Hey Scoutmaster, how "boy-run" is YOUR troop? by Alexander Henderson

IMAGINE THIS	ADULT-RUN	BOY-RUN
The campsite is a mess.	"Hey guys,"	"Hey, Mark" (Mark is your SPL)
You say,		
Another troop has invited	"That sounds great! My	"That sounds great! I'll discuss it with my
you to join them on their	troop will be there!"	Patrol Leader Council (and troop
next canoe trip. You say,		committee) and get back to you."
When asked when your	"We don't need them."	"First Monday of every month 18.00 –
troops holds Patrol		20.00, and for ten minutes after every troop
Leader Council meetings,		meeting."
you say,		
You and your SPL arrive	Your SPL asks you,	You ask your SPL, "What do you have
at a troop meeting.	"What are we doing	planned for tonight?"
	tonight?"	
One of your scouts is	You or an assistant	The scout's Patrol Leader talks with the
behaving rudely.	scoutmaster counsels the	scout. If that doesn't help, then the SPL
	scout on his behavior.	together with the Patrol Leader talk with the
		scout. If that doesn't help, the SPL asks the
		scoutmaster to talk with the scout.
Your unit commissioner	"We tried that, but my	"Well, we've had some rough times, but
asks you about how	kids just couldn't handle	after a while they caught on that I was
successful you've been	it. Maybe we'll try it	serious about it, and then I was amazed to
implementing the patrol	another time when	see how even my boys learned to use the
method. You say,	they're a little older and	patrol method to run their troop."
	things have settled down	
	a bit."	
A new scout asks you	"I thought you all would	"Last summer, the Patrol Leader Council
why this month's troop	really like it. Hiking was	voted on all the themes for the next twelve
theme is "hiking". You	one of my favorite	months, and the theme they voted on for
say,	activities when I was a	this month was 'hiking'."
	scout."	
At troop meetings, you	the main speaker.	a guest speaker.
are		
Your junior leaders	aren't quite sure what	all attended a one-day junior leader training
	their jobs are.	event you ran using the Scoutmaster's
		Junior Leader Training Kit.
Your SPL	wasn't sent to your	Attended council Junior Leader Training.
	council's week-long	
	Junior Leader Training	
	(Golden Falcon)	

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