

Boys' Life[®]



2018–2019

LEADER PROGRAM NOTEBOOK



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA[®]

Are You Delivering the Promise?

The *Boy Scout Handbook* is a book of dreams, dreams of “Adventure ... hiking along trails ... canoeing across misty lakes ... a patrol hike ... [a] plunge into a cool mountain lake.” It also speaks of being prepared to help others and of the values Scouting stands for.

Boy Scouting is a great program that yearly attracts more than a million young people. How do we fulfill the promise for these Scouts? Do we provide a program in which they can truly experience leadership and be involved in shaping their future and the future of others around them? Do we provide a program that is exciting and challenging, one that every Scout wants to tell their friends about?

This program notebook, along with the *Troop Leader Guidebook* and *Boy Scout Handbook*, can help you develop a program that will “deliver the promise” to the youth in your community.

Chartered Organization

Executive Officer	Email	Phone
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Chartered Organization Representative	Email	Phone
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Charter Expiration Date

TROOP NO. _____

Scoutmaster	Email	Phone
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Assistant Scoutmaster	Email	Phone
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Assistant Scoutmaster	Email	Phone
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Junior Assistant Scoutmaster	Email	Phone
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Senior Patrol Leader	Email	Phone
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Assistant Senior Patrol Leader	Email	Phone
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Committee Chairman	Email	Phone
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Commissioner	Email	Phone
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District Executive	Email	Phone
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District Advancement Chairman	Email	Phone
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TROOP ANNUAL PROGRAM PLANNING CONFERENCE GUIDE

Visit www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/planning/ and click on Boy Scouts for all program planning resources.

Home » Programs » Boy Scouts » Planning

Planning

Your Annual Troop Program Plan = Satisfied Boy Scouts and families = A lifelong love of Scouting!

One of the key elements of all successful troops and an indicator of a potentially successful year would be the troop's annual program plan and planning conference.

Research has shown that a common element of a strong troop is a good annual program planned a year in advance that is then shared with all families in the form of a calendar. The important result of a shared annual program calendar is that a troop will attract more families and Boy Scouts will stay involved longer.

[Prepares troops >>](#)

Use this document to accomplish an effective annual troop program planning conference. [Click here >>](#)

The Troop Annual Program Planning Conference

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out what keeps Scouts in the program. They like to have fun, do really cool, challenging stuff, go places, and learn things, even though they might not want to admit it. That is what we call program, and it doesn't just happen by chance. It takes planning and preparation, starting with your patrol leaders' conference.

Use these ground rules while discussing ideas at your conference, and you can add your own rules, too:

- It is important to respect the views of each other. Listen and don't interrupt.
- Stay focused on your task to plan your annual program. Don't get sidetracked.
- Vote on your ideas so everyone can see them.
- Be in agreement.

Your plan will be a living, breathing document. For it to have real value, you must follow it, share it with everyone, and review it regularly to see if modifications have to be made. Good luck on another great year, and don't forget to share your plan and calendar with every Scout family!

Resources

These tools will make it easier to create newsletters, revise calendars, keep youth members and families informed, and help youth members manage the troop more effectively and efficiently.

- Boy's Life Resources
- Boy's Life produces a number of useful resources such as a planning calendar, planning charts, and other program helps.
- NEW! Troop Annual Program Planning Conference Guide [»](#)
- Use this PowerPoint presentation to help guide your troop through its annual program planning conference.
- Troop Calendar Templates (© 2016-2017)
- This template allows you to fill in dates and events important to your unit and the annual program plan. It can be saved, revised as needed, and printed or emailed, making it easy to update and share. When you first learn about an addition or change to troop activities, add that to the calendar so it will always be up to date and ready to print or share.
- Meeting Plan [»](#)
- This template provides the framework for conducting efficient, well-run troop meetings.

Troop Budget Planning

These fillable electronic forms help make troop budgeting straightforward.

- Planning Your Troop's Annual Program Budget [»](#)
- Troop Operating Budget Worksheet, available in PDF [»](#), and Excel [»](#) formats.
- Guides to Unit Money-Earning Projects [»](#)

Program Features

Plan - All program features allow units to plan meetings and events around activities that Scouts will find challenging and exciting.

TROOP PROGRAM PLANNING

Research shows that a common element of strong troops is that they all have a good annual program planned a year in advance that is then shared with all families in the form of a calendar. The result of a shared annual program calendar is that your troop will attract more families, and your Scouts will stay for a long time, which we now call tenure.

