

MCS 316 – Troop Scenario 1

THE UNIT ASSESSMENT

TROOP SCENARIO I

BACKGROUND

Troop 1000 was formed 16 months ago. Its initial charter included 10 Scouts and 5 adult leaders (the Scoutmaster, committee chair, charter organization representative, and two parents who demonstrated *some* interest in helping). These youth all crossed over into scouting from the same Pack and formed this Troop. The chartered organization representative has been engaged, but other than making a small meeting room available, the chartered organization isn't involved with the troop. Some members of the chartered organization (a small, non-denominational Christian church) have expressed concerns about supporting Scouting, which they perceive to be competitive with the church's youth ministry.

PLANNING AND BUDGET

Program planning is done month to month by the Scoutmaster and assistant Scoutmaster. While their goal is to provide a variety of activities that will be attractive to the Scouts, most weekend outings tend to be basic car camping.

The troop maintains a checking account and charged an annual membership fee due at charter renewal which it hoped would fund miscellaneous expenses for the coming year. Youth and adults who participate in troop activities pay any associated costs at the time of the event. The troop committee chair maintains the troop's check book and periodically discusses the current balance with the Scoutmaster, but they haven't had time to develop an annual budget.

MEMBERSHIP

Charter renewal was completed timely. All 10 of the original Scouts remain active, and 2 Cub Scouts crossed over into the troop this spring. The Scoutmaster and committee chair have talked about increasing membership, but neither has prior scouting leadership experience and they are at a loss about how to recruit both youth and adults.

PROGRAM

All 10 of the original Scouts advanced in rank since the troop was formed. One Court of Honor was held shortly after the troop's summer camp experience and, while the leaders would like to have additional Courts of Honor, they are too busy with weekly meetings and outings to take on more at this time.

The Scouts were separated into two patrols by the Scoutmaster without input from the Scouts but, as a practical matter, the troop is functioning as one big patrol and the Scoutmaster is, in many respects, serving as patrol leader.

The troop manages an outing about every other month and all Scouts did attend the local council camp last summer. One service project was completed while at camp. Physical fitness activities are not a part of the troop's program.

The troop has not participated in district camporees, merit badge clinics, or other district events.

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

The Scoutmaster and committee chair have both completed Youth Protection and position-specific basic training.

One of the parents who agreed to register as an additional leader agreed to serve as an assistant Scoutmaster. His participation has been limited. The Scoutmaster believes the assistant Scoutmaster has completed Youth Protection training and is encouraging him to complete position-specific basic training.

The committee chair has managed to have the other registered parent to help with a couple of specific tasks, but she has not completed training of any type. "Committee meetings" consist of periodic conversations between the Scoutmaster and committee chair.

None of the unit leaders has ever attended roundtable.

No Scouts have participated in leadership training to date.

There are no leadership succession plans.

TASK:

Perform the check tasks.

Assess Troop 1000:

- ☐ Rate the unit on a scale of 1 – 5 (Red/Yellow/Green)
- ☐ Identify the unit's key strengths and needs in planning and budget, membership, program, and volunteer leadership.
- ☐ Identify any issues the unit has and if any are critical to the unit's success.
- ☐ Prepare a unit service plan to address the unit's needs and issues.