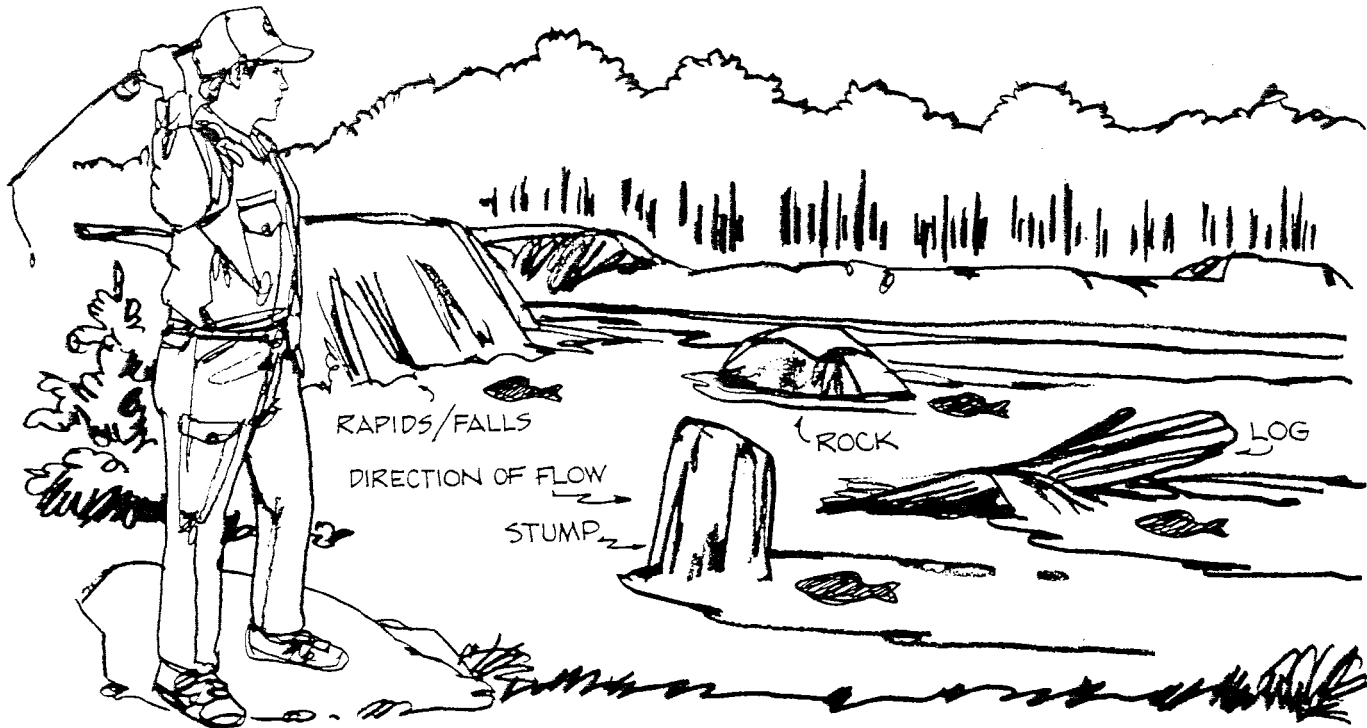


FISHING



WHERE TO FIND FISH IN A STREAM

Give a boy some line and a hook and let him go fishing and he can have endless fun. The sport of fishing can be done with a simple cane pole or a fancy graphite pole and special reel.

What a great way to have a weekend outing! You can catch your supper and prepare it (but take along some hot dogs, just in case). You can have fun, learn about nature, and have the thrill of preparing something you caught.

This program is an excellent way to have a family weekend outing. Everyone can participate, or it might be a chance for a Scout and one parent to get to know each other better. Your Fishing Frolic weekend can be a super event, regardless of how you plan it.

SCOUTING OUTCOMES

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

- The knowledge and skills to be comfortable in camp.
- A sense of communion with nature and God.
- Greater respect for the outdoors and a determination to follow the Outdoor Code.
- Growing self-confidence.

ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

By the end of the month, all Scouts should have met the majority of their basic camping requirements through First Class. Depending on whether the outing includes a camp-out, they may also complete all or part of the following rank requirements:

Tenderfoot

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

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

Merit Badges. Older Scouts can concentrate on the Camping and Fishing merit badges this month: they should be able to complete many of the requirements. Depending on activities during the outing, they may also cover requirements in Cooking, Hiking, Pioneering, Wilderness Survival, and other nature-related merit badges.

PARENT PARTICIPATION

The patrol leaders' council can involve parents in the program feature this month by:

- Asking qualified parents to assist with instruction for fishing skills.
- Inviting parents and family members on the outing.
- Asking parents to provide transportation to the starting point for the backpacking trek into camp, if necessary.

PATROL LEADERS' COUNCIL

The PLC should meet in the middle of the previous month to plan troop activities for this program feature. If you don't complete all items on the following agenda, continue planning at PLC meetings after each troop meeting.

- Decide on the site for the Fishing Frolic. If permission will be needed, assign someone to secure it.