

QUALITY CHAPTER MEETING
Number 17—Develop a Quality Chapter Award

Background: It's very important for the chapter to support the lodge in obtaining Quality Lodge. What's a better way to measure the chapter's contribution to the lodge than having a similar set of criteria for chapters?

Meeting resources: At the meeting in which you discuss developing a Quality Chapter Award, have the Quality Lodge petition on hand. It's also a good idea to have the lodge chief or adviser present. They can discuss what is important to the council, what the lodge has difficulties with, and how the chapter can help.

Meeting Content: Brainstorm ideas to develop a Quality Chapter Award. Develop criteria by which chapters in your lodge can compete not to be "the best" but to be considered "quality." For example:

- ♦ Strive to have 30% Brotherhood conversion
- ♦ Perform an Arrow-of-Light ceremony for each Webelos pack requesting one
- ♦ Host one service project each year
- ♦ Increase membership
- ♦ Conduct elections in each troop requesting one by a well-trained team
- ♦ Submit one article to each lodge newsletter published about the chapter's news
- ♦ Raise \$250 to contribute to the lodge's Friends of Scouting pledge

After developing and agreeing on a set of chapter goals, delegate responsibility for various tasks to chapter members. Challenge other chapters in your lodge to beat the goals your chapter set.