

Boy Scout Troop Self-Assessment Survey

This is a self-assessment exercise designed to help highlight areas of troop success and to discover areas open to improvement.

A troop that is succeeding should have a high score or should have numbers that continue to improve over time.

Share the self-assessment with other youth leaders at meetings of the patrol leader's council, and use it to explore ways to make the troop better.

Keep the self-assessment forms with the troop log so that you can compare troop performance over time.

Scoring: 3 points if the statement is always true about the troop
 2 points if the statement is sometimes true about the troop
 1 point if the statement is seldom true about the troop

Troop Meetings

- _____ Troop meetings are planned at the monthly patrol leaders' council.
- _____ The patrol leaders' council uses the seven-part troop meeting plan.
- _____ Troop meetings are run by the senior patrol leader.
- _____ Troop meetings are fun and full of action.
- _____ Skills instruction is divided into three levels of experience.
- _____ Boys and adults wear appropriate uniform at all troop activities.

Patrol Method

- _____ The troop has both a new-Scout and a Venture patrol.
- _____ Each patrol has a patrol name.
- _____ Each patrol has a patrol flag.
- _____ Each patrol has a patrol yell or song.
- _____ Each patrol has its symbol on its equipment.
- _____ Patrol members all have patrol jobs.

Camping

- _____ When the troop is camping, Scouts pitch their tents in patrol campsites.
- _____ Camping menus are planned and prepared by patrols.
- _____ The troop camps at least 10 days and nights each year.
- _____ The troop attends a BSA-approved long-term camp.
- _____ The troop offers high-adventure opportunities for its older Scouts, often in the form of a Venture patrol.
- _____ All Scouts and adults are adequately trained in outdoor skills, including health and safety.

Advancement

- _____ New Scouts achieve the rank of First Class during their first year in the troop.
- _____ All Scouts advance at least one rank per year.
- _____ Boards of review and courts of honor are held regularly.
- _____ The troop helps Scouts find opportunities to earn merit badges required for advancement.

Training

- _____ Newly elected leaders are given Introduction to Leadership training.
- _____ Troop junior leader training occurs at least once a year.
- _____ Members of the patrol leaders' council are encouraged to participate in the local council's junior leader training conference.
- _____ Scoutmaster and assistant Scoutmasters are fully trained.
- _____ Troop committee has completed Troop Committee Challenge or its equivalent.

Character Development

- _____ Members of the troop participate in at least ten hours of service per year.
- _____ Scouts are encouraged to "do a Good Turn daily."

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