Admin Ops – Calling the Commands

Source Material – TLT Director’s Guide Administrative Operations, Drill & Exercises #1, 2

1. Assist in arranging, scheduling, and facilitating units in conducting opening and closing exercises during meetings and events including the posting of colors.
2. Assist in teaching basic marching and drilling technics.

Students
All TLTs who attend this Operation are new to the TLT program. It is imperative that this workshop be interactive and activity-based. Most of these TLTs will not know each other and will just be starting to form long-lasting relationships. Help them be interactive by having activities that they can do together.

Purpose & Goals of Workshop
This workshop is intended to help the TLT understand and develop the skills and knowledge necessary to effectively teach drilling and marching at the Club level. The goal of the class is to provide the technical basis for teaching drill to Pathfinders that includes: methods, technique, and practice relating to drill instruction. TLTs should be equipped to teach basic drill to a unit sized group with minimal assistance.

Ideas for Workshop activities:
• Start the workshop with a simple club Opening Ceremony (stand in formation by units and post flags at the front of the room, take attendance, and offer a prayer). Allow this activity to create discussion about how the TLTs do Opening Ceremonies at their club. Spend time exploring the different ideas that each TLT expresses about their club’s unique procedures. (Intent is for TLTs to get new ideas from each other that they can implement in their club now that they will be leading the Opening Ceremonies.) Close the workshop with a Closing Ceremony.
• Have each TLT demonstrate their ability to properly call commands. Allow other TLTs to practice with each other and offer feedback under the instructor’s coaching.
• Assign a basic drill position (Position of Attention, Parade Rest, Present Arms, Etc.) and allow the TLTs to take turns instructing the rest of the group in the position while the other TLTs and instructor provide constructive commentary on the effectiveness of the technique.
• Assign a basic drill movement (Facing, Marching Forward, About Face, Etc.) and allow the TLTs to take turns instructing the rest of the group in the position while the other TLTs and instructor provide constructive commentary on the effectiveness of the technique.

Ideas for Convention activities:
• All TLTs participate in morning and evening flag ceremonies and post and retire colors for the convention.
• Conduct Uniform and bunk inspections to better train the TLTs in doing inspections.

Additional Resources: