

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GENERAL PIONEER REGISTRATION

Comrade Leader!

This registration is a very important thing in the life of your troop as well as in the life of every Pioneer. This registration will sharpen the turn towards the new forms and methods of work. Beginning with this registration, every Pioneer group will be transferred into a Pioneer troop and subdivided into the necessary number of squads. Beginning with this registration every Pioneer troop will be assigned to the corresponding youth or adult sponsoring organization. This registration will make Pioneers feel our organization as a strong unified body. And last, but not least, this registration is a good method of mobilizing our troop for participation in the struggles of the working class.

The following steps must be taken by every troop leader:

- 1 - Decide on the week when you are going to have the registration in your troop. It should be a week after the first time that you gather the children together on a troop basis. The first time they are together, you notify them that the next week there is going to be the registration and that every Pioneer, if he wants to be classified as a Pioneer must be there.
- 2- Notify the district as to the date of your registration meeting.
- 3- Ask the district for the necessary amount of application cards (one for each Pioneer) and what sponsoring organization your troop is assigned to.
- 4- Notify your Pioneers a WEEK IN ADVANCE of the chosen date of the Special troop meeting. Tell them about the agenda for this meeting and tell them to bring the registration fee (10 cents) and proposals for the name of the troop and the squads.
- 5- Make sure that you pick a date for this meeting, giving yourself enough time to get in touch with the District and get from them all the necessary material. We recommend that you hold your meeting on Sat. or Sun. morning about 10:00 a.m.
- 6- Use the following agenda for this meeting:
  - a. Roll call:--5 minutes.
  - b. A 10 minute talk on the necessity of the reorganization--10 minutes.
  - c. Deciding on the name for the troop and the troop dues--15 min.
  - d. Acceptance of new applicants (if any)--5 min.
  - e. Announce what squads each Pioneer belongs to---10 min. (this must be worked out ahead of time)
  - f. Organize a game or singing or some recreation.
- 7- Then the meeting should be split into the squads, where the following should take place:
  - a. The Pioneers should elect a temporary Captain. (Permanent captains, that is ~~in~~ for the period of six months, should be elected at the next meeting of the squad after a short talk by you on what a squad Captain should be. **DO NOT INFLUENCE THE PIONEERS IN ANY WAY IN THEIR SELECTION OF THE SQUAD CAPTAINS.**
  - b. Deciding on the name of the squad.
  - c. Registration of the Pioneers.
  - d. Announcement of the next squad meeting. (These squad meetings should not take more than half an hour.)
- 8- Then all the Pioneers should be called to attention and announcement of the next troop meeting should be made. Also the meeting of the Troop Council should be announced then and there. After that you should call upon the Pioneers to Stand Ready FOR THE CAUSE OF THE WORKING CLASS and adjourn the meeting.



- 9- Begin the meeting on time even if only 2 or 3 Pioneers are present. Make sure that you yourself come on time. If too many Pioneers should come very late, begin your meeting with a game or something else outside of the above mentioned agenda. The troop meeting should not take up more than an hour.
- 10- In your talk explain the necessity of the reorganization and the registration, announce what youth or adult organization your Pioneer troop belongs to and explain the system of the troop dues.
- 11- After beginning the game you can begin the meetings of the squads--one at a time so that you can be present at their election of captains. (Start each squad meeting a little later than the previous one; in the meantime the game goes on so that those children who are as yet not at their squad meeting are kept busy.)
- 12- In case of a very large troop, get a few older Pioneers together a week in advance of the meeting and explain to them these instructions so that they will be able to help you out with the squad meetings.
- 13- Dues should be decided upon by the Pioneers themselves; no recommendation should be given on it. The dues could be anything between one cent every two months and a dime or more a week, depending on the possibilities of the Pioneers to pay.
- 14- The Pioneers are divided into squads on the basis of the AGE and DEVELOPMENT. Do not divide them on the basis of school or the neighborhood where they live.
- 15- The Application cards must be filled out completely and by all the Pioneers (old and new members of the troop alike) and all of them should pay a Registration Fee of 20 cents right at the squad meeting. We recommend that you appoint a few Pioneers ahead of time and explain to them how to fill out the application cards. These should fill out the cards for all in each squad. Make sure that all cards are filled out in a readable handwriting. Do not let every Pioneer fill out his own card.
- 16- If one or a few Pioneers can not pay their Registration Fee, the Troop should chip in for them or pay out of the troop treasury, or arrange other means to raise money for those who can not pay. EVERY APPLICATION CARD MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY FEE OF 10 CENTS.
- 17- If your troop happens to be very poor and none of the Pioneers can pay the Registration fee--take this matter up with your district ahead of time and act according to District instructions.
- 18- All filled Application cards should be sent immediately to the District together with the corresponding number of dimes.
- 19- The district will send you the NEW MEMBERSHIP BOOKS for every REGISTERED Pioneer.
- 20- Those Pioneers who happened not to be present at the Registration meeting should be visited at home by yourself or some of the Pioneers and registered there, provided that they are willing to remain in the organization.
- 21- The troop council is to consist of the troop Leader, assistant troop leader, and the squad captains. If your troop is very small one, the assistant squad captains should also be put on the troop council, after their election at the next meeting of the squads. The troop council should select upon your recommendation, a secretary and a treasurer. No treasurers should be selected in the squads. The dues are collected thru the squad captains, or directly by the troop treasurer, who keeps the record of the dues payments. The money can not be spent by the treasurer without the approval of the troop Council or in case of necessity, by the troop Leader.



## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE Y.P.A.

The Pioneer Pledge, rules, mottoes, symbols and uniform as well as the Pioneer program of work, must be uniform for all troops (except for unusual or special cases such as illegality, terrorism, etc.) All printed and multigraphed material of the YPA are for the use of all childrens troops or the Pioneer organization. All material issued by the organization and by Pioneer troops is subject to the approval of the district and central Pioneer Buros.

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### I. THE MOTTO OF THE YOUNG PIONEERS

For the cause of the Working Class----Stand Ready!

Answer---"Always Ready"

### II. THE PIONEER OATH

I, Young Pioneer of the U.S.A., declare this oath in the presence of my comrades that:

- (a) I stand Ready for the cause of the working class in its struggle for freedom.
- (b) I will honestly and without hesitation carry out the Pioneer Rules and the Pioneer oath.

### III. THE PIONEER EMBLEM

The Pioneer emblem is a hammer and sickle, a burning fire with three flames in which burn five logs. Over the sickle is inscribed "Stand Ready" all on a Red background.

#### Explanation:

The red background for the struggle of the toilers for freedom; the Hammer and Sickle, the unity of the workers and farmers in the struggle; the three flamed fire symbolizes the burning spirit of the children, the youth, and the adults, in the struggle against the bosses. Also the brotherly unity of the Pioneers of the world. The five logs represent five parts of the world which will free themselves from capitalism.

