



FISH RESTOCKING

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 place for the campout. If possible, choose a location with a variety of nature environments so that Scouts will find a wide range of trees, plants, and mammals. If the location is in the vicinity of a fish hatchery or game or forest preserve, arrange for the troop to visit. Assign someone to secure permissions, if necessary.
- 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.
- Plan details of troop meetings for the month. Assign patrol demonstrations, covering skills that will be needed for the campout activities.
- Exchange ideas for conservation projects that might be completed by individual Scouts or patrols for requirements for Tenderfoot through First Class.

FEATURE EVENT

Wildlife Management Outing

An animal is generally referred to as any living organism other than a plant. Wildlife lives in a basically free condition, providing for its own food, shelter, and other needs in a suitable habitat. Wildlife may be organisms only visible through

a microscope, or it may be as large as a whale. Wildlife includes insects, spiders, birds, reptiles, fish, amphibians, and mammals.

All around us, wildlife habitat is being lost. Whenever land is paved for a shopping center, excavated for homes, or plowed to grow food, small animals lose their homes and frequently their sources of food and water. As small animals disappear, so do the larger animals that prey upon them.

How can Scouts help the wildlife in your area? First they can become aware of what habitats are being threatened, know what wildlife lives around them, and work with local agencies to help protect the wildlife.

Wildlife Project Ideas

- Photograph or document the wildlife in your area so you can identify it.
- Contact local government or other agencies that you can work with in wildlife management.
- "Adopt" a wildlife habitat and observe and protect it.
- Work with local parks or zoos and "adopt" an animal that you can care for and protect.
- Become aware of areas that are being commercially or privately developed and what impact that will have on the environment.
- Share with the public what wildlife exists in their area by showing a display of wildlife in a mall or shopping center.
- At your troop meetings each week, feature a different animal that is endangered. Talk about how Scouts can protect it from extinction.