



Merit Badges. Experienced Scouts can concentrate on the Personal Fitness and Sports merit badges this month; they should be able to complete many of the requirements. Depending on activities during the campout, they may also cover requirements in Cooking, Hiking, Camping, and Citizenship in the Community.

PARENT PARTICIPATION

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

- Asking those qualified to assist with instruction for health planning and drug awareness.
- Inviting families on the campout.
- Asking them to provide transportation to the outing.

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.

- Consider inviting a drug and alcohol expert to make a presentation at a troop meeting this month.
- Consider inviting a community leader to a troop meeting to discuss his work and moderate a discussion of the rights and duties of a citizen.
- Plan for the month's highlight, a health care and drug awareness display. Make assignments to get resources from the BSA and community agencies.
- Plan details of troop meetings for the month. Assign patrol demonstrations for the month, covering skills that will be needed for completion of advancement through First Class. For example, assignments might be:
 - Patrol A—Opening and closing flag ceremonies for week 1
 - Patrol B—Opening and closing flag ceremonies for week 2
 - Patrol C—Opening and closing flag ceremonies for week 3
- Make a list of possible patrol Good Turns for the community.
- Hold a junior leader training session on knowing the resources (*Scoutmaster Handbook*).