

PUBLIC SERVICE

TROOP MEETING PLAN

Date _____ Week 1

Activity	Description	Run by	Time
Preopening _____ minutes	Have a pair of experienced Scouts show how to fold and care for the U.S. flag (<i>Boy Scout Handbook</i>). Then play Ringleader ("Program Specialties" section of this book).		
Opening Ceremony _____ minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form troop into parallel patrols. • Present colors. • Sing national anthem. • Hold uniform inspection. 		
Skills Instruction _____ minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Scouts plan an opening flag ceremony for the next meeting and practice flag-folding. Play the Newspaper Good Turn ("Program Specialties" section of this book). • Experienced Scouts plan a community service project for the whole troop, or, if a local festival is scheduled soon, find out what your troop can do to participate. • Older Scouts work on the Venture/Varsity program or plan a historical hike in the area. 		
Patrol Meetings _____ minutes	Discuss plans for a patrol outing this month. This could be a 5- or 10-mile hike, so that newer Scouts can work on their hiking skills. Or plan a patrol Good Turn. Consider working on items needed to advance to the next rank.		
Interpatrol Activity _____ minutes	Shoot the Gap ("Program Specialties" section of this book)		
Closing _____ minutes Total 90 minutes of meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form Troop • Recite Scout Oath • 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.		