



The Scout-Run Troop

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- **Baden-Powell's Wisdom**
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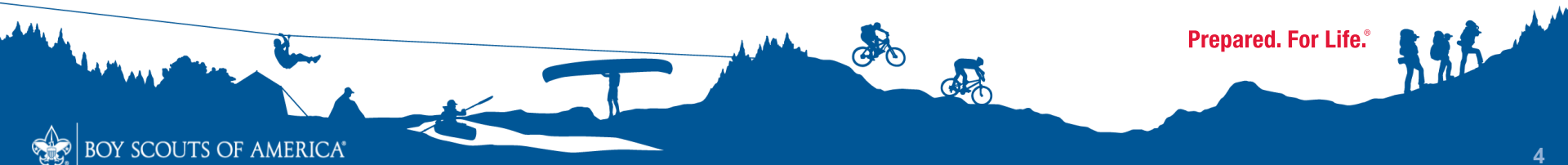
- **Blog Post (coming soon)**
 - This presentation
 - Scout-Led Troop (pdf)
- **Online Resources**
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“To get first-class results from the patrol system, you have to give the leader a real freehanded responsibility—if you only give partial responsibility you will only get partial results.”

- Robert Baden-Powell



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“Don’t do too much of what should be done by the boys themselves. ‘When you want a thing done don’t do it yourself’ is the right motto.”

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What Is A Scout–Run Troop?

Just about EVERY troop claims: “We are a scout-led Troop.”

...but what does that really mean?





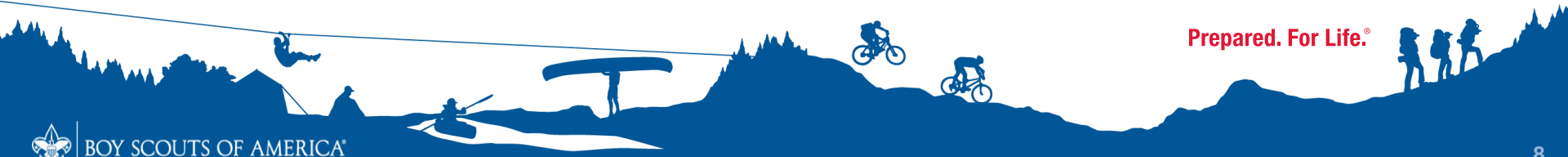
Game of Scouting

- **Unique youth program feature**
- **Common Misconception:**
 - Scout Led is NOT Scout Defined
- **Help Scouts understand the “rules of the game”**

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Why do we want a Scout-Run Troop?



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Why Scout Run?

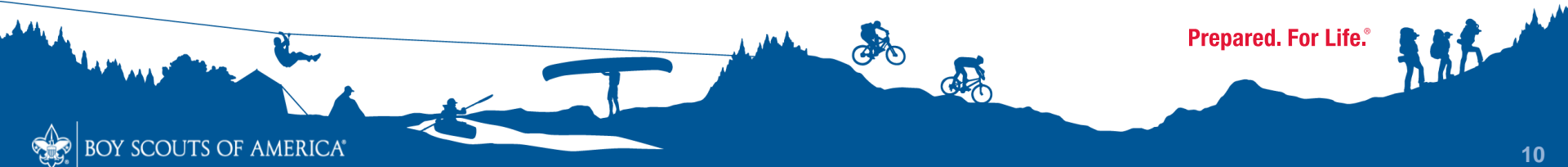
- Learn critical planning skills
- Learn to lead in a safe environment
- Learn from mistakes
- Learn to lead others and work in teams
- Learn respect when treated with respect

It IS more work to have a scout run troop than one run by adults – but the results are worth it!

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What Does A Scout-Run Troop Look Like?

