

2012

Troop

Patrol Handbook

PATROL:

"The patrol method is not a way to operate a Boy Scout troop, it is the only way."

"The object of the patrol method is not so much having the Scoutmaster trouble as to give responsibility to the boy."

"It is the Patrol System that makes the Troop, and all Scouting for that matter, a real co-operative matter."

"The patrol system leads each boy to see that he has some individual responsibility for the good of his patrol."

----- Lord Robert Baden-Powell



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 Take part in at least one hike, outdoor activity, or other Scouting event. 14

 Complete two patrol Good Turns or service projects, approved by the PLC before starting..... 14

 Help two patrol members advance in rank 14

 Attend at least 3 Patrol Leader Council meetings 14



PATROL ROSTER

PATROL NAME: _____

PATROL ELEMENT: _____

PATROL TOTEM:

- PATROLS -

PATROLS are the main structure of a Boy Scout Troop. They are to work together to accomplish tasks and build teamwork, leadership, and service.

- 1. Patrols are to contain 5-12 members.
- 2. There are 5 standing patrols and 3 New Patrols.
- 3. Scouts are selected by Patrols and/or assigned by Scoutmaster after 6 months of joining the Troop.
- 4. A Scout can request to the PLC to move Patrols.
- 5. Scouts make the patrol function and be effective.

PATROL ROSTER:

#	Name	Patrol Position	Email	Phone	Rank/Age
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TROOP ROSTER

PATROL A



PATROL B



PATROL C



PATROL D



PATROL E



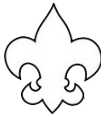
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SCOUTMASTER ROSTER

NAME	ROLE	TRAINED	EMAIL/PHONE



PATROL ATTENDANCE

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TROOP MEETING PLANNER

Date: _____ Feature: _____ Week: _____

TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	RUN BY
SETUP PATROL:			
6:30	Preopening ____ minutes		
7:00	Opening Ceremony ____ minutes		
7:10	Skills Instruction ____ minutes		
7:30	Patrol Meetings ____ minutes		
7:45	Interpatrol Activity or Game ____ minutes		
8:05	Closing _10_ minutes	Announcements Scoutmaster Minute	SM
CLEAN-UP PATROL:			
8:15	After the Meeting	Requirement Sign-off Merit Badge Sign-off	



TROOP GOALS

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All of these goals pertain to the period September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011.

1. Earn 2011 National Quality Unit Award
2. Recruit 15 new Troop members (this includes Webelos crossing over from Packs that feed the Troop).
3. Provide 2 Den Chiefs.
4. Ensure Chaplain Aide position is filled, and lead a prayer or service at each troop meeting or activity.
5. Summarize troop goals at each PLC that apply or are relevant to the monthly agenda.
6. At least one Patrol to receive the National Honor Patrol Award for 2010-2011.
7. Obtain one complete and up to date set of Eagle-required merit badge book library.
8. Have a cooking award program with a dessert awarded by the adult patrol to the patrol ranking the highest on best taste, most nutritious, and best presentation at the current campout.
9. Plan activities that use the canoes at least two times per year.
10. Develop, and enforce, a better equipment maintenance program Establish a check in/out process for all troop equipment. At least one equipment maintenance day every 6 months.
11. Increase Troop Staff attendance and responsibility and participation at PLC meetings. Fifty percent (50%) of the Troop Staff should be represented directly or by designee at each meeting.
12. Make Patrol Flags and bring them to troop meetings and campouts.
13. Improve retention for first year scouts and the entire troop by increasing the percentage of scouts re-chartering this year than was achieved last year.
14. Have more FUN!

Goals were reviewed, and then approved, by the Scouts and Scoutmaster at the Annual Planning Meeting.



BI-ANNUAL PROGRAM PLAN

		Program Feature/Act.	Troop Outing Activity	Special Event Council / District Holidays	BOR	Meetings					EST COST	TOUR LEADER Scoutmaster In Charge	Instructor	Gr
					COH	PLC	SM ASM	Committee	District Roundtable	District Committee				
November 2011		TOPSHOT - Rifle Shooting Competition	Lost Pines (Wolf Mountain) November 11-13	21-27 Thanksgiving 4-6 Woodbadge 19 OA Fall Fellowship 11-12 Popcorn Pickup		14		15	10	3	\$40	Datillo	Palmer	
December 2011		CovertOps Winter Camp	Green Dixon December 9-11	19-31 Christmas 3-4 OA Vigil 18-22 Winter Camp1 26-30 Winter Camp2 27-31 NYLT	13	12		13	8	1	\$25	Sartain	Palmer	
January 2012		HighTech Camping - GeoCache	Perdenales Falls January 13-15	16 MLK 1 NYLT 7 OA Banquet 14 District Leadership Conference 21 University of Scouting 28 Scouting for Food		16		17	12	5	\$30	Vocks	Behr Huffman	
February 2012		Caving	Colorado Bend (Natural Bridge) February 10-12	6-8 Break (Leander) 20 President's Day 4 Report to State 5 Scout Sunday 8 Scout Anniversary 18 Merit Badge University		13		14	9	2	\$65	Ellis	3rd Party	
March 2012		SURVIVOR - Primitive Wilderness	Roy D Rivers BSR March 23-25	12-16 Spring Break 28 Make Up 1-3 Wood Badge 1 17 OA Spring Fellowship 29-31 Wood Badge 2	6	26		27	8	1	\$20	Summerlin		
April 2012		District Camporee	Camp Tahoya (TENTATIVE) April 13-15	1 Daylight Savings 6-8 Good Friday/Easter 28 Venturing Shooting Sports 20-22 Hornsday Award Weekend 13-15 Local Heroes Camporee		16		17	12	5	\$35	Uribe	N/A	
SUMMER CAMPS		Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch	JUNE OR JULY								\$275-\$400 + Travel/Food/Shirts	Gonzalez		
		Lost Pines Scout Ranch	JUNE								\$265			



