



PARENT PARTICIPATION

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

- Asking qualified parents to assist with instruction in camping and safety skills.
- Inviting parents on the campout.
- Asking parents to provide transportation to the campsite.
- Assisting in organizing a neighborhood watch.

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.

- If a campout is planned, decide on the campsite. Plan the special activities for the campout. See the ideas on these pages. If special gear or tools will be needed, assign someone to obtain them; seek help from the troop committee, if necessary.
- If you plan to go to a hotel or motel, make reservations. If you are going to a mall or shopping center, make arrangements for a space.
- Inventory the troop's camping equipment, if not done recently.
- Plan details of troop meetings for the month. Assign patrol demonstrations, covering skills that will be needed for campout activities.

FEATURE EVENT

Safety Outing

This event might be:

- A highlight campout where you deal with several emergency situations.
- A visit to a hotel or motel where you could use a meeting room to practice first aid and use a swimming pool for aquatic activities, etc.
- A public safety demonstration in a mall or shopping center. The patrol leaders' council will choose the type of outing to have. Schedule a variety of safety-related activities.

HOTEL/MOTEL OUTING. Well, it's not the woods, but this outing could be useful to let Scouts see how a large number of people are dealt with safely. If possible, stay in a hotel or motel that has meeting room facilities and a pool. Make arrangements for a behind-the-scenes tour to see safety procedures, such as:

- Fire escape plan for the building
- Kitchen safety
- Hotel mobilization plan
- Safety jobs of hotel staff
- Hotel security—what do they do?

Have aquatic-related activities in the pool. Many hotels and motels have physical fitness facilities. If yours does, try fitness activities, too. A meeting room could be used to practice first aid. Or you might visit a nearby museum or local historical landmark.

MALL/SHOPPING CENTER. Have a display or activity that promotes safety in the home. Show a floor plan of the building you're in to point out exits and an emergency evacuation plan. Distribute "McGruff" crime prevention materials, which are available from most local law enforcement agencies, to promote a safe neighborhood and home environment.