by participating in our Scout Programs. During this portion of the meeting a Scout's name is drawn from a hat randomly to lead the other Scouts in reciting a guidepost of their Scout Program. Afterwards, the Scout who lead the others will personally comment on what those words mean to them.

Choices include:

Inspiration for Rising Star Scouts

Scout Promise

Scout Code

Scout Motto

Scout Spirit

Crew Time (approximately 5 minutes)

The purpose of the Crew Time portion of the meeting should be explained to Scouts.

The Crew Time portion of the meeting is for Crews to get together and discuss Crew information and activities such as camping trips or which Challenges can be accomplished together. Crews during Crew Time may also play Crew-building games.

Scouts can continue breaking up into Crews, Crews consist of 7-8 Scouts.

Snack Time (approximately 5 min.)

Scouts can enjoy a healthy snack during this time.

Activity Buffet (approximately 35-40 minutes)

The purpose of the Activity Buffet portion of the meeting should be explained to Scouts.

Scouts get the opportunity to acquire new skills by interacting with Guests in learning-by-doing presentations. This is the portion of the meeting where Scouts get to choose the Guests they would like to interact with.

Guests will present their learning-by-doing sessions during this period.

Team Counselors and Counselors can use this time to count the votes.

Did and Do (approximately 10-15 minutes)

The purpose of the Did and Do portion of team meetings should be explained to Scouts.

Scouts get the opportunity to demonstrate their newly acquired skills. Scouts earn Challenges and also get bragging rights by showing what they can do. This is time of the meeting when Scouts demonstrate their Challenges and are evaluated.

Scouts are starting to accomplish Challenges on their own and are ready to demonstrate them, therefore doing Challenges during meeting time can start to be eliminated. Those who are on their way to achieving Challenges should be recognized.

Announcements (approximately 1-2 minutes)

Announce the next meeting and time and remind those Scouts who have been given a responsibility such as telephoning potential Guests for the Activity Buffet, or presenting the Best of America segment next time of what they should be doing. The Scouts should be reminded to write down what they need to be doing for the next meeting, as well as the time and date of the next meeting. They should also receive a copy of the Team Sheet.

Clean-Up (approximately 1-2 minutes)

Your team meeting location should left exactly as you found it. Beat the Clock is a good tool for getting Scouts to clean up fast. Set a stopwatch or a watch with a second hand and time how long it takes them to clean up each time, getting them to try to better their previous time.

Closing (approximately 1-2 minutes)

The Closing portion of the meeting should be explained to Scouts.

The Closing Activity should be FUN and enjoyable. This is the grand finale and should be memorable. People remember the beginning and the end of meetings, so we want it to be FUN! The Closing should be inspirational and motivational.

The Team Counselor announces the winners of the election and makes sure the new Team Leader is aware that they will be running the meeting and using the Weekly Planner at the next meeting.

Departure

Note to the Team Counselors:

At least one Counselor must stay until every Scout has been picked up, however everyone must be in a group of three at minimum – two adults to one Scout or two Scouts to one adult. Under no circumstances is an adult ever alone with an individual Scout (unless they are the parent or guardian of that Scout). At least one Counselor must stay either with another Counselor or with another adult to meet our youth

protection standards. We know our Counselors have gone through a background check; it is inappropriate to leave a Scout with an adult who has not undergone a background check, such as a parent or guardian of another child. This is true of every meeting, program, and activity.