

WHITE STAG – JUNIOR LEADER TRAINING CONFERENCE

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Dear Ken,

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 Troop 013.

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

Each of us has many talents and leadership skills to share and use fully to support the other members of the troop. With one dream, one soul, one prize and one goal, we will build this course with the kind of magic whose rage will last within the participants for a thousand years.

You have the skills and knowledge to teach the participants how to create their own kind of magic. The leadership skill you will share will give them the shaft of light they need to show their home troops the way.

When this course has ended you will have opened their hearts to the magic of White Stag. Their old beliefs will vanish, as we will open their hearts and minds to the high ideals of White Stag.

Remember PPW = PMA = SOP (properly prepared work+positive mental attitude=success on purpose). Have you properly prepared your work with a positive mental attitude to create a successful White Stag program on purpose?

Now look into the candle before you and take a few minutes to reflect in your heart what 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 013 staff, you are one of the best. I am proud to be your Scoutmaster. I believe you are ready to offer the “White Stag experience” to each participant.

Earlier this evening you spent time together as the youth staff. Then came together as a whole conference with Mr. Duffy. It is time now to come together as Troop 013 staff. When you have read this letter and thought about my questions, please extinguish your candle and join me around the troop campfire.

In the Scouting Spirit,

Dick Sloan
Scoutmaster, Troop 013