

## **WHITE STAG – JUNIOR LEADER TRAINING CONFERENCE**

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Brandon Sparks  
Troop 952  
Senior Patrol Leader

Dear Brandon:

Tonight, we conclude staff development and you are about to bring a “mountain top” experience to a new group of participants. Commit yourself to doing your best to bring the White Stag experience to the participants of Troop 952.

Your participants are the birds with wet feathers who are afraid to fly at night. They do not know the leadership skills needed to run their units.

You have the skills and knowledge in what you must teach them during this week to form the roots of the mighty oak tree. Plant them deep and your participants will succeed.

When this course is ended, you will have created the eagles that soar high. They will no longer be afraid to provide leadership to their units, they will live and demonstrate the high ideals of White Stag.

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 you wanted? Have you made this experience all that it can be for you? What have you given to the other staff members?
2. “Be Prepared” Are you prepared to offer the participants your best effort? Why? Why not? 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? Are you a better leader? Are you a better Scout? Are you a better person?

You have worked very hard to arrive here this evening. I want to thank you for being a unique and valuable member of this team. As a member of the Troop 952 staff, you are the best. I am proud to be your Scoutmaster. I believe you are ready to offer a “mountain top experience” to each participant

Earlier this evening you spent time together as the youth staff, then came together as a whole conference with Mr. Sedberry. It is time to come together as Troop 952 staff. When you have read this letter and considered my questions fully, please extinguish your candle and join me around the troop campfire

In the Scouting Spirit,

George Deblois  
Troop 952  
Scoutmaster