PATROL MENU PLANNING

The following procedures and guidelines for menu planning and meal preparation will be followed for every campout (unless specifically temporarily altered by the Scoutmaster). Patrols will follow the simple four step procedure outlined below:

1. Menus for an upcoming campout are to be planned during Patrol Time at the Troop meeting the **TUESDAY BEFORE THE CAMPOUT**. Menus will be planned out using the patrol menu planning worksheet. Any specific temporary alterations made by the Scoutmaster will be indicated in the appropriate location on the patrol menu planning worksheet for that particular campout.

All meals will be planned to include the four basic food groups. All meals (except breakfast on the morning of departure from a campout location) will be planned, prepared, and eaten in a manner that requires a three basin dishwashing system to be used for clean up (see page 282 of Boy Scout Handbook). This means no use of disposable dishes (plastic forks or spoons; paper or Styrofoam plates, bowls, or cups) is allowed. Each patrol will prepare, and use, their own three basin dishwashing system on a campout. There are two basic types of campouts: regular campouts (ice chests allowed) and backpacking campouts (ice chests not practical). Each type of campout has slightly different meal planning considerations. Meals must meet the following guidelines:

REGULAR CAMPOUTS (WHEN PATROLS CAN BRING AN ICE CHEST)

Breakfasts: Breakfasts should require some degree of preparation. It is understood that a “fully cooked” breakfast may not always be practical, but do not plan a strictly “cold” breakfast for the first morning (usually Saturday) of a campout. Easy preparation/clean up, or “cold”, breakfasts are recommended for the morning we depart (usually Sunday) from a campout location.

Lunch: Lunches do not necessarily have to be “cooked”, but must require some degree of preparation.

Dinner: The meal (specifically the main dish) must be prepared and cooked. It must contain raw ingredients (meat, vegetables, fruit, etc.) or consist of three or more different ingredients that require some degree of preparation (not just dumped out of a can into a pot).

BACKPACKING CAMPOUTS (WHEN AN ICE CHEST IS NOT PRACTICAL)

Breakfasts: Trail type breakfast food.

Lunch: Trail type lunch food.

Dinner: Backpacking type food. The meal (specifically the main dish) must be prepared and cooked. It must contain ingredients that require some degree of preparation. Raw meat, or any ingredients that must be kept cold prior to use, is not practical. Indicate who the Grubmaster for the campout is on the Patrol Menu Planning Worksheet. The Grubmaster is responsible for shopping for the food. It is highly recommended that he have another patrol member go shopping with him. **THE APPROVED MENU WILL NOT BE DEVIATED FROM DURING SHOPPING.** The Grubmaster is also responsible for ensuring proper allocation of the food, proper preparation of the food, and proper clean up and storage of the cooking and eating gear occurs at the campout. This does not mean that he must do all of the cooking and cleaning. He may have assistant cooks, and **WILL HAVE A CLEAN UP CREW**, assigned to him by the Patrol Leader. Patrols may be temporarily combined, or scouts may be temporarily assigned to a different patrol, in order to ensure each patrol has a minimum of four members during a campout. These temporary combinations/assignments will occur at the Troop meeting two Tuesdays before the scheduled campout.

2. The completed worksheet must be reviewed by, approved by, and signed by the Patrol Advisor assigned to that patrol. If a patrol's advisor is not present at the meeting, the patrol must ask another scoutmaster to review, approve, and sign the worksheet. Approval should occur at the meeting two Tuesdays before the campout.
3. Envelopes containing the allotted amount of food money, by patrol, will be handed out at the Troop meeting the week of the campout. In order to receive your patrol's envelope (food money), you must present the Troop Treasurer with your patrol's approved copy of the patrol menu planning worksheet, signed by your Patrol Advisor or another scoutmaster.
4. Turn the menu planning worksheet in to the SPL before loading up for a campout (normally on Friday night in the church parking lot). A scoutmaster will review all menu planning worksheets and each patrol's food sometime during each campout. If it is determined the menu planning worksheet was not followed, the grubmaster(s) will do all cleaning of all patrol dishes for that campout (as well as any other duties assigned by the reviewing scoutmaster).
5. Patrols are required to place all shopping receipts, and any unspent money, in their patrol food money envelope and turn it in to the Treasurer at the Troop meeting immediately after the campout.

