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# LA340 – Issues: Program Content

On-line Training

# Objectives

- Understand Lodge Program Importance
  - Lodge Goals
  - Activities
  - Planning Process
  - Coaching
- Typical Program Examples



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# Program Overview

- Supports OA Purpose
- Supports Council
- Supports BSA
- Planning Program Events
  - *Who, What, Where, When, How*



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# Event Calendar

- LEC Develops Calendar
- Eliminate/Minimize conflicts
  - Council/District calendars
  - Holidays
  - Community
  - Schools
- Activities/Events on Same Calendar Weeks/Weekends
- Use suggested Back Date Calendars found in LAH/COG
- Do not Over-Program – First Responsibility is to Unit



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# Event Planning Process

- LEC Establishes Events (*What*)
- Recruit Chair/Adviser (*Who*)
- Set Budget (*What*)
- Recruit & Select Team/Committee members (*Who*)
- Set Backdate Calendar (*When*)
- Establish Resources/Needs (*What/Where*)
- Communicate/Promote/Advertise (*When*)
- Follow up
- Execute Event – Have FUN
- Recognition
- Evaluate



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# Event Promotion

- Newsletter/Web site
- Email
- Social Media
- Snail Mail
- OA Troop/Team Rep
- Phone
- One-on-one



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# Activities vs. "Meetings"

- Remember FUN!
- Examples:
  - Ceremony/Dance/Drumming Practice
  - Build Regalia
  - Ceremonies for Cub Scouts, COHs
  - Council/District Training
  - Fellowships
  - Provide council/district event staff
  - Check National OA Web Site for more
  - Business/LEC Gathering
  - Chapter/Lodge Gatherings
    - Fellowship
    - Ordeal/Brotherhood
    - Banquets
    - Pow Wow
    - Conclave
    - LLD



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# Major Lodge Activities

- Training
- Elections
- Camp Promotion
- Ceremonies
- Service Projects



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# Training

- Effective when combined with event already on calendar
- Ongoing
- LLD (<http://lld.oa-bsa.org/2012/> )
- National Training
  - Youth – NLS
  - Adult – DYLC, Philmont
  - Both – NLS, Conclave, NOAC



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# Elections

- Accomplish OA Purpose
- First step in Induction Process
- Needs Unit Election Committee
  - Trains teams
  - Schedules visits
  - Records results
  - Can be done by Chapter
- **Guide:** <http://www.oe-bsa.org/uploads/publications/GuideToUnitElections2015.pdf>



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# Camp Promotion

- Supports Purpose of OA
- Members of Camping Committee
- Do in conjunction with Election visit
- Where to Go Camping Booklet:

<http://www.oa-bsa.org/uploads/publications/ProducingWheretoGoCamping.pdf>



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# Inductions

- Ceremony Teams
- Chapter can perform
- Tips:
  - Maximize Scout involvement
  - Recognition
  - Hold a ceremony camp
  - Exchange teams (chapter-to-chapter)
  - Good Adviser
- Guide:  
<http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/guide-to-inductions>



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# Service Projects

- Community
- Council
- National
- Endless Possibilities
- Guide:

<http://www.oa-bsa.org/uploads/publications/OACommunityServiceGuide.pdf>



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# Summary

- Strong Lodge Program depends on Good Planning
- Supports the OA Purpose
- Events/Activities can be endless
- Integral part of BSA



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# Resources

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- LLD: <http://lld.oa-bsa.org/2012/>
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- Where to Go Camping: <http://www.oa-bsa.org/uploads/publications/ProducingWheretogoCamping.pdf>
- Best Practices: <http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/best-practices>
- Inductions: <http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/guide-to-inductions>
- Service Projects: <http://www.oa-bsa.org/uploads/publications/OACommunityServiceGuide.pdf>
- National Programs: <http://oa-bsa.org/pages/category/category/programs>



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