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How Troops Successfully Grow: Nine Ideas

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Discussion Topics

Nine Ideas

1. Scouts have fun!
2. Scouts Lead: Chaos Tolerated
3. Camping Happens
4. Advancement is Tracked
5. Parents Are Involved
6. Signature Events Occur
7. Scouts/Leaders Are Trained
8. Leadership Succession for Youth & Adult Planned
9. Meaningful Service Project

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Why are you here?

What are you looking to get out of this session today?

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#1 Scouts Have Fun!

"A boy is not a sitting-down animal."



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#1 Scouts Have Fun!

“A fisherman does not bait his hook with food he likes. He uses food the fish likes. So too with boys.”

- Lord Baden Powell

**If you aren't having fun,
you aren't doing it right!**

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#2 Scouts Lead: Chaos Tolerated

When you want a thing
done, 'Don't do it yourself'
is a good motto for
Scoutmasters.

– Robert Baden-Powell

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#2 Scouts Lead: Chaos Tolerated

- If I had a nickel for every time a parent said....
- Youth-run and adult mentored
- Voice from the back
- Provide a safe environment for the youth to fail
- Make failures a learning experience by asking leading questions
- **ALWAYS** jump in when safety is being compromised!

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#3 Camping Happens

- $\frac{3}{4}$ of Scouting is OUTING
- The outdoor classroom is where real learning, confidence-building and independence is nurtured
- Statistics tend to bear this out!
 - Overnight outings
 - Camping
 - Summer camp
 - 50-milers and other high adventure trips



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#4 Advancement is Tracked

- Advancement is the core of the Scouting Program!
- Advancement numbers are a good indicator of how good a program your unit has.
- A way to promote and encourage ongoing involvement.

Step 1: The Scout learns...

Step 2: The Scout is tested...

Step 3: The Scout is reviewed...

Step 4: The Scout is recognized

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#5 Parents Are Involved

- **Amazing opportunity to engage with your kids in a different way**
- **Lead by example**
- **Your enthusiasm (or lack thereof) is contagious**
- **More hands make for light work**
- **BSA does not stand for...(let's all say it together)**
- **Single-parent families**

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#6 Signature Events Occur

Examples

- **Summer Camp**
- **50 Milers**
- **National Jamborees**
- **World Jamborees**
- **NYLT/NAYLE**
- **National High Adventure Camps**
 - Philmont
 - Northern Tier
 - Sea Base
 - Summit Bechtel Reserve

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#6 Signature Events Occur

NYLT/NAYLE





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World Scout Jamboree 2019



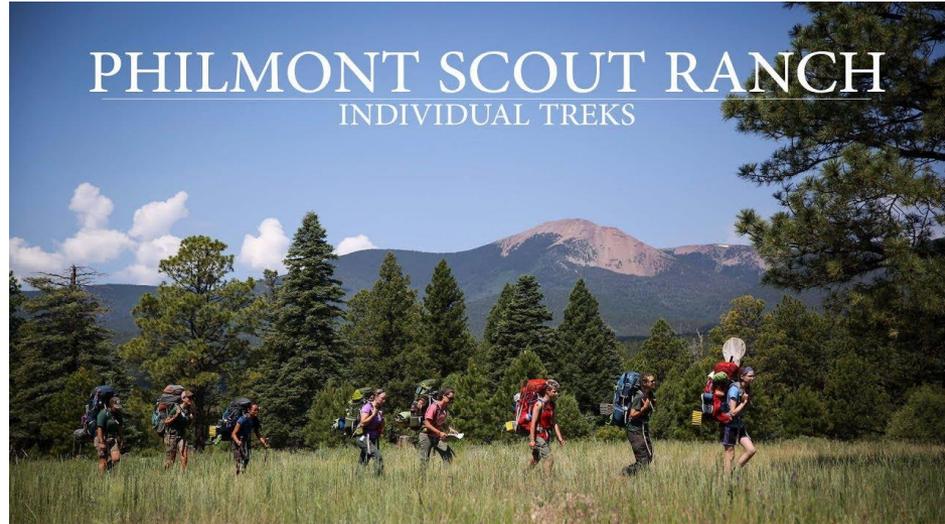
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#6 Signature Events Occur

National High Adventure Bases

PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH
INDIVIDUAL TREKS




NORTHERN TIER
HIGH ADVENTURE



FLORIDA SEA BASE
NATIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE
Salamorada, Fl. Keys
FOUNDED IN 1980



Summit
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#6 Signature Events Occur

Wood Badge



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#7 Scout/Leaders Are Trained

- Unit has an “Introduction to Leadership Skills”. BE, KNOW, DO.
- Scoutmasters are trained for their position
- Send your youth to NYLT
- Send your adults to Wood Badge
- Assign scoutmasters to each patrol
- New Scout patrol mentored by Troop Guides
- Learning never stops!

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#8 Leadership Succession For Youth & Adult Planned

- Don't wait!
- Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader
- Troop Guides
- Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster
- Do you have enough ASMs?
- How old are their youth in your unit?
- Committee Chair, Chartered Org Rep, other key positions
- Outgoing Senior Patrol Leaders as JASMs

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#9 Meaningful Service Project

Scouting For Food



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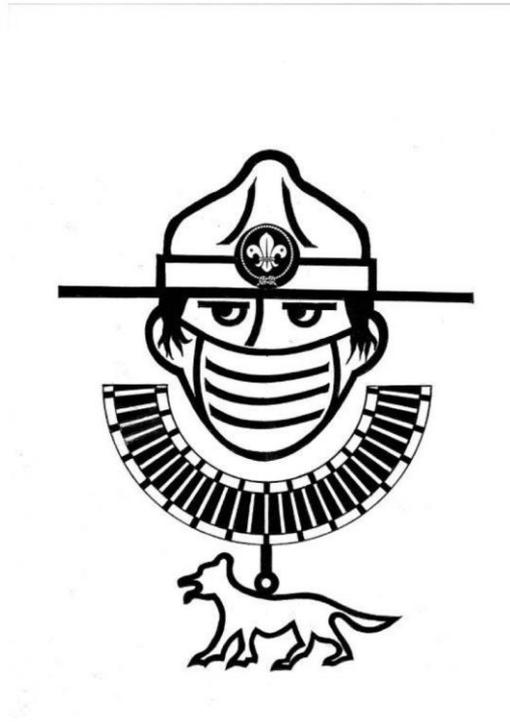
- **A worthwhile project allows youth to feel pride in what they are doing.**
- **Involve Scouts in all aspects of a project**
- **Make projects fun!**
- **Choose reasonable first projects**
- **Consider skill levels**
- **Set reasonable goals**
- **Make a difference**

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And...we are done!

**Questions?
Comments?
Feedback?**



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Thank you!

Please fill out evaluation – feedback is a gift!

Lots of documents up on Council website

<https://seattlebsa.org/ptc>



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