



## BULL'S EYE



### 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 whether to make the outing a 1-day event or the highlight of a weekend campout. Choose a site for it and arrange to secure permissions, if needed.
- Plan the events for the outing. See the ideas on the following pages.
- Arrange to secure the necessary equipment; ask for help from the troop committee if necessary.
- Inventory the troop's camping equipment, if not done recently.
- Plan details of troop meetings for the month. Consider inviting counselors for the Sports or Athletics merit badges to help with instruction.
- Make a list of possible patrol Good Turns for the community.
- Hold a junior leader training session on planning (*Scoutmaster Handbook*).

### FEATURE EVENT

#### Sports Outing

This outing can be a campout or a daylong event with several features. You may want to have several conventional sports activities plus some cooperative events. You might even

recruit a professional athlete to work with the troop on a particular sport.

This outing could be done with another troop or several troops, and with some competitive events between the troops. Or your outing might be a family gathering at a sports event; attendance at the event could be one portion of a daylong activity.

#### COLLECTIVE BLANKET BALL

Two patrol teams of about eight or ten players spread out around two sturdy blankets or similar-sized pieces of durable material. They grasp the edges of the blanket, and a beach ball or monster ball is placed in the middle of one. To warm up, groups toss the ball into the air and catch it again in the blanket, or roll the ball around the outside edges of the blanket. Teams then pass the ball back and forth by tossing it toward the receiving team. One team can even toss the ball straight up and dash out of the way to let the other team race under it to catch it with its blanket.

You can also give each team its own ball and have them play catch with two balls.

For groups seeking additional challenge, juggling can be attempted by trying to get two or more balls going in the air in a continuous manner. This can be attempted initially by one team alone, making sure one of the two balls is always in the air, and later by tossing balls from team to team. To involve more people, use a sturdy bedspread, a large piece of