LEADERSHIP

One of the lessons that Scouting teaches is leadership. In a troop, leadership is learned the Scout way—by doing. A young man gets a taste of leadership in various positions ranging from senior patrol leader to assistant patrol leader.

All of the leadership positions require making decisions. This can be difficult, especially for young people. Making the right decision can be painful, but usually a decision has to be made. Even making no decision is a decision. Scouting also promotes ethical decision-making in everyday life, especially when a Scout has his Scoutmaster conference for the next rank advancement; part of that conference should be a discussion of ethical decision-making.

This program feature is designed to challenge Scouts to solve problems through decision-making. Each interpatrol activity this month involves making an ethical decision.

SCOUTING OUTCOMES

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

- A greater understanding of their duty to country and their duty to help other people.
- Awareness of their rights and duties as citizens.
- Growing self-confidence.
- Practice in decision-making.

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 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
- Physical fitness

Second Class

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

First Class

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