*As just mentioned.*

As the pupil of an eye, so must a Pioneer protect his emblem because it reminds him constantly of the aims of the Pioneers.

### IV. THE PIONEER UNIFORM AND FLAGS

- (a) All Pioneers, District, Section or Troop (depending on arrangements) should wear the blue Pioneer uniform. (In the United States all Pioneers nationally, will wear the same uniform.
- (b) All young Pioneers wear a red triangular kerchief around their neck. It must be tied into a knot, standing for the three generations---the adults, youth and children, tied together in their common struggle against capitalism.
- (c) The squad has a three cornered red pennant with a symbol designating the name of the squad. On the second side is the name of the Troop.
- (d) The troop has a four cornered large red flag with the Pioneer emblem and motto on one side and on the second the name of the troop.

### V. THE SALUTE

The following salute is used by the Pioneers:-The right hand, with the fingers all straight, is raised directly to the front and up above the head. The elbow is straight front and tips of the fingers are well above the head. The five fingers stand for the five parts of the world, which will free themselves from capitalism. The hand is raised above the head because for a Pioneer the interest of the working class is above his personal interests.



## RULES AND-REGULATIONS OF THE Y. P. A.

1. A PIONEER IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL TO THE CAUSE OF THE WORKING CLASS.
2. A PIONEER IS A COMRADE OF ALL PIONEERS AND OF ALL WORKERS AND FARMERS CHILDREN THE WORLD OVER.
3. A PIONEER IS ALWAYS HONEST AND FAITHFUL TO HIS COMRADES AND TO HIS CLASS, THE WORKING CLASS.
4. A PIONEER IS ALWAYS TRYING TO LEARN.  
Knowledge is power in the struggle of the working class.
5. A PIONEER ORGANIZES THE CHILDREN AROUND HIM.  
He takes part in the life and interest of these children and draws them into the YOUNG PIONEERS. He is the model for all workers and farmers children.
6. A PIONEER IS A READER OF THE NEW PIONEER AND ALL PIONEER PRESS.  
He distributes it to other children.
7. A PIONEER IS DISCIPLINED.  
A Pioneer puts the interests of the workers and farmers above his own individual interests. He carries out all decisions of the troop for this cause.
8. A PIONEER IS BRAVE.  
Whether in school, at work, or in the neighborhood, a Pioneer fearlessly fights for the interests of the working class children, against race discrimination of Negro children, for free food and milk for children of unemployed and all other interest of the workers and farmers children.
9. A PIONEER IS ALERT.  
A Pioneer keeps his eyes open all the time; always observing how the workers and poor farmers are oppressed by the bosses and their servants--the government, police, courts, etc. A Pioneer is always on guard against these servants of the bosses and especially the police. He never gives any information to strangers or the police--either about his troop, troop leader or the working class. A Pioneer knows the enemies of the working class and is constantly on the alert.
10. A PIONEER IS CLEAN.  
A Pioneer is careful of his own as well as other workers' health. He lives clean in body and thought, valuing his own time as well as the time of others. A Pioneer works with a collective spirit in his troop, carrying out all tasks quickly and punctually. A Pioneer does not curse, smoke or drink because these habits hurt the Pioneer's body and make it hard for him to be always ready for the cause of the working class.



YOU CAN GET MORE INFORMATION ON THESE POINTS IN THE Y.C.I. COMMISSION REPORT AND THE LEADERS VOL. 2 no's. 1,2, and 3.

COMRADE TROOP LEADER! FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CHILDREN FOR THE CAUSE OF THE WORKING CLASS-----ARE YOU READY?

#### THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM OF THE PIONEER TROOP

The regular income of every Pioneer Troop is to consist of the dues, as decided upon by each and every Troop independently, plus the necessary amount of money to be contributed as a subsidy at regular intervals by the sponsoring organization.

The dues are determined by the possibilities of the children to pay. The subsidy is determined by the necessity, as well as the financial ability of the organization.

The expenses of the Troop consist of such items as: leaflets, school bulletins, wall newspaper, carfares to affairs, etc. as well as the tax levied by the district Buro upon every Troop, according to its financial strength, for the up-keep of the District Office (leadership).

The expenses are to be approved in each individual case by the leader of the Troop. The tentative budgets of every Troop are to be O.K'd by the District Buro. Regular monthly reports on income and expenses of the troop are to be given to the District Pioneer Buros.

In cases when a Pioneer Troop can not raise the necessary amount of money for the local activities, and when the sponsoring organization finds itself incapable of helping the Troop financially (for example: unemployed councils, troops in certain extremely poor neighborhoods, etc.), the District Buro is to subsidize these Troops either with cash or with the necessary material, by putting these subsidies on the District Budget and covering them thru increase of taxation on the troop in good financial position.

#### THE SYSTEM OF SPONSORING OF THE PIONEER TROOPS

"The Troop is organized of children working the same trade or on a territorial basis by either a unit of the Y.C.L., Communist Party, or under the auspices of a revolutionary mass organization." (From the Y.C.I. Commission Report)

Practically all of our Pioneer Troops, with very few exceptions, have been organized by the Y.C.L. However, we find that in some instances there are more Pioneer Troops in a given territory than corresponding Y.C.L. units. In some instances we find Pioneer Troops organized directly by the Party, and in very few instances by Trade Unions, or other mass organizations.

The District Buros are to take up the question of assigning of the already existing Pioneer Troops to the corresponding Youth or Adult organizations. All the troops organized by any of the mass organizations should be assigned to the corresponding (territorially) branch or local of the particular organization.

The sponsoring of a Pioneer Troop consists of assignment of a leader for it, giving it headquarter to meet in, helping to build it, and helping it in it's work politically and technically as well as financially. The Troop, besides it's regular activities among the children in the trade, in the school and on the street, must also participate in the activities of the sponsoring organization. This is done by planning the work of the Troop on the basis of a plan of work of the sponsoring organization.



## MEMBERSHIP

1. Children between the ages of ten to fifteen years can join the Y.P.A.
2. New Pioneers are recruited by either the squad or the troop. However their application must be submitted to and accepted by the Pioneer troop at its regular meeting.
3. Within one month the new Pioneer takes the Pioneer Oath. By that time he must know the laws of the Pioneer. After the ceremony of acceptance the child officially becomes a member of the Y.P.A. and receives his red bandana, membership book and all the rights in the Y.P.A.
4. Any child joining any of the Pioneer troops will pay a semi-annual fee of ten cents as registration to the central office of the Y.P.A. and will thereby receive a membership card to the Y.P.A. Dues to the Pioneers troop will be determined by the children themselves, depending upon the ability of the children to pay. Children of the unemployed, striking, or very poor parents, should be exempt from all dues for the necessary period of time.
5. A Pioneer can be expelled only at the general meeting of the troop. He may be expelled for violating the Pioneer rules or laws and for violation of Pioneer discipline.

