

PACK OPERATIONS KEYS TO SUCCESS

PREPARATION

Recruit a pack rally leader. Then form a rally team comprised of 3 - 5 helpers.

Plan to tell everyone about pack and Cub Scouts. Run stories in subdivision, church, and school newsletters. Consider articles in the local paper.

With a little work - you might be able to earn the Scouting in the News Award!

Make plans early for "Boy Talks" - these short presentations are made to boys by leaders/parents to tell them about Cub Scouts. Think about it. Most first grade boys have no idea what Cub Scouting is.

Prepare well, but read the group. Know in advance what can be streamlined or eliminated from the presentation if you are losing the group.

Be sure your District School Night to Join Scouting Chairman knows who your rally leader is. Communicate.

Plan to attend the rally training session for School Night to Join Scouting in your district. Strive to have every member of your rally team in place.

Consider collecting dues at the first pack meeting. Considerable confusion and ill-will is generated when flyers speak of annual national fees being **\$10.00** ... and then parents are asked to pay (in some instances up to 18 months registration and pack fees). Flyers make reference to pack fee, but wide variance makes being more specific nearly impossible.

Have School Night to Join Scouting rally leader visit principals in August to advise them who will be conducting the rally during School Night to Join Scouting.

Conduct Boy-talks. Distribute reminder flyers.

SCHOOL NIGHT TO JOIN SCOUTING

Arrive early for set up. Sometimes parents are unsure of the start time. Be prepared for early arrivals.

Experiencing a problem? Call the District Hotline for help.

Have the Cubmaster sign all youth applications.

Place applications and fees in the turn-in envelope and follow instructions for turn-in.

Rally leaders report School Night to Join Scouting results via Hotline at the conclusion of the rally.

AFTER SCHOOL NIGHT TO JOIN SCOUTING

If a rally does not recruit youth as it should, establish what went wrong, so the same mistake is not repeated. Plan immediately to launch a second rally.