FOOD RULES

The following foods are not allowed on campouts: Cheese Whiz (or any other canned spray cheese). MREs, Mountain House or other brands of freeze dried meals, and pre-cooked meats are not authorized unless specified or approved by the scoutmaster for a particular campout. Drinks must be non-carbonated and cannot contain caffeine (no sodas, even non-caffeinated ones). Coffee is only allowed for the adult leaders.



PATROL MENU PLANNING WORKSHEET

Grubmaster is responsible for food/storage/ice/cooler during duration of the campout. He is also responsible for the cooking plan/schedule and assignment of cleanup.

ATTACH FOOD RECEIPTS TO THIS FORM AND RETURN TO TREASURER.

PATROL:

GRUBMASTER:

DATE: _____

LOCATION:

ATTENDANCE	
PL	
APL	
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MENU	
SATURDAY	BREAKFAST
Main Course	
Side(s)	
Drink	
SATURDAY	LUNCH
Main Course	
Side(s)	
Drink	
SATURDAY	DINNER
Main Course	
Side(s)	
Dessert	
Drink	
SUNDAY	BREAKFAST
Main Course	
Side(s)	
Drink	
CRACKER BARREL/SNACKS	

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GRUBMASTERS – MINIMIZE CHANGES!

A SCOUTMASTER HAS APPROVED THIS MENU AS IS!

The Troop requires all meals to include the four basic food groups. If it is not being cut, diced, sliced, cubed, boiled, baked, fried, or grilled, then it may not be approved. All meals require some degree of preparation, and dinners must require cooking (must contain raw ingredients such as meat, vegetables, fruit, etc. or consist of three or more different ingredients that require some degree of preparation).

THIS SHEET IS NEEDED FOR ANY REQUIREMENT CHECK-OFF.

PATROL LEADER REVIEW: _____

APPROVAL SIGNATURE: _____



PATROL DUTY ROSTER

PATROL: _____ PATROL LEADER: _____

GRUBMASTER: _____

MEAL	SATURDAY BREAKFAST	SATURDAY LUNCH	SATURDAY DINNER	SUNDAY BREAKFAST	OTHER
COOKING					
FIREMASTER					
WATER					
CLEANUP					
TENT REVIEW					

JOB DESCRIPTIONS:

GRUBMASTER: Goes shopping and purchases food for the patrol, leads Patrol in grace before meals, responsible for the transporting and storing of food. He also schedules who is cooking/preparing every meal.

COOKS: Prepare meals, and wash utensils used for preparation as necessary. Boils water for dish washing immediately after cooking.

FIREMASTER: Gathers/Brings firewood, starts fire when instructed by PL or Cook, maintains fire, extinguishes fire

WATER CREW: Gets drinking water and wash water for entire patrol. Prepares cleanup station.

CLEANUP CREW: Wash dishes, clean up eating area at campsite, builds and maintains sump hole.

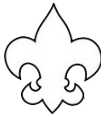
TENT REVIEW: Makes sure all tents are properly setup, each tent has warning flags on lines, rain flies are setup, and tents staked down.

OTHER: Any other duties the SPL or PL assign.



PATROL BOX INVENTORY LIST

#	ITEM	Date Verified	Date Verified	Date Verified	Date Verified	Date Verified
1	Stove					
2	Serving Tray					
3	Fry Pan					
4	Pot					
5	Pot Lid					
6	Wok					
7	Spoon					
8	Spatula					
9	Ladle					
10	Lantern					
11	Propane Tree					
12	Propane Hose					
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NATIONAL HONOR PATROL AWARD TRACKING

Our patrol name is: _____

Our patrol yell is: _____

Hold two patrol meetings each month

- ☐ We have a patrol flag.
- ☐ I have kept our patrol records up to date.
- ☐ We have eight members or have increased membership.
- ☐ Have at least 75% of members in full uniform at troop activities.

Meeting	Date	Location	Attendance	What We Did
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

TAKE PART IN AT LEAST ONE HIKE, OUTDOOR ACTIVITY, OR OTHER SCOUTING EVENT.

Activity	Date	Location	Attendance	What We Did
1				

COMPLETE TWO PATROL GOOD TURNS OR SERVICE PROJECTS, APPROVED BY THE PLC BEFORE STARTING

Service	Date	Location	Attendance	What We Did
1				
2				

HELP TWO PATROL MEMBERS ADVANCE IN RANK

Advance	Scout	Board of Review Date	New Rank
1			
2			

ATTEND AT LEAST 3 PATROL LEADER COUNCIL MEETINGS

#	PLC DATE	I Attended		I Got A Replacement	
1		YES	NO	YES	NO
2		YES	NO	YES	NO
3		YES	NO	YES	NO

As patrol leader, I have tracked my patrol's completion of the NHP award requirements.

Signature: _____

The requirements were completed in 3 months. From _____ to _____