## THE PIONEER TROOP

1. The basic unit of the Young Pioneer organization is the troop. The troop is organized of children working in the same trade, or on a Territorial basis by either a unit of the Y.C.L., Communist Party, or under the auspices of a revolutionary mass organization.
2. The troop is composed of 32 children divided into squads of 8 children each. Any number of children less than 32 making any number of the squads less than 4, constitute an incomplete troop. The troop does not mechanically stop its growth after having 32 children, but proceeds in its work and growth until it becomes large enough to be split into 2 troops (it can be split into two incomplete troops or into one complete and one incomplete troop.)
3. The Pioneer troop as a whole should meet once in two weeks to carry out the activity common to the whole troop. Ceremony for membership acceptance of new members. Division of work for the squads. Troop exhibits. Concerts. Hike. Outings. The binding of revolutionary agreements. International correspondence. Drills, games, songs. Planning of work for the whole troop. Discussion on the experiences of the past work. All this based on the plan for the whole section.
4. Every troop has its own name. The troop may be named after a historical event, a revolutionary leader, act. Haymarket, Sacco-vanzetti, John Reed. Thus for example: A troop organized by the I.W.O. branch can be named "The John Reed Pioneer Troop, of the 130 branch 76, Chicago."

## The Pioneer Squad

1. The Pioneer squad carries on all the basic Pioneer activities. Education thru, discussion, physical activity, work in the schools, work on the streets,



### The Pioneer Squad (continued)

in playgrounds, preparation for troop meetings, carrying out of the squad part of the troop project, hikes, ect.

2. The squad meets as often as the members decide, but not less than once a week.
3. The squad elects one of its members as a squad captain for the period of six months, and an assistant for two months.
4. The squad takes as a name any general working class title such as Young Builders, Beavers, Ants, Ect.

### The Circle

The troop organizes inter-squad activity in the form of circles based on one particular interest of the children. For example: There might be a few children interested in dramatics, music, checkers, Ect. Then the troop organizes a dramatic circle or band. These circles being a loose form of organization (a Pioneer after losing interest in that particular activity may withdraw from it) take in all the children who want to take part in that particular activity. The circle can be used to in children interested in that activity but not as yet members of the YPA. The circle thus serves as a means of building the YPA. There may also be a number of children in different squads interested in base-ball or other sports. A troop team or teams are organized and function on the same basis as the circle.

The troop activities are always linked up with the sponsoring adult or youth organization.

### Structure of Leading Committees

#### THE TROOP COUNCIL:

The troop council leads the troop activities under the direct guidance of a troop leader assigned by the local Pioneer Bureau. The troop council is composed of the troop leader, the four squad captains, their assistants, the assistant troop leader and circle instructors. It meets regularly once every two weeks.

#### THE SECTION LEADERS COUNCIL:

The leaders for the troop s are selected by the YCL and Party units and thru the YCL and Party fractions in the mass and auxiliary organizations subject to the approval of the Pioneer Dept. The leaders can either be YCL or Party members or close sympathizers, recommended by the YCL or Party fractions.

The troop leaders and ~~and~~ their assistants make up sectional leaders council which meets regular. director is appointed by the district Pioneer Bureau thru section committees of YCL. In large districts where sections take in a great part of the state, or a whole, city leaders council should be organized with a city director.

Sympathizers, specialists and technicians (musicians, artists, carpenters, and electricians) are used for either direct leadership or circle instruction thru the troop and section leaders.



## SECTION LEADERS COUNCIL (CONTINUED)

The YCL units are directly responsible for leading the work among the children their territories, thru the election of a Pioneer director to the executive buro of the unit. The units must constantly reenforce the Pioneer leadership by adding League comrades and regularly checking up on the work. In all campaigns of the YCL the plan of work for the Pioneer must be included.

### THE DISTRICT PIONEER BURO:

The district Pioneer Buro should be organized in every district by the district committee of the YCL which appoints from one to three of its members for this work and places one of its members of the YCL Buro in charge of it. The Party District Buro should appoint at least two comrades for the district Pioneer Buro who shall be actively engaged in childrens work. The Party shall also appoint a Buro representative for guidance to the Pioneer Buro.

The District Pioneer Buro should consist of: District Pioneer Director, Organizational Secretary, Agit-prop Director. Comrades in charge of Parents work, magazine work, mass organization and Party Buro Representative.

The District Pioneer Buro should be organized by the CBYCL and should consist of three Central Committee members, at least two comrades appointed by the CP and a few more comrades selected by the CBYCL. One of the three CC members remain in the center and the other two should be sent out to the most important districts. The enlarged Pioneer buro should have members from all the mass auxilliary organizations, appointed by the leading bodies in these mass organizations.

The CPB should consist of: Pioneer Director, Org-Sec., Agit-prop. comrade in charge of parents work, The Pioneer Editor, comrade in charge of auxilliary organizations (including language organization). Comrade in charge of Trade Union Work and representative of the Central Committee of the Party.

*work in the school*

The main struggle of the children is in the school. The method to be used in the school is the United Front. We aim to unite all children in the school in the direct struggle for partial demands in every possible form. To do this it is not necessary to have the Pioneers carry on this in the name of the YPA. It narrows the base from the beginning. Instead the Pioneers of a troop, attending the same school, get together with the leader, decide on the issue, on the type of activity, slogans, and proceed to mobilize the children for a struggle on this issue. In the name of that issue, a loose organization should be formed. (Free food clubs, anti-war clubs (or leagues) ect.). Meetings, affairs, leaflets, are arranged by these clubs or leagues with the Pioneers a leading force within these organizations, winning the children to the YPA. These united front organizations should meet after the school as often as possible, but at least once a week and should work independently of the Pioneer troop under the leadership of the Troop Leader or squad captain. When this organization functions normally, many joint activities with the Pioneers can be arranged, such as meetings, demonstrations, picketing, entertainments, hikes, ect.



## Work in the School (continued)

In the Pioneer Troop the squad captain and leader always see that the orientation of the troop is towards the organization of children in such united front clubs or leagues in the school.

Alongside of every united front organization of children in the school, we must build an organization of adults such as parents councils, mothers leagues, Ect. The Party unit of that neighborhood has the task of organizing and leading these adult organizations thru the comrade in charge of parents work in the Pioneer Bureau.

At all times the NEW PIONEER must be used as a weapon and organizer in the school. Pioneer troops should organize special school sales and bring the Pioneer into the schools.

### The beginning and End of a Troop Meeting

The meeting must have a definite beginning and a definite end. Many times the Pioneers don't know whether the meeting is still on or whether they can go home. The leader is talking to a few Pioneers, or squad captains, and the rest of the Pioneers are waiting until he finishes talking, all of which could be done after the meeting is over.

