

# CAMPING

## TROOP MEETING PLAN

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Week 1

Activity	Description	Run by	Time
<b>Preopening</b> _____ minutes	Meet outdoors. Have new Scouts practice whipping rope. Other Scouts can work on splicing rope and lashings with Scout staves ( <i>Boy Scout Handbook</i> ).		
<b>Opening Ceremony</b> _____ minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form troop into open columns of patrols</li> <li>• Hold uniform inspection</li> <li>• Repeat Outdoor Code</li> <li>• Repeat Pledge of Allegiance</li> </ul>		
<b>Skills Instruction</b> _____ minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Scouts work on tying half-hitch, tautline, and clove hitches, square knot, and bowline. Do the Knot-Tying Relay ("Program Specialties" section of this book).</li> <li>• Experienced Scouts work on shear, diagonal, and square lashings, and make a catapult. Have a contest to see whose catapult can throw the farthest.</li> <li>• Older Scouts work on the Venture/Varsity program or use a topographic map of the area where the troop campout will be held this month to plan an orienteering course.</li> </ul>		
<b>Patrol Meetings</b> _____ minutes	Discuss plans for the campout this month and make sure everyone knows what their assignments are and what to bring for the campout. Scouts in the new-Scout patrol need to know what support they will provide for the campout. Any Scouts who have not been camping yet will need some extra help. All other patrols plan activities to work on advancement. Patrol leaders should review the interpatrol activities that will take place and decide what skills need to be worked on.		
<b>Interpatrol Activity</b> _____ minutes	<p>The Tangle Knot</p> <p>Two patrols try this together so that you have a group of 10 to 16 Scouts. Tell them to form a tight circle. Have everyone close his eyes and extend both hands into the center of the circle. Ask each Scout to grasp the hand of another person in each of his hands. When each hand is grasping another hand, tell the Scouts to open their eyes and listen to the explanation of the objective.</p> <p>Object: With out letting go of hands, the group is to unwind, freeing themselves from the seemingly impossible knot and forming a circle.</p> <p>Rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hand-to-hand contact may not be broken in unwinding the knot. Grips may change and palms may pivot on one another, but contact must be maintained.</li> <li>2. When the group is finally arranged in a circle, some individuals' arms may be crossed. This is part of an acceptable solution.</li> <li>3. If time is running out, the problem can be simplified by breaking one grip and asking the group to form a single line instead of a circle.</li> </ol>		