

Welcome to White Stag 1996

I am George Deblois I am the Scoutmaster of Troop 443 in Indianapolis and will be the Scoutmaster of Troop 963 during this course. I would like to introduce Mr of Our assistant Scoutmaster for this course.

We have also assembled 12 outstanding scouts to serve as your troop staff. I would ask them each to stand and introduce themselves and the position they will hold. (Youth Staff Introductions)

White Stag is a Special Place

When you arrived you enter an experience we hope you will find to be one of the best in Scouting. Everything you learn here can be passed on to other Scouts in your home troop.

Each of you represent your own home troop. You're attending White Stag a special program but you have not joined a special troop. We run the conference like a Scout troop because that is Scouting's way and is the most effective way to carry out the program.

Every Scout here is a troop junior leader or potential leader. One purpose of White Stag is to give you good activity ideas to take back to your home troop. You will also learn important leadership skills to help make your job easier.

There are no special rules

Scout Oath

Scout Law

Scout Motto

Scout Slogan

Outdoor Code

are the only rules we need.

At White Stag we use the patrol method. Since 1907 when Baden-Powell tested this idea on Brownsea Island in Poole Harbor The patrol method has proved to be the best way for scouts to work, learn and have a good time together.

Each of you are now members of a patrol at White Stag. You should be wearing the color of your patrol. Each Patrol within Troop 963 has been named a color. You will want to give your Patrol a Real Name.

White Stag is a Mountain Top Experience and we ask each of you to strive for that mountain top Our course has four Themes

First

"High expectations"

We expect the best of each Scout here. And you should expect the best from every staff member.

Set your standards high
reach as far as you can.

We all made the same promise. " On My Honor, I will Do my best"

That's really what its all about.

"Strong Motivation"

We have high expectations that each of you is here to learn to be the best you can.

A strong desire to learn is really important if you are going to make the most of White Stag. In this group of Scouts and Scouters there is years of experience and worlds of good ideas.

Learn as much as you can and resolve to bring home what you learn and use it in your home troops.

"True Education"

There is a lot to learn at White Stag. Its better to:

learn things by doing them.

learn by experience, and there is a lot of things to do and experience.

learn by Observation. Watch how the staff does thing, you may want to use some of their methods in your own Troop.

"Total Involvement"

Jump into White Stag headfirst.

Use your head while your at it.

Get into the game of Scouting all the way.

Go all out.

Lead when its time to lead, follow when its time to follow.

If you have a question ask it, an idea give it, a problem, tell us about it.

This may sound like a lot to expect. But we promise that the more you put into the experience here the more you will get out of White Stag.

So go for it

Baden Powell once said that the best troop is one where the responsibility for leadership is in the hands of the Scouts. So now let me turn over the troop to Brandon Sparks, your Senior Patrol Leader.