

PROGRAM

THE TROOP MEETING

Troop meetings are held once a week at the troop meeting location (ex. church basement, school gym, etc.). The meeting is run by the Senior Patrol Leader and consists of five parts (although each troop is run slightly different).

- **PRE-OPENING** - This is the part of the meeting that occurs as the Scouts arrive. It could consist of a game, preparing for the next trip, working on advancement, etc.
- **OPENING** - The official start of the meeting includes a flag ceremony and patrol reports.
- **SKILL SESSION** - This consists of a demonstration or guest speaker on various Scout related topics.
- **INTER-PATROL ACTIVITY** - This can be a troop game, contest, or other activity.
- **PATROL MEETING** - At this point each patrol retreats into their corner where they take attendance, collect dues and discuss patrol business such as planning for the next trip or activity.
- **CLOSING** - Final announcements are made and any badges or awards earned are presented.

ACTIVITIES

- **DAY TRIPS** - Most troops go on a monthly trip on a Saturday or Sunday to a museum, zoo, attraction, or other activity.
- **CAMPING TRIPS** - Most active troops camp year round on a monthly basis. In warm weather they stay in tents and cook over a campfire. In cool weather they may choose to stay in a leanto (a 3-sided wooden shelter) and in winter cabin facilities with heat and a kitchen are used.
- **SUMMER CAMP** - Each summer Scouts have the opportunity to attend a week long Boy Scout Summer Camp. Activities there include: swimming, boating, canoeing, climbing, mountain biking, sports, rifle shooting, archery, handicraft, fishing, hiking, nature study, and earning various badges.
- **OTHER** - Other trips a troop may choose to participate in include: council wide camporees, canoe trips, special trips to other cities, etc.