

FISHING

TROOP MEETING PLAN

Date _____ Week 1

Activity	Description	Run by	Time
Preopening _____ minutes	Invite an expert fisherman to demonstrate fly-casting methods. Let Scouts practice.		
Opening Ceremony _____ minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assemble troop. • Have a Scout tell in his own words what trustworthy means. • Present colors. • Recite Pledge of Allegiance. • Repeat Outdoor Code. 		
Skills Instruction _____ minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Scouts work on basic first aid and basic fishing techniques. • Experienced Scouts become familiar with various kinds of poles, rods, and reels for fishing. • Older Scouts work on the Venture/Varsity program or plan a 50-mile canoe trip that could begin or end where the troop plans its outing this month. 		
Patrol Meetings _____ minutes	Discuss plans for the outing this month and make sure everyone knows what to bring and their assignments for the campout. The new Scouts need to know what support they will provide for the campout. Any Scouts who have not been camping will need extra help. All other patrols plan activities to work on advancement. Patrol leaders review the interpatrol activities that will take place and what skills need to be worked on.		
Interpatrol Activity _____ 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><i>Object:</i> Without letting go of hands, the group is to unwind, freeing themselves from the seemingly impossible knot and forming a circle.</p> <p><i>Rules:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 2. When the group is finally arranged in a circle, some individuals' arms may be crossed. This is part of an acceptable solution. 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. 		