It is very important to begin the meeting on time. About this we have already spoken in the first article on "The Squad." What should the beginning of the meeting consist of? We suggest the following:

- 1: Line up the Pioneers according to their squads.
- 2: Greet the Pioneers by the call for the Pledge:- FOR THE CAUSE OF THE WORKING CLASS, ARE YOU READY? They should answer: "ALWAYS READY".
- 3: Give time for the squad captains to check up on the presence of their Pioneers, and let them step forward and report.
- 4: Let the sanitation committee inspect the cleanliness of the Pioneers. They can have a partial inspection, for example the hands today, next time the face and neck, then the clothing, ect. The results of the inspection should be announced right before the troop. If using the point system the sanitation committee should announce the number of points given to each squad.
- 5: Announce the program for today's meeting. All of this should take no more than five or six minutes. After this proceed with your program.

The end of the meeting should consist of:

- 1: Line up the Pioneers by squads.
- 2: Briefly review the work of the meeting and give necessary assignments to the squads for the coming week.
- 3: The Secretary of the Troop Council (a secretary of the Troop Council is selected from the members of the council, that is, it could be one of the squad captains, or the assistant leader) announces the next meeting of the troop, and meetings of the squads circles, ect., for the coming week.
- 4: Count all the Pioneers so as to determine how many remained until the end of the meeting, or else have roll call.
- 5: Call upon the Pioneers "FOR THE CAUSE OF THE WORKING CLASS STAND READY"--- "ALWAYS READY".

Of course other beginnings or endings may be used, but it is important to have a beginning and an end at every troop meeting, whether it is a regular meeting, before or after a hike, or before or after a movie. We should not forget that it is not simply a get-together of the children, but a Pioneer Troop meeting.



## THE SQUAD

### Forming the Squad.

The squad is the smallest unit of the Pioneer organization. Normally it consists of eight children. In a large body, as the troop is, it is very hard to organize the work so that all the children will be able to take an active part. The division of the troop by squads will help to activize every pioneer and to give him activities according to his strength and abilities. In sub-dividing the troop we must try to put those who chum together in the same squad. Their friendship will unite them more strongly, and the stronger their squad will be united, the stronger it will be in all activities. However, we must point out that it is not always possible to get only the friends into the squad. Many times you will have to group together some children who do not know each other. This is not bad as interesting work will soon unite your squad.

It is also very important that the squad should consist of children of more or less the same age and development. In a squad which consists of children of different ages it is very hard to develop activities. The older pioneers will be interested in more serious work, which for the younger ones will be not only uninteresting but even above their understanding. The result of this will be that the work will not be carried out and the squad will fall to pieces.

When a squad has eight children in it, it is a complete squad. This does not mean however, that it should mechanically stop its outside growth. New children have to ~~go~~ be gotten by the squad through its activities and brought into the squad, and when it grows large enough, it should be split into two incomplete or one complete and one incomplete squad.

*What is the work of the Pioneer Troop & Squad.*

The work of the Pioneer must be planned in such a way that the Pioneers will be active in the following.

1. In fighting for the demands of the working children.
2. In the getting of new members for the troop and squad.
3. In studying and training themselves to become better Pioneers.
4. In all kinds of interesting activities that will give them fun.

For instance, in your troop council you have discussed as to what are the needs of the children in your neighborhood. You will find that kids have no shoes. Map out the plan in all details--how are you going to get the support of the parents, which adult organization will you visit, how you would get the support of other children who are not Pioneers, how you will present your demands and force them thru, ect.

Together with this you can also make plans for a Pioneer Concert. This will bring the workers kids and you will get their support. This will also help to raise money. Plan out all arrangements in detail. Have one squad give songs, one give dances or whatever they are best in, or else you can give a play involving two of the squads. The troop council can plan out all of these things. But remember comrades, everything must be prepared before hand, so that each Pioneer will have his own task.



### The Work of the Pioneer Troop and Squad (continued)

Then in getting new members for the troop or squad the best way to do it is by having some sort of a contest on. See what squad can be the first to bring a certain number of members or which one gets the most members in a certain time. Give a Prize. In this way they will enjoy working.

The best way for the Pioneers to study is to form a reading circle. This is especially good in place where the troops are new. He should be taught at least some of the elementary education, so that he or she will be able to understand things for himself. He will learn to recognize the enemies of the working class. To learn how to fight the boss class, ect. The tasks here however, is the forming of the circles and letting the squad captain lead them.

Organize a hike, outing or anything else that the comrades want to have. Organize this in such a way that it will be able to educate the Pioneers. This can be done especially with the hunger march. Instead of a hike organize it in a form of a march. Have them learn songs concerning the Hunger March. At the stopping place let one of the comrades give a report on the Hunger March, giving purpose, demands, Ect.

All plans should be worked out in such a way that will be very interesting to the Pioneers. This will not only keep the old members but will draw in new members.



Y. P. Leadership Registration Blank

Date \* \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Troop \_\_\_\_\_ Circle \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Where Borne \_\_\_\_\_ Citizen \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employed \_\_\_\_\_ Wages \_\_\_\_\_

Unemployed \_\_\_\_\_ How long \_\_\_\_\_

Member of What Union \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Communist Party since \_\_\_\_\_ Y.O.L. since \_\_\_\_\_

What function in Party or Y.O.L. \_\_\_\_\_

Member of What Fraternal Organization \_\_\_\_\_

How long \_\_\_\_\_ What function \_\_\_\_\_

What is your present function in the Y.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_

How Long in Pioneer Work \_\_\_\_\_ What was your previous function or what  
experiences have you had in Pioneer work \_\_\_\_\_

Were you ever a Pioneer \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_  
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Note--We are making an analysis of the Y.P.A. leadership and it is very important that you answer every question carefully. Also if at all possible please fill this out in ink.



Questionnaire to be filled out by all Pioneer Leaders or  
Perspective Leaders.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_ EMPLOYED \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER OF WHAT ORGANIZATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT POSITIONS DO YOU HOLD IN THESE ORGANIZATIONS IF ANY \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT EXPERIENCE OR TRAINING HAVE YOU HAD IN PIONEER WORK \_\_\_\_\_

THE ABOVE SHOULD INCLUDE INFORMATION AS TO GROUPS that you conducted; work done at children's camps; special work done with children along the lines of sports, dramatics, arts, etc.; classes that you have attended in Pioneer training; training that you may have had in bourgeois schools; work that you may have done in bourgeois children's organizations such as Boy Scouts, Girl Reserves, Religious schools or work in Socialist, Wobbly or other such organizations.

~~WHAT~~ ARE YOU DOING ANY KIND OF CHILDREN'S WORK AT THE PRESENT TIME \_\_\_\_\_

IF SO? WHAT KIND IS IT \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU RECEIVED COPIES OF "THE LEADER" AND ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH ITS  
CONTENTS \_\_\_\_\_ ARE YOUR COPIES PAID FOR \_\_\_\_\_

IF NOT HOW MUCH DO YOU OWE \_\_\_\_\_ IF YOU HAVE NOT AS YET, WOULD YOU LIKE TO

GET THE LEADER \_\_\_\_\_ (THE LEADER IS A BULLETIN put out by the National Pioneer Bureau to aid those comrades doing children's work, giving valuable suggestions and criticisms of work.)