Before you conduct your annual program planning conference, you have a little homework. This three-step, preconference work, if done properly, will have a positive effect on your conference and the resulting annual program plan.

- Step 1.** Gather key dates such as school, community, district, council, family, and holidays.
- Step 2.** Have a discussion about this process with the senior patrol leader.
- Step 3.** The senior patrol leader should share the draft plan with the patrol leaders, who, in turn, will share it with each Scout to get input and ideas. There should be a patrol leaders' meeting to gather information and ideas from the Scouts. Take good notes.

Invite the following to the annual program planning conference:

- The troop's youth leaders
- Troop committee members and other adult troop leaders
- Chartered organization representative
- Your unit commissioner (optional)
- Anyone else you think might be helpful such as other parents

Visit www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/ for details on all BSA awards programs.

PROGRAM PLANNING STEPS

The following is a summary of the online troop annual program planning conference guide.

- Step 1.** The senior patrol leader, with guidance from the Scoutmaster, will lead a discussion of the troop's goals for the coming year. Write them on a flip chart and then agree to a final list of goals.
- Step 2.** As senior patrol leader, share your draft calendar with the dates you had previously researched with everyone. Ask if anyone has anything they need to add.
- Step 3.** Take a few minutes to have an open discussion on these dates and events. After the discussion, the SPL may consider taking a vote to approve the dates given so far.
- Step 4.** The senior patrol leader shares what he learned from the patrol leaders as to what Scouts want to do. This is the most challenging exercise in a program planning conference, so take your time. Use as much time as needed. Program features for troops, teams, and crews can be used as a base for your troop members' desired programs, or they can customize their own program or event themes. You might take it one month at a time, and don't forget to add in advancement opportunities.

Again, once the troop has agreed on its monthly feature or program theme, write it on a flip chart. Make sure that someone is writing all of this in a master calendar. Take good notes!

Step 5. Add other important dates such as:

- Boards of review
- Courts of honor
- Troop open house
- Service projects
- Webelos Scout crossover ceremonies
- Any other dates that can be planned this far in advance

At this point, you should have a complete annual plan in the form of a calendar, along with a set of troop goals.

Step 6. Have one final discussion on this and then vote on approval. Once you have approved your annual plan, it will go to your troop's committee for final approval.

Step 7. For your plan to be a truly valuable tool, it must be shared with each Scout family, as well as with your chartered organization and other interested parties. This is a must!

Troop
Tropa

BOYS' LIFE TROOP PROG TABLA DE PLANIFICACIÓN PARA EL

Month Mes	Program Features Características del programa		Troop/Program Planning Date(s) Fecha(s) de Planificación del Programa/Tropa	Troop Outdoor/ Camping Activity Actividad al aire libre/campamento de la tropa	District/Council Activity Actividad de Distrito/Concilio	Ch: Dist: Co: Org: est: de:
	New-Scout Patrol Patrulla de nuevos Scouts	Experienced Scouts Scouts con experiencia				
Sept. Sept. 2018						
Oct. Oct. 2018						
Nov. Nov. 2018						
Dec. Dic. 2018						
Jan. Ene. 2019						
Feb. Feb. 2019						
Mar. Mar. 2019						
Apr. Abr. 2019						
May Mayo 2019						
June Jun. 2019			Conduct annual troop program planning conference this month. Realizar este mes la conferencia de planificación del programa anual de la tropa.			
July Jul. 2019						
Aug. Ago. 2019						

BOYS' LIFE TROOP PROGRAM PLANNING CHART (a program package item)
TABLA DE PLANIFICACIÓN PARA EL PROGRAMA DE LA TROPA BOYS' LIFE
(Un artículo del paquete del programa)



BOY SCOUT

BOY SCOUT TROOP PROGRAM FEATURES




Troop program features are available online at www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/resources/program-features-vols-1-3/.



SEPTEMBER 2018

Program feature: _____

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:  Scout Law Pack Meeting Theme: Trustworthy  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature: Emergency Preparedness					Make <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> a feature of every roundtable.	1
2	 Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

Troop Committee Notes

Should a different quote be found now (or next year?) to avoid the gender-specific reference (“boys”)?

A way of discovering activities that will appeal to boys is for the Scoutmaster to save his brains by using his ears.
—Baden-Powell (B-P), Founder of Scouting

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, September, Week 1

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, September, Week 2

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, September, Week 3

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, September, Week 4

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

**Troop Outdoor Program Plan
September 2018**




Time	Activity	Run by
Special equip- ment needs		

Check Dates on Calendar. Troop committee meeting, troop meetings, hike or camp, board of review, patrol leaders' council meeting, court of honor, roundtable, district or council event.

