

## Adding Machine Tape Demonstration for Adult Recruiting

Personnel: Speaker and 2 helpers

Equipment: 8-10 foot long piece of adding machine or calculator tape

(mark off the tape in ten year increments with 0 at the left end and 100 at the right end. Use large numbers so parents can see from the audience. Roll the tape back up, so that the 100 is in the center of the roll.)

The two helpers hold the tape in front of the speaker, so he/she can point out various points on the tape.

**Speaker:** With the current advances in medical technology it's very likely that your son will live about 100 years.

(two helpers unroll the tape so the whole timeline is visible)

**Speaker:** Here is a time line of **his** life. If you are 35 now, statistically, you'll likely live until you are 75 or so, when your son will be about 50.

(Rip the tape off at the ½ way point (50+ years) and hand the end to your helper. Let the other ½ fall to the floor—very important dramatic effect)

**Speaker:** This represents the years you and your son will have together in **his** lifetime. And he is probably 8 or 9 now.

(Rip off the tape someplace below ten. Let the chunk fall to the floor. Hand the end to your helper)

**Speaker:** So here is the time you have left together. How old do you suppose your son will be when he goes away to college or be out on his own- 18 to 20?

(Rip off the tape someplace in this vicinity around 20 years. Let the 20 + years chunk fall to the floor. Hand the end to your helper)

**Speaker:** This is the amount of time you have left with **him** at home. When he is about 13 – middle school age – his friends start to become a much bigger, maybe the major influence in his life.

(If you can make a comment about how you know this from experience.....Rip off the tape someplace in this vicinity of 13 years. Let the 13+ years fall to the floor)

(Take the very short piece of tape from your helpers and hold it in front of you, and thank your helpers)

**Speaker:** This is the time you have left to be the major shaping force in you son's life. You can show him how important he is to you by becoming involved in Scouting with him. Scouting is a remarkable opportunity for you and your son to share a great variety of fun, exciting and positive experiences. Experiences that give you that opportunity to help him grow into an adult that you'll be proud to point to and say: That's my son – he's a good person.

[Go on and talk about volunteer positions in your unit and how parents can participate in them and participate with their son(s)]