

WHITE STAG – JUNIOR LEADER TRAINING CONFERENCE

June 16, 2001

«First» «Name»

Troop 010

«Position_»

Dear «First»,

Tonight, as staff development nears the end of its trail; you are about to embark on another journey to bring a “Mountain Top” experience to a new group of participants. Open your hearts and commit yourself to doing your part to bring the White Stag experience to the participants of our session.

As we meet the challenges of the coming week, let us reflect on the theme of the past few months:

One Dream — Each of us has been touched by the White Stag experience. I believe each of us hopes to plant the seed in another Scout. We share a vision of the White Stag tree as it continues to grow and renew.

One Soul — The challenge to bring 53 individuals together as one team is great. You have played a part in the creation of the soul and spirit of this outstanding staff.

One Prize — We each enter this training experience hoping to bring change. As we share the magic, we change the life and the scouting experience of each participant and each staff member. The magic will also change you.

One Goal — You have pledged to use your individual talents and leadership skills to provide the best possible experience to the participants of our session. That pledge keeps us focused on our mission to the youth we serve.

Now look into the candle before you and take a few minutes to reflect in your heart what the “magic” of White Stag means to you.

1. Why did you accept a position on this White Stag staff? Have you accomplished all that you wanted during staff development? What have you given to the other staff members? Have you stayed behind to help?
2. “Be Prepared.” Are you prepared to offer the participants your best effort? Why? Are you prepared to offer each participant the best Scouting experience he can have?
3. How are you different today than when we started this staff development? Do you feel like part of the White Stag Family? Are you a better person?

You have worked very hard to arrive at this point this evening. I want to thank you for being a unique and valuable member of this team. As a member of the Troop 010 staff, you are one of the best. I am proud to be your Course Director. I believe you are ready to offer the “White Stag magic” to each participant.

Earlier this evening you spent time together with the entire staff celebrating the completion of our staff development. You then were asked to walk a meditation trail. It is time now to come together as the June 2001 Session Senior Staff. When you have read this letter and thought about my questions, please extinguish your candle and join me around the commitment fire.

In the Scouting Spirit,

Robert Duffy

Course Director, June 2001