Notes for monthly planning meeting from roundtable and other program resources.

Program feature: _____

OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8  Columbus Day (observed)	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Featured this month in BOYS' LIFE magazine:  Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme: Loyal  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature: Wilderness Survival		

Troop Committee Notes

It is the spirit within, not the veneer without that does it.—B-P

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, October, Week 1

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, October, Week 2

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, October, Week 3

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, October, Week 4

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____





Check Dates on Calendar. Troop committee meeting, troop meetings, hike or camp, board of review, patrol leaders' council meeting, court of honor, roundtable, district or council event.

Notes for monthly planning meeting from roundtable and other program resources.

NOVEMBER 2018

Program feature:

NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:</p>  Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme: Helpful  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature: Special Needs Awareness		<p><i>BOYS' LIFE</i> subscriptions make great gifts for new Scouts! Go to boysells.org</p>				
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
 Veterans Day	19	20	21	 Thanksgiving Day	23	24
18	26	27	28	29	30	
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Troop Committee Notes

An invaluable step in character training is to put responsibility on the individual.—B-P

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, November, Week 1

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, November, Week 2

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, November, Week 3

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, November, Week 4

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____




After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Check Dates on Calendar. Troop committee meeting, troop meetings, hike or camp, board of review, patrol leaders' council meeting, court of honor, roundtable, district or council event.

Notes for monthly planning meeting from roundtable and other program resources.

Program feature: _____

DECEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:  Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme: Friendly  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature: Wildlife Management						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	 Christmas Day				

Troop Committee Notes

The patrol is the unit of Scouting always, whether for work or for play, for discipline or for duty.—B-P

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, December, Week 1

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, December, Week 2

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, December, Week 3

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, December, Week 4

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____





After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Check Dates on Calendar. Troop committee meeting, troop meetings, hike or camp, board of review, patrol leaders' council meeting, court of honor, roundtable, district or council event.

Notes for monthly planning meeting from roundtable and other program resources.

Program feature: _____

JANUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21  Martin Luther King Jr. Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:  Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme: Courteous  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature: Safety	

Troop Committee Notes

The Scout Law is the foundation on which the whole of Scout training rests.—B-P

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, January, Week 1

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, January, Week 2

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, January, Week 3

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, January, Week 4

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____




After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Check Dates on Calendar. Troop committee meeting, troop meetings, hike or camp, board of review, patrol leaders' council meeting, court of honor, roundtable, district or council event.

Notes for monthly planning meeting from roundtable and other program resources.

Program feature: _____

FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:</p>  Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme: Kind  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature: Engineering					1	2
Scouting Anniversary Week begins. Scout Sunday					Scouting Anniversary Day	Scouting Anniversary Week ends. Scout Sabbath
				Valentine's Day		
					Founders Day	
	 Presidents' Day					
						Photo delivers relevant and exciting stories to readers of all ages. What's in his mailbox for your Scouts?

Troop Committee Notes

Join Friends of Scouting (FOS).

Plan and conduct a Friends of Scouting event among the parents of Scouts and others associated with your chartered organization.

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, February, Week 1

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, February, Week 2

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, February, Week 3

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, February, Week 4

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____



After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Check Dates on Calendar. Troop committee meeting, troop meetings, hike or camp, board of review, patrol leaders' council meeting, court of honor, roundtable, district or council event.

Notes for monthly planning meeting from roundtable and other program resources.

Program feature: _____

MARCH 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:  Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme: Obedient  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature: Archery			Use the budget plan for 100 percent <i>BOYS' LIFE</i>		BOYS' LIFE Anniversary Day	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
St. Patrick's Day 24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Troop Committee Notes

Trust should be the basis for all our moral training.—B-P

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, March, Week 1

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, March, Week 2

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, March, Week 3

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, March, Week 4

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____



After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Check Dates on Calendar. Troop committee meeting, troop meetings, hike or camp, board of review, patrol leaders' council meeting, court of honor, roundtable, district or council event.

Notes for monthly planning meeting from roundtable and other program resources.

Program feature: _____

APRIL 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	Featured this month in BOYS' LIFE magazine:  Scout LawPack Meeting Theme: Cheerful  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature: Project Planning			

Troop Committee Notes

. . . Happiness is a matter of inner conscience and outward sense working together.—B-P

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, April, Week 1

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, April, Week 2

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, April, Week 3

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, April, Week 4

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____





After the meeting: Service patrol _____

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Notes for monthly planning meeting from roundtable and other program resources.

