

## Welcoming New Leaders

Here are some ideas for supporting new leaders. As a team, discuss how you welcome new leaders and what you would like to do in the future.

## At your Plan for Success meeting:

- Designate a team member to be the contact for new leaders.
- Add items to the new troop bags such as:
  - Art & office supplies: pencils, tape, markers, paint, etc.
  - Small first aid kit, tick spoon & tick ID card
  - Service unit patch (if applicable)
  - Folder with helpful information such as: service team contact list, meeting schedule, VSS business card, etc.
- Level up your leader meetings by making them fun, friendly, and informative!
  - Schedule leader meetings at the beginning of the year and provide all leaders with a calendar or list of dates.
  - Plan to personally invite new leaders throughout the year and send reminders.
  - Have a designated greeter at every meeting to give a friendly welcome to new leaders and make introductions (a fun icebreaker helps with this, too!).
  - Refer to the Service Team Handbook for more ideas, especially pages 96-100.
  - We will level up our leader meetings by:

## As each troop starts:

- Invite new leaders to the service unit Facebook page, leader meetings, and service unit events.
- Post a welcome message on your service unit Facebook page.
- Let new leaders know about any service unit resources available to them such as a service unit lending library, special support funds, etc.
- Assign a mentor or big sister troop and help them connect.
- Additional ways we will support leaders throughout the year: