



to complete many of the requirements. Depending on activities during the outing, they may also cover requirements in Hiking, Public Health, American Cultures, and American Heritage.

PARENT PARTICIPATION

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

- Asking those qualified to assist with instruction for citizenship skills.
- Inviting families on the outing.
- Asking them to provide transportation for a visit to community meetings.

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 which public or private group the troop will visit this month, and make arrangements for the visit.
- Invite a community leader to a troop meeting to discuss his or her work and moderate a discussion of the rights and duties of a citizen.
- Plan special activities for community service.
- Plan details of troop meetings for the month. Assign patrol demonstrations covering skills that will be needed to complete advancement through First Class. For example, assignments might be:

Patrol A—Opening and closing flag ceremony, week 1.
Patrol B—Report on the history and destination of the troop heritage hike.

Patrol C—Opening and closing flag ceremony, week 2.

Patrol D—Opening and closing flag ceremony, week 4.

- Make a list of possible patrol Good Turns for the community.
- Hold a junior leader training session on knowing the resources (*Scoutmaster Handbook*).

FEATURE EVENTS

Public Service Outing

This big event can be an experience that will not only expose the Scouts to your community, but let the community become aware that Scouting is alive and still working. The aim is to expose the Scouts to the inner workings of the community, the people who serve the public, and the responsibility of each citizen to support the community.

Public service for the Scouts may mean becoming involved in an ongoing community project, or a series of Good Turn projects that Scouts can perform.

As you learn about the area you live in, find out about its history. Learn how it evolved to where it is today. Was your community once a boom town? Who were the founding fathers? What role did this area have in the development of this country?

Historical Trail Hike

In most states there are historic trails, already marked and waiting for your troop. More than 250 of them have been