What organizations are there meeting in your locality that could possibly be approached to sponsor a Pioneer Troop and give it general support \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU WILLING TO DO PIONEER WORK AT PRESENT \_\_\_\_\_ OF WHAT NATURE \_\_\_\_\_

FURTHER REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_



QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY THOSE TAKING PIONEER GROUPS AT PRESENT

NUMBER IN GROUP \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE GROUP MEETS \_\_\_\_\_

KIND OF CHILDREN IN GROUP \_\_\_\_\_

HOW LONG HAS THE GROUP BEEN ORGANIZED \_\_\_\_\_

HOW WAS IT ORGANIZED \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT KIND OF WORK DOES THE GROUP DO \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE ORGANIZATIONAL PLAN FOR THE PIONEERS \_\_\_\_\_  
(have you read the Y.C.L. Commission report,) \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU MADE ANY ATTEMPT TO REORGANIZE THE GROUP ACCORDING TO THIS PLAN \_\_\_\_\_

IF SO? WHAT HAVE YOU DONE ALONG THIS LINE \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU BEEN GETTING A BUNDLE OF THE PIONEER MAGAZINE \_\_\_\_\_ HOW MANY \_\_\_\_\_

FROM THE N.O. (National office) OR THE DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU OWE ANYTHING ON THEM \_\_\_\_\_ HOW MUCH \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE STEPS TO BE TAKEN FOR THE GENERAL REGISTRATION  
OF EVERY PIONEER \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE NEW DUES SYSTEM FOR THE CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_

If there are any points not touched upon in the questions, please include these in your remarks. Also if there are any matters unclear that you want explained right away, ask about them and we will answer to the best of our ability. Also give suggestions and criticism to the district for developing of the work.

FURTHER REMARKS:



*Proposed by [Signature]*

Instructions sent from Young Communist League, District Headquarters of  
Dist. # 12, to leaders of children's groups of "Young Pioneers of America"  
in Portland, Oregon, over the signature of Yetta Stromberg. (W.B. Odale)

(Replacing part of Inc. No. 53)

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### INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GENERAL PIONEER REGISTRATION

Comrade Leader!

This registration is a very important thing in the life of your troop as well as in the life of every Pioneer. This registration will sharpen the turn towards the new forms and methods of work. Beginning with this registration, every Pioneer group will be transferred into a Pioneer troop and subdivided into the necessary number of squads. Beginning with this registration every Pioneer troop will be assigned to the corresponding youth or adult sponsoring organization. This registration will make Pioneers feel our organization as a strong unified body. And last, but not least, this registration is a good method of mobilizing our troop for participation in the struggles of the working class.

The following steps must be taken by every troop leader:

- 1 - Decide on the week when you are going to have the registration in your troop. It should be a week after the first time that you gather the children together on a troop basis. The first time they are together, you notify them that the next week there is going to be the registration and that every Pioneer if he wants to be classified as a Pioneer, must be there.
- 2 - Notify the district as to the date of your registration meeting.
- 3 - Ask the district for the necessary amount of application cards (one for each Pioneer) and what sponsoring organization your troop is assigned to.
- 4 - Notify your Pioneers a WEEK IN ADVANCE of the chosen date of the Special troop meeting. Tell them about the agenda for this meeting and tell them to bring the registration fee (10 cents) and proposals for the name of the troop and the squads.
- 5 - Make sure that you pick a date for this meeting, giving yourself enough time to get in touch with the District and get from them all the necessary material. We recommend that you hold your meeting on Sat. or Sun. morning about 10:00 a.m.



- 6 - Use the following agenda for this meeting:
  - a. Roll call;--5 minutes.
  - b. A 10 minute talk on the necessity of the reorganization-- 10 minutes.
  - c. Deciding on the name for the troop and the troop dues--15 min.
  - d. Acceptance of new applicants (if any)--5 min.
  - e. Announce what squads each Pioneer belongs to--10 min. (this must be)
  - f. Organize a game or singing or some recreation/worked out ahead of time
- 7.- Then the meeting should be split into the squads, where the following should take place:
  - a. The Pioneers should elect a temporary Captain. (Permanent captains, that is for the period of six months, should be elected at the next meeting of the squad after a short talk by you on what a squad Captain should be. DO NOT INFLUENCE THE PIONEERS IN ANY WAY IN THEIR SELECTION OF THE SQUAD CAPTAINS.
  - b. Deciding on the name of the squad.
  - c. Registration of the Pioneers.
  - d. Announcement of the next squad meeting. (These squad meetings should not take more than half an hour.)
- 8 - Then all the Pioneers should be called to attention and announcement of the next troop meeting should be made. Also the meeting of the Troop Council should be announced then and there. After that you should call upon the Pioneers to Stand Ready FOR THE CAUSE OF THE WORKING CLASS and adjourn the meeting.
- 9 - Begin the meeting on time even if only 2 or 3 Pioneers are present. Make sure that you yourself come on time. If too many Pioneers should come very late, begin your meeting with a game or something else outside of the above mentioned agenda. The troop meeting should not take up more than an hour.
- 10 - In your talk explain the necessity of the reorganization and the registration, announce what youth or adult organization your Pioneer troop belongs to and explain the system of the troop dues.
- 11 - After beginning the game you can begin the meetings of the squads--one at a time so that you can be present at their election of captains. (Start each squad meeting a little later than the previous one; in the meantime the game goes on so that those children who are as yet not at their squad meeting are kept busy.)
- 12 - In case of a very large troop, get a few older Pioneers together a week in advance of the meeting and explain to them these instructions so that they will be able to help you out with the squad meetings.
- 13 - Dues should be decided upon by the Pioneers themselves; no recommendation should be given on it. The dues could be anything between one cent every two months and a dime or more a week, depending on the possibilities of the Pioneers to pay.
- 14 - The Pioneers are divided into squads on the basis of the AGE and DEVELOPMENT. Do not divide them on the basis of school or the neighborhood where they live.