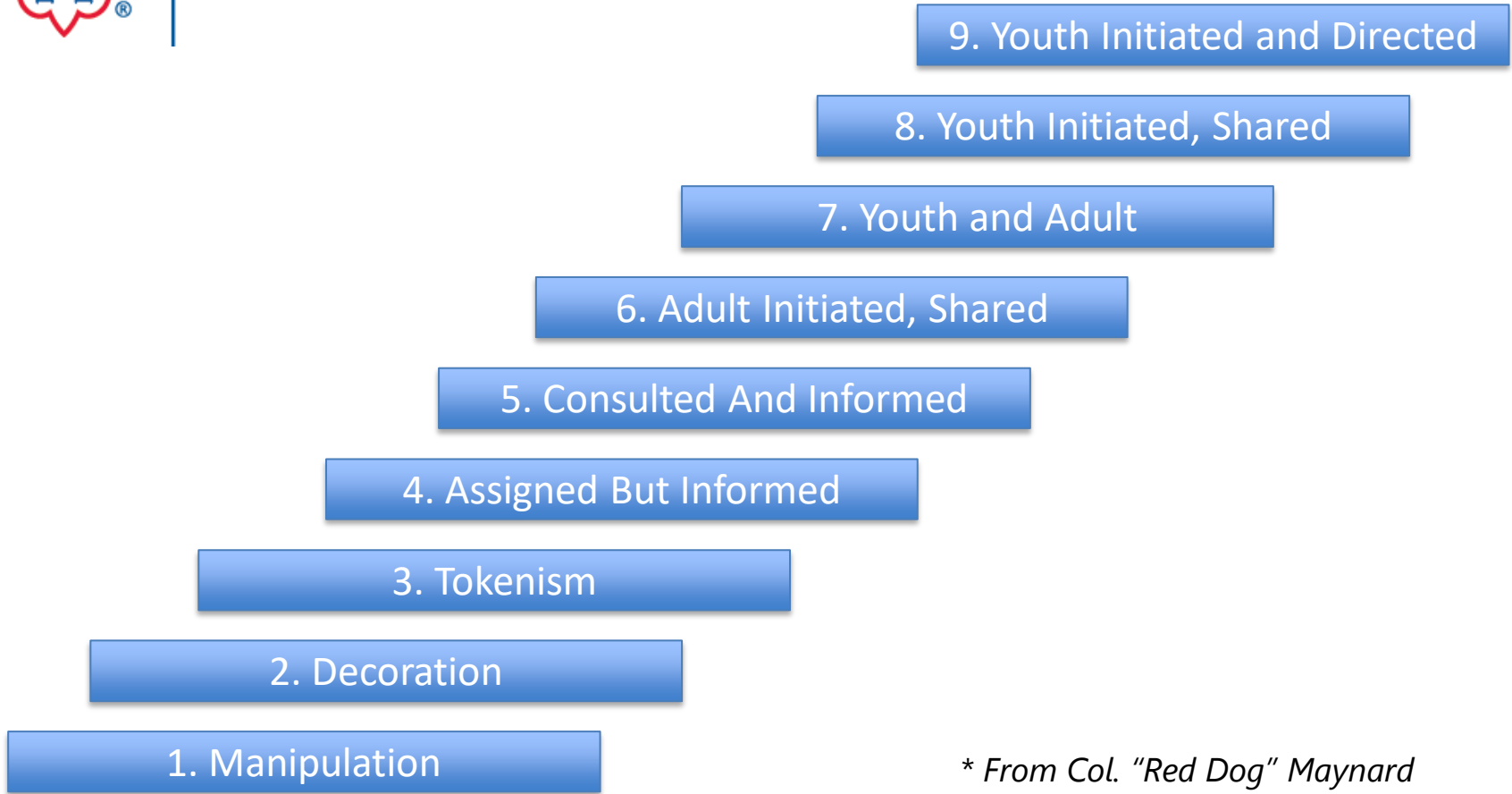


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Scout-Run Troop



** From Col. "Red Dog" Maynard*

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Scout-Run Troop

- Vision
- Scouts understand the *Rules of the Game*
- Unified Adult Leadership
- Parent understanding
- Youth Leaders are supported

Chaos is embraced!

