

WHITE STAG – JUNIOR LEADER TRAINING CONFERENCE

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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.

As we meet the challenges of the coming week, remember our discussion of the flock of geese.

Each shares leadership and fully supports the other leaders of the flock. With a common goal in mind, the entire flock is willing to go the distance to reach their goal.

When one member of the flock is in need of help, others in the flock stay and lend whatever help is needed.

And most importantly, each goose has a natural homing device which keeps it headed in the correct direction. Our homing device is the Spirit of the White Stag.

As you should now realize, being compared to a flock of geese is a noble thing. For just as the instincts of the geese are at their very core, White Stag is at your core.

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 flock or 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
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Scoutmaster