



### PARENT PARTICIPATION

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

- Asking qualified parents to assist with instruction.
- Inviting parents on the campout.
- Asking parents to provide transportation to the campsite.

### 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 on the campsite for the survival weekend. If your council's camp does not have raw materials for shelters and other projects, try other sources. Do not plan to disturb the environment or use materials at a campsite without the owner's permission.
- 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 the campout activities.
- Practice knots and lashings, if equipment is available.
- Hold a junior leader training session on communication (*Scoutmaster Handbook*).
- Study and practice survival techniques for your particular locale, including how to find edible wild plants, etc.

### FEATURE EVENT

#### Survival Weekend

Basic camping skills are used regardless of how many times you go camping or the types of challenges you face in a survival circumstance. No matter what your skill level is, this weekend will test your ability to deal with living the out-of-doors.

As you make plans for this weekend, make sure your program meets the skill levels of your Scouts. New Scouts will need some extra attention in preparing for their first campout. The older Scouts may also experience some new outdoor challenges.

#### Campout Activities

Obviously activities will depend in part on the time of year you have chosen. You may want to consider a similar program at different times of the year, and in different locations.

Several activities are summarized in the following section. Select one or more of these or make up your own. The younger Scouts may need to spend most of their time working on basic camping skills.

**DOWNED PLANE.** You are in a small plane flying over a heavily-wooded area. You develop engine trouble and must land. The pilot spots a clearing and starts his approach. The wheel on the aircraft hits a treetop and breaks off. You belly land, slide into a clump of trees, and a fire breaks out. The pilot is knocked unconscious. You are on the side of a mountain.