

HIGH ADVENTURE

TROOP MEETING PLAN

Date _____ Week 1

Activity	Description	Run by	Time
Preopening _____ minutes	Have a display of high-adventure base materials. Include both national BSA high-adventure bases and the local council's high-adventure area.		
Opening Ceremony _____ minutes	<p>Square Knot-Scout Law Opening Ceremony</p> <p><i>Equipment:</i> Each Scout has a 6½-foot belt rope; each patrol has its patrol flag.</p> <p><i>Formation:</i> Scouts form in circles around their patrol flags, each Scout with his rope, patrol leader holding flag. At command of senior patrol leader, "tie bowlines around patrol flagstaff," each Scout in turn ties his rope around flagstaff and returns to his position in the circle, holding onto the free end of his rope. When all ropes are attached, the Scoutmaster says: "These ropes, joined to the patrol flags with a knot that will not slip, symbolize your patrol unity. Let us repeat together the Scout Law expressing the spirit of our patrols." (<i>Repeat Law.</i>)</p>		
Skills Instruction _____ minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Scouts work on tying half-hitch, tautline, and clove hitches, and learn the square knot and bowline. Do Knot-Tying Relay ("Program Specialties" section of this book). • Experienced Scouts work on shear, diagonal, and square lashings, and make a catapult. Have a contest to see how far the catapult can throw, or begin planning a high-adventure trip. • Older Scouts work on the Venture/Varsity program or use a topographic map of the area where the troop will camp this month to plan an orienteering course. 		
Patrol Meetings _____ minutes	Discuss plans for the campout this month. Make sure everyone knows what their assignments are and what to bring for the campout. 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 advancement activities. Patrol leaders review the interpatrol activities that will take place and skills needed for them.		
Interpatrol Activity _____ minutes	Play British Bulldog ("Program Specialties" section of this book).		