Program feature: _____

MAY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:  Scout LawPack Meeting Theme: Thrifty  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature: Camping			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mother's Day	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	 BOYS' LIFE readers stay in Scouting longer.
	 Memorial Day					

Troop Committee Notes

Our standard for badge earning is not the attainment of a certain level of quality of knowledge or skill, but the amount of effort the boy has put into acquiring such knowledge or skill.—B-P

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, May, Week 1

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, May, Week 2

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, May, Week 3

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, May, Week 4

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____




After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Check Dates on Calendar. Troop committee meeting, troop meetings, hike or camp, board of review, patrol leaders' council meeting, court of honor, roundtable, district or council event.

Notes for monthly planning meeting from roundtable and other program resources.

Program feature: _____

JUNE 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:  Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme: Brave  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature: Multimedia						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	 Flag Day	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Father's Day 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

Troop Committee Notes

Should a different quote be found now (or next year?) to avoid the gender-specific reference (“boys”)?

. . . Our object is to get all boys interested.—B-P

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, June, Week 1

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, June, Week 2

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, June, Week 3

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, June, Week 4

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____




After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Check Dates on Calendar. Troop committee meeting, troop meetings, hike or camp, board of review, patrol leaders' council meeting, court of honor, roundtable, district or council event.

Notes for monthly planning meeting from roundtable and other program resources.

Program feature: _____

JULY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	 Independence Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:  Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme: Clean  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature: Paddle Sports		

Troop Committee Notes

Should a different quote be found now (or next year?) to avoid the gender-specific reference (“boys”)?

Our aim is to make boys into smiling, sensible, self-effacing, hard-working citizens. —B-P

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, July, Week 1

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, July, Week 2

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, July, Week 3

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, July, Week 4

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

**Troop Outdoor Program Plan
July 2019**



Time	Activity	Run by
Special equip- ment needs		

Check Dates on Calendar. Troop committee meeting, troop meetings, hike or camp, board of review, patrol leaders' council meeting, court of honor, roundtable, district or council event.

Notes for monthly planning meeting from roundtable and other program resources.

Program feature: _____

AUGUST 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6		7	8	9
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Troop Committee Notes

Play is loving to do things, and work is having to do things.—B-P

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, August, Week 1

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, August, Week 2

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, August, Week 3

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

Program Feature: _____

Troop Meeting, August, Week 4

Preopening: Time _____ Leader _____

Service patrol _____

Opening: Time _____ Leader _____

Group Instruction: Time _____ Leader _____

Skills: Time _____ Leader _____

Patrol meetings: Time _____

Interpatrol activity: Time _____ Leader _____

Closing: Time _____ Leader _____

After the meeting: Service patrol _____

BOY SCOUT YOUTH LEADER TRAINING

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST). The purpose of the ILST course is to teach Scouts with leadership positions about their new roles and how to most effectively reach success in those roles. It is intended to help Boy Scouts in leadership positions within their troop understand their responsibilities and to equip them with organizational and leadership skills to fulfill those responsibilities.

Ongoing Youth Leader Training is the continuous process of learning leadership that occurs in Scouting when youth “lead by being leaders” and observing other youth and adults leading.

Den Chief Training. Boy Scouts wishing to become den chiefs will take this online course as part of their training to become a den chief. The module identifies den chief responsibilities and tasks, and describes the den chief’s relationship to the adult den leaders and how that relates to the den chief’s activities with the den.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). This is an exciting, action-packed program designed for councils to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops.

National Advanced Youth Leader Experience (NAYLE). This is a program where Scouts enhance their leadership skills in the Philmont backcountry. Scouts will expand upon team-building and ethical decision-making skills learned in National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT).

Kodiak Challenge. This adventure pushes the boundaries of every participant. It’s an adventure that will encourage you to try new things that may be out of your comfort zone. It is an experience—but one that has its underpinnings in the application of the leadership skills learned in the introduction to leadership skills for troops or crews, NYLT, and/or NAYLE. It is, as is all of Scouting, an adventure with a purpose.

Powder Horn. Open to adult leaders and leaders who are at least 13 years of age and who have completed the eighth grade, Powder Horn is a hands-on resource management course designed to give you the contacts and tools necessary to conduct an awesome high-adventure program in your troop or team.

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