

Parent Helper Recruitment Skit

Here is a visual demonstration I used to get parents to volunteer. I have a parent come up to the front to be my demo leader. Then I keep handing them the items that represent all the things I have to do as a leader and things that I hope parents will volunteer to help with.

I start with something like "Well, I have to keep track of everyone's information and records" and gave the demo leader our troop binder. "And we need to register everyone." Registration forms. And just went through everything. Here's the list:

All the troop and girl information--troop binder (or whatever you use)

Registration--the registration forms

To plan a good program--handbooks

To earn badges--badge book

So the girls can go on--Cadette books (we became multi-level not too long ago so I wanted the parents to understand this)

Troop finances--calculator

Safety concerns--Safety Wise book

First Aider & certified--First aid kit

Camping--tent

Store, Care for, &bring equipment--I used the base of our flag pole

Paperwork for council--A stack of the actual paperwork

Plan/schedule all the activities--Planner/Daytimer

Sell cookies--cookie box

Sell calendars--Calendar

SU meetings--SU folder

Fieldtrips--A toy car

Girl Awards--Badges

Training--Leader's book

Troop publications (calendar, newsletter)--that month's info

Then to show your primary concern is to balance the needs, interests, and development of each girl you could use a carton of eggs (plastic ones) or balance a book on the person's head (I really like that one).

Then I said something like "And on top of all this, you want me to arrange you rides, call everyone to keep up on things, call the night before to see if you are coming, give you reminders for what you missed, and run this troop with no help? AAaaahhh!!" (yes, I actually shrieked).

After that parents and girls were very understanding of my limitations (no calls, no organizing rides, etc.) and parents were eager to offer to help.

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