



Here's a chance for your Scouts to show off their hobbies and for those who don't have a hobby to find one. The merit badge program offers a wide variety of hobby interests, and the Scouts in your troop could have an opportunity to explore some of these programs at a hobby show or with an individual hobbyist.

Even though the feature this month deals with hobbies, the patrol leaders' council will want to plan an overnight outing for the troop. Scouts working on Tenderfoot through First Class still need the opportunity to be outdoors.

## SCOUTING OUTCOMES

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

- Improved physical fitness.
- A sense of communion with God and nature.
- Greater appreciation for the outdoors and a determination to follow the Outdoor Code.
- Growing self-confidence in their ability to be comfortable on the trail and in camp.
- Exposure to new and interesting hobbies.

## ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

By the end of the month, all Scouts should have met the majority of their basic camping and cooking requirements through First Class. Depending on the highlight activities,

they may also complete all or part of the following rank requirements:

### *Tenderfoot*

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

### *Second Class*

- Outdoor—Camping, cooking, hiking, nature
- Citizenship—Flag ceremonies
- Patrol/troop participation
- Personal development—Scout Oath and Law

### *First Class*

- Outdoor—Camping, hiking, cooking, nature
- Citizenship—Flag ceremonies
- Patrol/troop participation
- Personal development—Scout Oath and Law

**Merit Badges.** Older Scouts can concentrate on the Camping and Cooking 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 Orienteering, Backpacking, Pioneering, Wilderness Survival, Hiking, Camping and nature- or hobby-related merit badges.