- 15 - The Application cards must be filled out completely and by all the Pioneers (old and new members of the troop alike) and all of them should pay a Registration Fee of 20 cents right at the squad meeting. We recommend that you appoint a few Pioneers ahead of time and explain to them how to fill out the application cards. These should fill out the cards for all in each squad. Make sure that all cards are filled out in a readable handwriting. Do not let every Pioneer fill out his own card.
- 16 - If one or a few Pioneers can not pay their Registration Fee, the Troop should chip in for them or pay out of the troop treasury, or arrange other means to raise money for those who can not pay. EVERY APPLICATION CARD MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY FEE OF TEN CENTS.
- 17 - If your troop happens to be very poor and none of the Pioneers can pay the Registration fee -- take this matter up with your district ahead of time and act according to District instructions.
- 18 - All filled Application cards should be sent immediately to the District together with the corresponding number of dimes.
- 19 - The district will send you the NEW MEMBERSHIP BOOKS for every REGISTERED Pioneer
- 20 - Those Pioneers who happened not to be present at the Registration meeting should be visited at home by yourself or some of the Pioneers and registered there, provided that they are willing to remain in the organization.
- 21 - The troop council is to consist of the troop Leader, assistant troop leader, and the squad captains. If your troop is very small one, the assistant squad captain should ~~be~~ also be put on the troop council, after their election at the next meeting of the squads. The troop council should select upon your recommendation, a secretary and treasurer. No treasurers should be selected in the squads. The dues are collected thru the squad captains, or directly by the troop treasurer, who keeps the record of the dues payments. The money can not be spent by the treasurer without the approval of the troop Council or in case of necessity, by the troop Leader.

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE Y.P.A.

The Pioneer Pledge, rules, mottoes, symbols and uniform as well as the Pioneer program of work, must be uniform for all troops (except for unusual or special cases such as illegality, terrorism, etc.) All printed and multigraphed material of the YPA are for the use of all childrens troops or the Pioneer organization. All material issued by the organization and by Pioneer troops is subject to the approval of the district and central Pioneer Bureaus.

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#### I. THE MOTTO OF THE YOUNG PIONEERS

For the cause of the Working Class----Stand Ready!  
Answer----"Always Ready"

#### II. THE PIONEER OATH

- I, Young Pioneer of the U.S.A., declare this oath in the presence of my comrades that:
  - (a) I stand Ready for the cause of the working class in its struggle for freedom.
  - (b) I will honestly and without hesitation carry out the Pioneer Rules and the Pioneer oath.



### III. THE PIONEER EMBLEM

The Pioneer emblem is a hammer and sickle, a burning fire with three flames in which burn five logs. Over the sickle is inscribed "Stand Ready" all on a Red background. Explanation:

The red background for the struggle of the toilers for freedom; the Hammer and Sickle the unity of the workers and farmers in the struggle; the three flamed fire symbolized the burning spirit of the children, the youth, and the adults, in the struggle against the bosses. Also the brotherly unity of the Pioneers of the world. The five logs represent the five parts or continents of the world which will free themselves from capitalism.

As the pupil of an eye, so must a Pioneer protect his emblem because it reminds him constantly of the aims of the Pioneers.

### IV. THE PIONEER UNIFORM AND FLAGS

- (a) All Pioneers, District, Section or Troop (depending on arrangements) should wear the blue Pioneer uniform. (In the United States all Pioneers nationally, will wear the same uniform.
- (b) All young Pioneers wear a red triangular kerchief around their neck. It must be tied into a knot, standing for the three generations--- the adults, youth and children, tied together in their common struggle against capitalism.
- (c) The squad has a three cornered red pennant with a symbol designating the name of the squad. On the second side is the name of the Troop.
- (d) The troop has a four cornered large red flag with the Pioneer emblem and motto on one side and the second the name of the troop.

### V. THE SALUTE

The following salute is used by the Pioneers: The right hand, with the fingers all straight, is raised directly to the front and above the head. The elbow is straight front and tips of the fingers are well above the head. The five fingers stand for the five parts of the world, which will free themselves from capitalism. The hand is raised above the head because for a Pioneer the interest of the working class is above his personal interests.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE Y. P. A.

1. A PIONEER IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL TO THE CAUSE OF THE WORKING CLASS.
2. A PIONEER IS A COMRADE OF ALL PIONEERS AND OF ALL WORKERS AND FARMERS CHILDREN THE WORLD OVER.
3. A PIONEER IS ALWAYS HONEST AND FAITHFUL TO HIS COMRADES AND TO HIS CLASS. THE WORKING CLASS.
4. A PIONEER IS ALWAYS TRYING TO LEARN.  
Knowledge is power in the struggle of the working class.
5. A PIONEER ORGANIZES THE CHILDREN AROUND HIM.  
He takes part in the life and interest of these children and draws them into the YOUNG PIONEERS. He is the model for all workers and farmers children.
6. A PIONEER IS A READER OF THE NEW PIONEER AND ALL PIONEER PRESS.  
He distributes it to other children.



7. A PIONEER IS DISCIPLINED.

A Pioneer puts the interests of the workers and farmers above his own individual interests. He carries out all decisions of the troop for this cause.

8. A PIONEER IS BRAVE.

Whether in school, at work, or in the neighborhood, a Pioneer fearlessly fights for the interests of the working class children, against race discrimination of Negro children, for free food and milk for children of unemployed and all other interest of the workers and farmers children.

9. A PIONEER IS ALERT.

A Pioneer keeps his eyes open all the time; always observing how the workers and poor farmers are oppressed by the bosses and their servants-- the government, police, courts, etc. A Pioneer is always on guard against these servants of the bosses and especially the police. He never gives any information to strangers or the police -- either about his troop, troop leader or the working class and is constantly on the alert.

10. A PIONEER IS CLEAN.

A Pioneer is careful of his own as well as other workers' health. He lives clean in body and thought, valuing his own time as well as the time of others. A Pioneer works with a collective spirit in his troop, carrying out all tasks quickly and punctually. A Pioneer does not curse, smoke or drink because these habits hurt the Pioneer's body and make it hard for him to be always ready for the cause of the working class.

YOU CAN GET MORE INFORMATION ON THESE POINTS IN THE Y.C.L. COMMISSION REPORT AND THE LEADERS VOL. 2 No's. 1, 2, and 3.

COMRADE TROOP LEADER! FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CHILDREN FOR THE CAUSE OF THE WORKING CLASS --- ARE YOU READY?

THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM OF THE PIONEER TROOP

The regular income of every Pioneer Troop is to consist of the dues, as decided upon by each and every Troop independently, plus the necessary amount of money to be contributed as a subsidy at regular intervals by the sponsoring organization.

The dues are determined by the possibilities of the children to pay. The subsidy is determined by the necessity, as well as the financial ability of the organization.

The expenses of the Troop consist of such items as: leaflets, school bulletins, wall newspaper, carfares to affairs, etc. as well as the tax levied by the district Bureau upon every Troop, according to its financial strength, for the up-keep of the District Office (leadership).

The expenses are to be approved in each individual case by the leader of the Troop. The tentative budgets of every Troop are to be O.K.'d by the District Bureau. Regular monthly reports on income and expenses of the troop are to be given to the District Pioneer Bureaus.

In cases when a Pioneer Troop can not raise the necessary amount of money for the local activities, and when the sponsoring organization finds itself incapable of helping the Troop financially (for example: unemployed councils, troops in certain extremely poor neighborhoods, etc.), the District Bureau is to subsidize these Troops either with cash or with the necessary material, by putting these subsidies on the District Budget and covering them thru increase of taxation on the troop in good financial position.



