

SHOOTING

TROOP MEETING PLAN

Date _____ Week 1

Activity	Description	Run by	Time
Preopening _____ minutes	Meet outdoors. Let Scouts inspect some rifles, shotguns, bows, and black-powder muzzle-loaders. Explain safety rules and proper handling.		
Opening Ceremony _____ minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Form troop.• Repeat Scout Law.• Present colors.• Repeat Pledge of Allegiance.		
Skills Instruction _____ minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Scouts work on basic camping techniques, campsite selection, knots, and meal planning. Play Crowed Circle ("Program Specialties" section of this book).• Experienced Scouts become familiar with parts of a bow and learn the terms used with archery. Plan an archery area that meets BSA standards and could be set up on your outing this month, or become familiar with the parts and operation and safety practices for using a rifle, shotgun, or muzzle-loader. See <i>Rifle Shooting</i>, <i>Shotgun Shooting</i>, and <i>Archery</i> merit badge pamphlets.• Older Scouts work on the Venture/Varsity program or join experienced Scouts in session on archery or guns.		
Patrol Meetings _____ minutes	Discuss plans for the outing this month and make sure everyone knows what their assignments are and what they will need to bring for the campout. The new Scouts need to know what support they will provide for the campout. Any Scouts who have not been camping will need extra help. All other patrols plan activities to work on advancement. Patrol leaders review the interpatrol activities that will take place and what skills need to be worked on for them.		
Interpatrol Activity _____ minutes	<p>The Tangle Knot</p> <p><i>Procedure:</i> Ask a group of 10 to 16 Scouts to form a tight circle. Have everyone close their eyes and extend both hands into the center of the circle. With eyes closed, ask each person to grasp the hand of another person in each of his hands. When each hand is grasping another hand, tell the participants to open their eyes and listen to the explanation of the objective.</p> <p><i>Object:</i> With out letting go of hands, the group is to unwind, freeing themselves from the seemingly impossible knot and forming a circle.</p>		