

## QUALITY CHAPTER MEETING

### *Number 3—Brotherhood Bash*

**Background:** Celebrate your Brotherhood by hosting a Brotherhood Bash! This event should center around a fun-filled evening with the spirit of Brotherhood. Strengthening Brotherhood is an essential team-building exercise that will really show at the next lodge event.

**Meeting Resources:** Crazy, ridiculous—but safe—activities for all ages. Work with fellow officers to develop zany, competitive, simple activities and games for strengthening Brotherhood within your Chapter.

**Meeting Content:** Host an all-evening program to conduct a crazy Brotherhood activity. Examples include an all-night capture-the-flag competition, ice-skate-until-you-drop, or swimming pool volleyball tournament. Use your imagination!

For a successful Brotherhood Bash, preparation is essential. For example, if your chapter hosts a swimming pool volleyball tournament, consider the following:

- ♦ Secure a swimming pool well in advance where Arrowmen can play volleyball in the shallow end.
- ♦ Ensure BSA Safe Swim Defense is followed. All swimmers should have a swim test and swim buddy, and lifeguards should be on duty.
- ♦ Set time limits as well as point limits to keep the tournament moving. Time each game so it ends at the peak of fun.
- ♦ If a fee is involved, consider a profit margin so the chapter can contribute to the council camping scholarship or the Friends of Scouting campaign.
- ♦ Invite other chapters to participate.
- ♦ Team competition will encourage new chapter members to meet each other and everyone to work together. Try rules that encourage scouts to learn each others' names. For example, before a bump or set to another teammate, the scout must say that teammate's name.
- ♦ Have tasty food on hand for hungry Scouts!