

WHITE STAG – JUNIOR LEADER TRAINING CONFERENCE

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Chuck Sparks
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Dear Chuck,

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 970.

Reflect and come to believe the following:

“If I can see it, then I can do it. If I just believe it, there’s nothing to it. I believe I can fly! I believe I can touch the sky. I think about it every night and day. Spread my wings and fly away. I believe I can soar. I see me running through that open door. I believe I can fly!”

“..., if we emulate the snowflakes, they are nature’s most fragile things, but just look at what they can do when they stick together.

As we meet the challenges of the coming week, remember our discussion of the snowflake each individual with something to offer to the whole.

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?
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 970 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. DeBlois. It is time now to come together as Troop 970 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,

George DeBlois
Troop 970
Scoutmaster