

WINTER CAMPING

TROOP MEETING PLAN

Date _____ Week 1

Activity	Description	Run by	Time
Preopening _____ minutes	If snow is on the ground, send Scouts out to practice making "dead man" for tying down tents. Or, play Steal the Bacon.		
Opening Ceremony _____ minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form troop into horseshoe. • Hold uniform inspection. • Repeat the American's Creed (<i>Boy Scout Handbook</i>). • Repeat the Pledge of Allegiance. 		
Skills Instruction _____ minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Scouts work on basic camping skills and learn how to tie basic knots used to pitch a tent. Do Ring Ball ("Program Specialties" section of this book). • Experienced Scouts work on dressing for winter camping in your area and practice building fires in wet weather. • Older Scouts work on the Venture/Varsity program or learn how to build shelters in winter camp. These could be snow shelters or ice huts. 		
Patrol Meetings _____ minutes	Discuss plans for this month's outing and make sure everyone knows what their assignments are and what they will need to bring for the outing. Any Scouts who have not been camping yet will need some extra help. All other patrols plan activities to work on advancement. Plan any meals that will be needed for the outing. If it is going to be an overnight, begin to make plans for equipment distribution and tentage needs.		
Interpatrol Activity _____ minutes	Rescue Race ("Program Specialties" section of this book)		
Closing _____ minutes Total 90 minutes of meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assemble patrols and repeat Outdoor Code • Scoutmaster's Minute • Retire colors 	SM	
After the Meeting	Patrol leaders' council reviews next meeting and plans for the troop campout. Begin work on next month's program feature.		