### THE SYSTEM OF SPONSORING OF THE PIONEER TROOPS

"The Troop is organized ~~the~~ of children working the same trade or on a territorial basis by either a unit of the Y.C.L., Communist Party, or under the auspices of a revolutionary mass organization." (From the Y.C.I. Commission Report)

Practically all of our Pioneer Troops, with very few exceptions, have been organized by the Y.C.L. However, we find that in some instances there are more Pioneer Troops in a given territory than corresponding Y.C.L. units. In some instances we find Pioneer Troops organized directly by the Party, and in very few instances by Trade Unions, or other mass organizations.

The District Buros are to take up the question of assigning of the already existing Pioneer Troops to the corresponding Youth or Adult organizations. All the troops organized by any of the mass organizations should be assigned to the corresponding (territorially) branch or local of the particular organization.

The sponsoring of a Pioneer Troop consists of assignment of a leader for it, giving it headquarters to meet in, helping to build it, and helping it in its work politically and technically as well as financially. The Troop, besides its regular activities among the children in the trade, in the school and on the street, must also participate in the activities of the sponsoring organization. This is done by planning the work of the Troop on the basis of a plan of work of the sponsoring organization.



## MEMBERSHIP

1. Children between the ages of ten to fifteen years can join the Y.P.A.
2. New Pioneers are recruited by either the squad or the troop. However their application must be submitted to and accepted by the Pioneer troop at its regular meeting.
3. Within one month the new Pioneer takes the Pioneer Oath. By that time he must know the laws of the Pioneer. After the ceremony of acceptance the child officially becomes a member of the Y.P.A. and receives his red bandana, membership book and all the rights in the Y.P.A.
4. Any child joining any of the Pioneer troops will pay a semi-annual fee of ten cents as registration to the central office of the Y.P.A. and will thereby receive a membership card to the Y.P.A. Dues to the Pioneers troop will be determined by the children themselves, depending upon the ability of the children to pay. Children of the unemployed, striking, or very poor parents, should be exempt from all dues for the necessary period of time.
5. A Pioneer can be expelled only at the general meeting of the troop. He may be expelled for violating the Pioneer rules or laws and for violation of Pioneer discipline.

## THE PIONEER TROOP

1. The basic unit of the Young Pioneer organization is the troop. The troop is organized of children working in the same trade, or on a Territorial basis by either a unit of the Y.C.L., Communist Party, or under the auspices of a revolutionary mass organization.
2. The troop is composed of 32 children divided into squads of 8 children each. Any number of children less than 32 making any number of the squads less than 4, constitute an incomplete troop. The troop does not mechanically stop its growth after having 32 children, but proceeds in its work and growth until it becomes large enough to be split into 2 troops (it can be split into two incomplete troops or into one complete and one incomplete troop.)
3. The Pioneer troop as a whole should meet once in two weeks to carry out the activity common to the whole troop. Ceremony for membership acceptance of new members. Division of work for the squads. Troop exhibits. Concerts. Hikes. Outings. The binding of revolutionary agreements. International correspondence. Drills, games, songs. Planning of work for the whole troop. Discussion on the experiences of the past work. All this based on the plan for the whole section.
4. Every troop has its own name. The troop may be named after a historical event, a revolutionary leader, etc. Haymarket, Sacco-Vanzetti, John Reed. Thus for example: A troop organized by the I.W.O. branch can be named "The John Reed Pioneer Troop, of the 130 branch 76, Chicago."

## THE PIONEER SQUAD

1. The Pioneer squad carries on all the basic Pioneer activities. Education thru discussion, physical activity, work in the schools, work on the streets,



#### THE PIONEER SQUAD (continued)

in playgrounds, preparation for troop meetings, carrying out of the squad part of the troop project, hikes, etc.

2. The squad meets as often as the members decide, but not less than once a week.
3. The squad elects one of its members as a squad captain for the period of six months, and an assistant for two months.
4. The squad takes as a name any general working class title such as Young Builders, Beavers, Ants, Etc.

#### THE CIRCLE

The troop organizes inter-squad activity in the form of circles based on one particular interest of the children. For example: There might be a few children interested in dramatics, music, checkers, etc. Then the troop organizes a dramatic circle or band. These circles being a loose form of organization (a Pioneer after losing interest in that particular activity may withdraw from it) take in all the children who want to take part in that particular activity. The circle can be used too in children interested in that activity but not as yet members of the YPA. The circle thus serves as a means of building the YPA. There may also be a number of children in different squads interested in base-ball or other sports. A troop team or teams are organized and function on the same basis as the circle. The troop activities are always linked up with the sponsoring adult or youth organization.

#### STRUCTURE OF LEADING COMMITTEES

##### THE TROOP COUNCIL:

The troop council leads the troop activities under the direct guidance of a troop leader assigned by the local Pioneer Bureau. The troop council is composed of the troop leader, the four squad captains, their assistants, the assistant troop leader and circle instructors. It meets regularly once every two weeks.

##### THE SECTION LEADERS COUNCIL:

The leaders for the troops are selected by the YCL and Party units and thru the YCL and Party fractions in the mass and auxiliary organizations subject to the approval of the Pioneer Dept. The leaders can either be YCL or Party members or close sympathizers, recommended by the YCL or Party fractions.

The troop leaders and their assistants make up sectional leaders council which meets regular, director is appointed by the district Pioneer Bureau thru sections committees of YCL. In large districts where sections take in a great part of the state, or a whole, city leaders council should be organized with a city director.

Sympathizers, specialists and technicians (musicians, artists, carpenters, and electricians) are used for either direct leadership or circle instruction thru the troop and section leaders.



## SECTION LEADERS COUNCIL (continued)

The YCL units are directly responsible for leading the work among the children their territories, thru the election of a Pioneer director to the executive bureau of the unit. The units must constantly reinforce the Pioneer leadership by adding League comrades and regularly checking up on the work. In all campaigns of the YCL the plan of work for the Pioneer must be included.

### THE DISTRICT PIONEER BUREAU:

The district Pioneer Bureau should be organized in every district by the district committee of the YCL which appoints from one to three of its members for this work and places one of its members of the YCL Bureau in charge of it. The Party District Bureau should appoint at least two comrades for the district Pioneer Bureau who shall be actively engaged in childrens work. The Party shall also appoint a Bureau representative for guidance to the Pioneer Bureau.

The District Pioneer Bureau should consist of: District Pioneer Director, Organizational Secretary, Agit-prop Director. Comrades in charge of Parents work, magazine work, mass organization and Party Bureau Representative.

The District Pioneer Bureau should be organized by the CBYCL and should consist of three Central Committee members, at least two comrades appointed by the CP and a few more comrades selected by the CBYCL. One of the three CC members remain in the center and the other two should be sent out to the most important districts. The enlarged Pioneer bureau should have members from all the mass auxiliary organizations, appointed by the leading bodies in these mass organizations.