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Tools for Healthy Scout-Run Unit

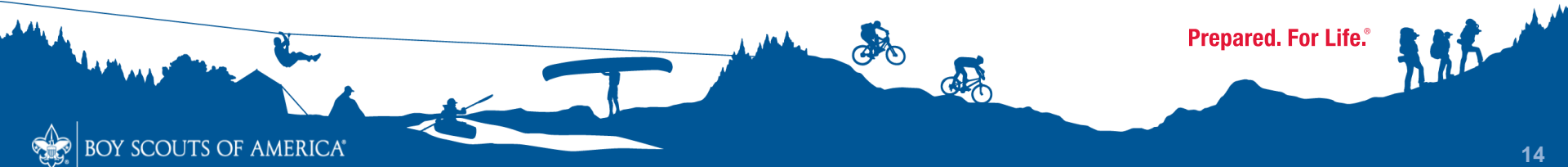
- Advancement
- PLC Meetings
- Annual Planning Meetings
- Scout Positions of Responsibility

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Scout-Run Troop Leadership

- Role of Senior Patrol Leader
- Role of Scoutmaster





Role of a Senior Patrol Leader

- Responsible for the troop's overall operation
- Takes charge of meetings and of all troop activities
- Helps each patrol be successful
- Responsible for leading the annual planning conference
- Assists the Scoutmaster in leadership training
- Primary link between troop's Scouts and adult leaders

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Role of an Adult Leader

- **Help youth focus on the Vision**
- **Use Guided Discovery**
- **Respect Autonomy**
- **Promote Cooperative Resolutions**

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Developing a Scout-Run Troop

- **Adult Leader Training**
- **Parent Training**
- **Youth Training**

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Adult Leader Training

- **Scoutmaster Specific**
- **Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills**
- **Roundtable – Training and Networking**
- **University of Scouting**
- **Wood Badge**
- **Philmont – Scoutmaster Advanced Training**

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Parent Training

- Encourage Adult Leader training too!
- Set Expectations
- Review Positions of Responsibility
- Understand Advancement

Concerns & Complaints about a youth leader >> contact the Scoutmaster





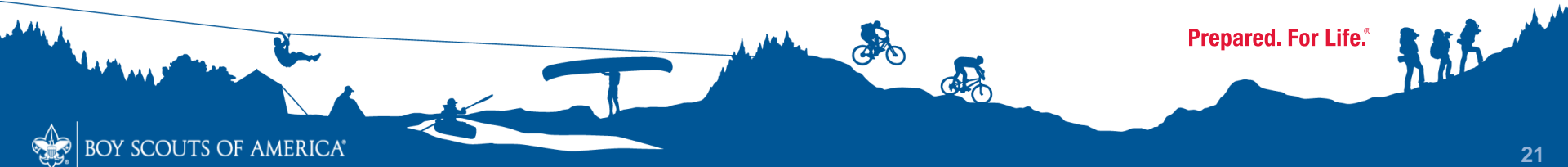
Youth Training

- **Adults mentor youth leaders**
- **Older / experienced youth mentor younger youth**
- **Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)**
- **LDC – Leadership Development Conference**
- **NYLT – National Youth Leadership Training**
- **NAYLE – National Advance Youth Leadership Experience**

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What Challenges Do You Expect To Run Into?



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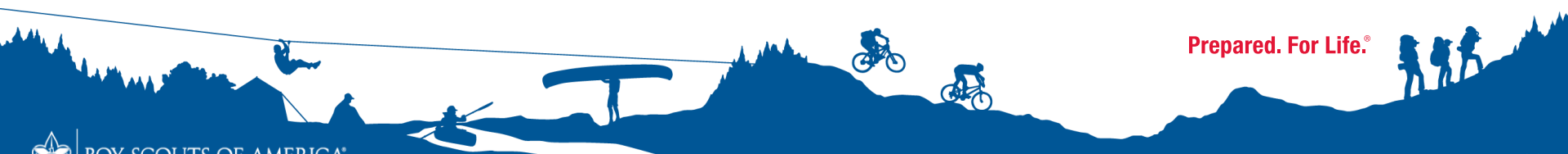
Addressing Challenges

- **Mentoring**
- **Role Fit**
- **Scoutmaster Conference**
- **Advancement Credit**

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Questions?



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