

November PLC Leadership Training By Miller U.

On Saturday, November 19, our semi-annual leadership training occurred. Designed to teach newly elected PLC members the necessary skills for their positions, the training takes place the month of each troop 48 election. This training is the most basic in a series which progresses through two workshops to a final scout-affiliated program that marks the most advanced level of scout-specific leadership training. The first is led by one's individual troop, the second by one's council, and the third by the national scouting program. Each of these trainings holds importance, but as the troop-led training is often the only one scouts attend, it is imperative that the workshop be well defined, detailed, and memorable. This particular event was the first in our new scoutmaster's career, and it was performed quite well. The teaching of the necessary leadership techniques for scouting positions was well executed.

The training itself was composed of three modules, and lasted for three hours. The first module centered on the command structure of the troop, beginning with the troop committee, and ending with the individual scouts. The second focused on teamwork within the PLC, and how it is designed to progress. The third and shortest was based on how leadership applies to the troop as a whole. This progression helped the scouts to explore the various implications of their leadership and actions, broaden their perspectives, and prepare for situations that will arise during their terms.