

For Pack, Troop, Crew and Ship Committee Chairs Only!

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For those of you who don't know, in addition to being the Council President, I am also serving in a local unit as the Troop Committee Chair. And I have also served as the Committee Chair for several Packs during my past 28 years of Scouting volunteer service. I've learned a few things in that time and I have one tip for you: **Be Prepared!** Sounds simple doesn't it? We are always telling our Scouts to "Be Prepared" but when it comes to operating our units, are we really prepared to deliver a high-quality Scouting program?

Pack Committees

If you are a Pack Committee Chair, now is the time to make plans for next year's adult leadership. Some timely questions might include:

- Who is going to be our Bear Leader?
- Do you have a Popcorn Kernel recruited?
- Who is handling our fall recruiting effort?

Now is the time to do a unit leadership inventory of who will be returning in the fall. Then we need to start filling in any empty spots. By doing a leadership inventory check now, you are preparing for important changes and recognizing what new leadership will be necessary come fall. Most importantly you are continuing the success of your unit.

Troop Committees

For our Troop Committee Chairs, I know how busy you are with your Troop's plans for summer camp and backpacking trips, but be sure to take the time now to do a check on your leadership needs too. Remember all those Webelos who crossed over in the spring? Now is the time to get those new parents signed up in some sort of leadership role in your Troop.

Crew and Ship Committees

For our Crew and Ship Committee Chairs, I'm sure you are busy with your Crew or Ship annual high adventure activity and other summertime fun but be sure to take the time now to do a check on your leadership needs too. Is there an annual Program Planning Conference in the near future? Are you ready to have the young adults complete their Activity Interest Surveys? Do you know what your major fundraiser will be?

At this time of year, we might have a tendency to sit back and relax, thinking we don't need to worry about anything until the fall. Keeping on top of your unit's leadership needs is critical to the success of any unit. Your Unit Commissioners are charged with helping you with that process to ensure the health of your unit. As Committee Chairs we need to practice the same things we tell our Scouts. Committee Chairs: Be Prepared!

Do a Unit Leadership Inventory today!