

## GENERAL QUESTIONS TO ASK AT TROOP VISITS

1. How often has your troop achieve Quality Unit status in the last 5 years?
2. How are new scouts handled? Are they mixed in with existing patrols or put into a new patrol?
3. How many registered leaders are there? What is their attendance history at regular meetings and on outings?
4. What is the boy-to-adult leader ratio at meetings and on outings?
5. Do you have an active outdoor program? How many days per year are spent camping? Where? What are the plans for summer camp?
6. What is your philosophy on uniforms?
7. How are new Scouts going to learn what to do as Boy Scouts (camping skills, patrol activities, advancement, etc.)? Will they have an experienced adult leader and older scouts working with them?
8. What is a typical Troop meeting like? Do you work on merit badges? Do you play a lot of games?
9. What is your philosophy regarding advancement (at what pace are the ranks earned)?
10. What kind of program do you have for older Scouts? Are there any High Adventure activities?
11. What kind of fundraising do you have?
12. What are the financial obligations for each Scout?
  - a. At sign-up
  - b. Per campout
  - c. Summer camp
  - d. Dues
  - e. Other
13. Do you pay for or subsidize training for the boys (Junior Leader Training, Den Chief Training, etc.)?
14. Does your Troop have a limitation on size?
15. Do you have written policies? Are they followed?
16. Is your Troop "Boy Run" or "Adult Run"? What is your philosophy about this?
17. Are Troop meetings and activities planned...
  - a. By the boys?
  - b. For a full year?
  - c. At a Patrol Leaders' Council?
18. What kind of equipment do you have? Is it in good shape? Do you have enough (quantity) if our Webelos were to join your Troop?
19. Are your Scouts able to balance Boy Scouts with other activities such as sports, band, church, etc.?
20. How active is your Troop at District and Council events?
21. Does the Troop have a good reputation in the community, District and Council?
22. How many current leaders are trained in...
  - a. Youth Protection?
  - b. Leader Specific (i.e. Scoutmaster Fundamentals, Committee, etc.)?
  - c. Wood Badge?
23. What are the expectations/requirements of new adults/parents to this Troop – as assistant leaders, committee members, special event chairpersons, event workers, merit badge counselors?
24. Does the Troop pay for any/all adult leader registration and training?
25. How many leaders routinely attend District Roundtable Meetings?
26. How do you feel about a Webelos Scout (and parent) visiting a troop meeting unannounced?
27. How many boys are registered in the troop? How many are active?