

HIKING

TROOP MEETING PLAN

Date _____ Week 1

Activity	Description	Run by	Time
Preopening _____ minutes	If it is dark enough, do some star study (<i>Boy Scout Handbook</i>) or play Indian Wrestling games ("Program Specialties" section of this book).		
Opening Ceremony _____ minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form troop into horseshoe. • Hold uniform inspection. • Repeat Scout Oath. • Repeat Pledge of Allegiance. 		
Skills Instruction _____ minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Scouts work on reading a compass and learn how to set a pace. Do Blindfold Compass Walk ("Program Specialties" section of this book). • Experienced Scouts learn how to select boots for backpacking and begin planning a 20-mile hike. • Older Scouts work on the Venture/Varsity program or study a topographic map of the troop campout area and plan an orienteering course. 		
Patrol Meetings _____ minutes	Discuss plans for the hike this month and make sure everyone knows what their assignments are and what to bring for the outing. Any Scouts who have not been hiking yet will need some extra help. All other patrols plan activities to work on advancement. Plan any meals that will be needed for the outing. If it is going to be an overnight, begin to make plans for equipment distribution and tentage needs.		
Interpatrol Activity _____ minutes	Play "Hot" Isotope Transport ("Program Specialties" section of this book).		
Closing _____ minutes Total 90 minutes of meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assemble patrols, repeat Outdoor Code • Scoutmaster's Minute • Retire colors 	SM	
After the Meeting	Patrol leaders' council reviews next meeting and plans for the troop campout or outing. Begin work on next month's program feature.		