The CPB should consist of: Pioneer Director, Org-Sec., Agit-prop. comrade in charge of parents work, The Pioneer Editor, comrade in charge of auxiliary organizations (including language organization). Comrade in charge of Trade Union Work and representative of the Central Committee of the Party.

### WORK IN THE SCHOOL:

The main struggle of the children is in the school. The method to be used in the school is the United Front. We aim to unite all children in the school in the direct struggle for partial demands in every possible form. To do this it is not necessary to have the Pioneers carry on this in the name of the YPA. It narrows the base from the beginning. Instead the Pioneers of a troop, attending the same school, get together with the leader, decide on the issue, on the type of activity, slogans, and proceed to mobilize the children for a struggle on this issue. In the name of that issue, a loose organization should be formed. (Free food clubs, anti-war clubs (or leagues) etc.) Meetings, affairs, leaflets, are arranged by these clubs or leagues with the Pioneers a leading force within these organizations, winning the children to the YPA. These united front organizations should meet after the school as often as possible, but at least once a week and should work independently of the Pioneer troop under the leadership of the Troop Leader or squad captain. When this organization functions normally, many joint activities with the Pioneers can be arranged, such as meetings, demonstrations, picketing, entertainments, hikes, etc.



### WORK IN THE SCHOOL (continued)

In the Pioneer Troop the squad captain and leader always see that the orientation of the troop is towards the organization of children in such united front clubs of leagues in the school.

Alongside of every united front organization of children in the school, we must build an organization of adults such as parents councils, mothers leagues, etc. The Party unit of that neighborhood has the task of organizing and leading these adult organizations thru the comrade in charge of parents work in the Pioneer Bureau.

At all times the NEW PIONEER must be used as a weapon and organizer in the school. Pioneer troops should organize special school sales and bring the Pioneer into the schools.

### THE BEGINNING AND END OF A TROOP MEETING.

The meeting must have a definite beginning and a definite end. Many times the Pioneers don't know whether the meeting is still on or whether they can go home. The leader is talking to a few Pioneers, or squad captains, and the rest of the Pioneers are waiting until he finishes talking, all of which could be done after the meeting is over.

It is very important to begin the meeting on time. About this we have already spoken in the first article on "The Squad." What should the beginning of the meeting consist of? We suggest the following:

1. Line up the Pioneers according to their squads.
2. Greet the Pioneers by the call for the Pledge: -FOR THE CAUSE OF THE WORKING CLASS, ARE YOU READY? They should answer: "ALWAYS READY".
3. Give time for the squad captains to check up on the presence of their Pioneers, and let them step forward and report.
4. Let the sanitation committee inspect the cleanliness of the Pioneers. They can have a partial inspection, for example the hands today, next time the face and neck, then the clothing, etc. The results of the inspection should be announced right before the troop. If using the point system the sanitation committee should announce the number of points given to each squad.
5. Announce the program for today's meeting. All of this should take no more than five or six minutes. After this proceed with your program.

The end of the meeting should consist of:

1. Line up the Pioneers by squads.
2. Briefly review the work of the meeting and give necessary assignments to the squads for the coming week.
3. The Secretary of the Troop Council (a secretary of the Troop Council is selected from the members of the council, that is, it could be one of the squad captains, or the assistant leader) announces the next meeting of the troop, and meetings of the squad circles, etc., for the coming week.
4. Count all the Pioneers so as to determine how many remained until the end of the meeting, or else have roll call.
5. Call upon the Pioneers "FOR THE CAUSE OF THE WORKING CLASS STAND READY" --- "ALWAYS READY".

Of course other beginnings or endings may be used, but it is important to have a beginning and an end at every troop meeting, whether it is a regular meeting, before or after a hike, or before or after a movie. We should not forget that it is not simply a get-together of the children, but a Pioneer Troop meeting.



## THE SQUAD

### Forming the Squad.

The squad is the smallest unit of the Pioneer organization. Normally it consists of eight children. In a large body, as the troop is, it is very hard to organize the work so that all the children will be able to take an active part. The division of the troop by squads will help to activate every pioneer and to give him activities according to his strength and abilities. In sub-dividing the troop we must try to put those who own together in the same squad. Their friendship will unite them more strongly, and the stronger their squad will be united, the stronger it will be in all activities. However, we must point out that it is not always possible to get only the friends into the squad. Many times you will have to group together some children who do not know each other. This is not bad as interesting work will soon unite your squad.

It is also very important that the squad should consist of children of more or less the same age and development. In a squad which consists of children of different ages it is very hard to develop activities. The older pioneers will be interested in more serious work, which for the younger ones will be not only uninteresting, but even above their understanding. The result of this will be that the work will not be carried out and the squad will fall to pieces.

When a squad has eight children in it, it is a complete squad. This does not mean, however, that it should mechanically stop its outside growth. New children have to be gotten by the squad through its activities and brought into the squad, and when it grows large enough, it should be split into two incomplete or one complete and one incomplete squad.

### WHAT IS THE WORK OF THE PIONEER TROOP AND SQUAD.

The work of the Pioneer must be planned in such a way that the Pioneers will be active in the following.

1. In fighting for the demands of the working children.
2. In the getting of new members for the troop and squad.
3. In studying and training themselves to become better Pioneers.
4. In all kinds of interesting activities that will give them fun.

For instance, in your troop council you have discussed as to what are the needs of the children in your neighborhood. You will find that kids have no shoes. Map out the plan in all details-- how are you going to get the support of the parents, which adult organization will you visit, how you would get the support of other children who are not Pioneers, how you will present your demands and force them thru, etc.

Together with this you can also make plans for a Pioneer Concert. This will bring the workers kids and you will get their support. This will also help to raise money. Plan out all arrangements in detail. Have one squad give songs, one give dances or whatever they are best in, or else you can give a play involving two of the squads. The troop council can plan out all of these things. But remember comrades, everything must be prepared before hand, so that each Pioneer will have his own task.



### The Work of the Pioneer Troop and Squad (continued)

Then in getting new members for the troop or squad the best way to do it is by having some sort of a contest on. See what squad can be the first to bring a certain number of members or which one gets the most members in a certain time. Give a Prize. In this way they will enjoy working.

The best way for the Pioneers to study is to form a reading circle. This is especially good in place where the troops are new. He should be taught at least some of the elementary education, so that he or she will be able to understand things for himself. He will learn to recognize the enemies of the working class. To learn how to fight the boss class, etc. The tasks here, however, is the forming of the circles and letting the squad captain lead them.

Organize a hike, outing or anything else that the comrades want to have. Organize this in such a way that it will be able to educate the Pioneers. This can be done especially with the hunger march. Instead of a hike organize it in a form of a march. Have them learn songs concerning the Hunger March. At the stopping place let one of the comrades give a report on the Hunger March, giving purpose, demands, etc.

All plans should be worked out in such a way that will be very interesting to the Pioneers. This will not only keep the old members but will draw in new members.



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