

BACKPACKING

TROOP MEETING PLAN

Date _____ Week 3

Activity	Description	Run by	Time
Preopening _____ minutes			
Opening Ceremony _____ minutes			
Skills Instruction _____ minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Scouts work on reading topographic maps and learn the symbols used on maps; also what to do if they get lost (<i>Boy Scout Handbook</i>). Play Map Symbol Relay ("Program Specialties" section of this book). • Experienced Scouts plan projects that could be done along the hike route. • Older Scouts work on the Venture/Varsity program or help with topographic map orientation for younger Scouts. 		
Patrol Meetings _____ minutes	Finalize the menu for the hike this week and make sure everyone knows what they will need to bring. Review clothing and equipment needs, and collect necessary fees. Go over the hike route.		
Interpatrol Activity _____ minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ball Over ("Program Specialties" section of this book) • Run a mile and record times. 		
Closing _____ minutes Total 90 minutes of meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoutmaster's Minute • Retire colors 	SM	
After the Meeting	Patrol leaders' council reviews next meeting and plans for hike. Continue work on next month's program feature.		