

HOBBIES

TROOP MEETING PLAN

Date _____ Week 1

Activity	Description	Run by	Time
Preopening _____ minutes	Display various hobbies of troop members and parents. Include hands-on demonstrations of hobbies.		
Opening Ceremony _____ minutes	Form troop by patrols in two lines, facing each other. Color guard marches with U.S. flag between lines as Scouts salute. At the head of the lines, color guard about-faces and leads Pledge of Allegiance.		
Skills Instruction _____ minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Scouts work on whipping and fusing ends of rope and learn shear, square, and diagonal lashings. • Experienced Scouts begin planning a hobby show for this month. The show might be held during the last troop meeting of the month, or at another time. Urge all Scouts to show a hobby; also invite parents and merit badge counselors to have displays. • Older Scouts work on the Venture/Varsity program or begin planning a 50-mile survival hike. Plan to take minimal equipment and live off the land as much as possible without harming the environment. 		
Patrol Meetings _____ minutes	Discuss plans for the outing this month and make sure everyone knows their assignments. If it will be an overnight, begin planning meals, patrol duty roster, equipment distribution, and tentage needs. Any Scouts who have not been camping will need extra help. All other patrols work on plans for activities toward the next rank advancement.		
Interpatrol Activity _____ minutes	Reactor Transporter ("Program Specialties" section of this book)		
Closing _____ minutes Total 90 minutes of meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silent prayer • Scoutmaster's Minute • Retire colors 	SM	
After the Meeting	Patrol leaders' council reviews next meeting and plans for the outing. Begin work on next month's program feature.		