



In a few years, the Scouts in your troop will have the right to vote, own property, and sign contracts. This month we will introduce them to the responsibilities they will have as adults in dealing with their business affairs. They may also learn something about how businesses operate in our society.

For one troop meeting, plan a visit to a local business or industry to learn how the free enterprise system works. Make arrangements beforehand to have a guided tour or a meeting with a company official to discuss business. The patrol leaders' council might also want to invite a business person to a troop meeting.

The big event will be a campout to practice Scoutcraft skills.

SCOUTING OUTCOMES

This month's patrol and troop activities should give your Scouts:

- A better understanding of the free enterprise system.
- Enhanced outdoor skills.
- A greater understanding of the importance of conservation.
- Growing self-confidence.

ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

By the end of the month, all Scouts should have met the majority of their basic citizenship requirements through First Class. Depending on the campout activities, they may also complete all or part of the following rank requirements:

Tenderfoot

- Outdoor—Hiking, camping
- Citizenship—Flag ceremonies
- Patrol/troop participation—Patrol identification
- Personal development—Scout Oath and Law

Second Class

- Outdoor—Camping, cooking, hiking
- Citizenship—Flag ceremonies
- Patrol/troop participation
- Personal development—Scout Oath and Law

First Class

- Outdoor—Camping, hiking, cooking, nature
- Citizenship—Flag ceremonies
- Patrol/troop participation
- Personal development—Scout Oath and Law

Merit Badges. Experienced Scouts may concentrate on the Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, and American Business merit badges this month. They should be able to complete many of the requirements. Depending on activities during the month, they may also complete requirements in Cooking, Hiking, Camping, American Heritage, American Labor, and other outdoor-related merit badges.

PARENT PARTICIPATION

The patrol leaders' council may involve parents in the program feature this month by: