

## Ideas for Boy Scouter's Leaders Roundtable Topics for 2017-2018

2014-2015	Big Rock Topics– 7/10 min	Boy Scout Interest Topics– ~20 min	Boy Scout Skills/Demo– ~20 min
August	New Year Kick off - Welcome	New Year Kick off - Welcome	Back to Scouting!!
September	Role of the District Committee	Troop Elections	ILST - Youth Leadership
October	Trained Leaders— Why and How	Troop Annual Plans and Budgets	Troop Expenses and Fundraising
November	Role of the Unit Commissioner	To Uniform or Not to Uniform; that is the Question!	2015-2016 Program changes Overview - Cubs, Boy and Venturing
December	Leveraging BSA Literature for a Better Program	BSA Program Awards - Awards Boy Scouts Can Earn	High Adventure Planning & Options, Planning your own High Adventure
January	Effective Advancement	Trailer Safety	Earning Religious Awards, How to plan a Scout's Own for campouts
February	Parent Engagement	Eagle Scout Service Projects	Eagle Projects and Process, Charter Organization Relationships
March	Preventing Leader Burnout	Order of the Arrow	Get involved in District Event planning
April	Community Service	Scouts with ADD/ADHD	Scouting around the World,
May	Program Preview	Sustainability	Recycling/ Conservation

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September	Recruiting Commissioners	High Adventure	Help new parents become new leaders
October	Youth Protection and Bullying	Tough Scout Challenge	Scout Olympics & Challenge Courses
November	Incorporating STEM in the Troop	Integrating STEM into Troop Programs	Science/ STEM-related MB resources
December	Staffing the District Committee	International Scouting Activities	Time-out to Recharter
January	Beyond the Arrow of Light	Webelos-to-Scout Transition	Effective tools for retention
February	Wood Badge	Troop Guide and Instructor Roles	Who are we competing with?
March	Unit-to-Unit Connections	Leadership within the Community	Planning Scout-A-Rama's
April	Historic Trails	Historic Trails – Where and who to call!	Area trails and sponsoring new trails.
May	Leadership Transitions	Utilizing the Junior Asst. Scoutmaster	Care, cleaning of camp gear

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August	The Aims of Scouting	Role of Advancement in the BS Program	Ropes & Knots – Basis 8 & their uses
September	Resources	High Levels of Successful Scout Meetings	Local Plants & Trees. Native vs Invasive
October	CubCast/ScoutCast	ScoutCast as a Program Resource	Scouting and the Internet
November	Charter Turn-In Starts	Program Resource Fair	Let's Talk About Venturing
December	Youth with Disabilities	Building a Culture of Involvement	Summer Plans – Camp, Canoe, Hiking
January	Webelos-to-Scout Transition	Recruiting	Building useful Camp Gadgets
February	Town Hall Meeting	Troop Finances	How to Start a Campfire
March	Retention	Patrol Method	The Weather Spotters Program
April	Voice of the Scout	Youth Leadership Development in BS	Camp Songs, Skits and Games
May	Duty to God	Outdoor Ethics in the Boy Scout Program	Buying new equipment

National has not released the 2017-18 Roundtable Topics Guide yet. It's normally comes out in late April. It would be helpful to identify next year's Boy Scout Skills and Demo topics. I've included the last 3 years topics.

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## **Other Hands-on Interest Topics and Demonstrations recommended by Roundtable attendees**

- First aid kits - what should and should not be in one
- Ropes and Knots
- What to look for in buying a: tent –troop, backpacker, ultralight - ease of use, ease to setup, durability, rips & zipper replacements, sleeping bag and pads, boots and foul weather gear, packs, camp stove and lantern, pocket knife, Other items like multi-tools, flashlights, compasses, etc.
- Types of packs, fanny, day, overnight, long term, internal frame, external frames
- Packing a backpack: Ziplock bags - do you pack by day, or by clothes type, How to fit a backpack, Internal frame packing vs external frame packing
- Knife sharpening, maintenance, and safety
- Stove and lantern lighting, safety, maintenance and repair
- Building useful Camp Gadgets
- Camp Entertainment – Songs, Skits and Games
- How to rig tarps
- Proper dishwashing techniques 3 vs 2 tub method
- How to treat a: blister, simple cut, snakebite, sprained ankle/broken ankle, scald from cooking, burn from stove/lantern/fire
- How to cut with a bowsaw & axes
- How to split wood with a hand ax
- Firelays, when to and not to use fire
- Proper building, lighting, and feeding (care) of a fire, Proper way to douse a fire
- Proper way to dispose of camp garbage
- There are many things that can be covered from the Leave No Trace ethic. This doesn't even begin to address nature things like tracks and tracking, identifying trees by leaves/needles, bark, etc.

### **Handouts and Guides produced for Roundtable:**

10 Ways to help your community in 30 minutes or less

20 Troop Retention Strategies

26 Ways to Build Involvement

Are You Smarter Than a Boy Scout?

A Young Scout's introduction to Merit Badges

Boy Scout Camp Program Ideas

Boy Scout Youth Protection & Bullying Awareness

BSA Historic Trails-Planning

BSA Leadership within the Community

BSA National Outdoor Awards

Camping Equipment Care/Maintenance

Challenge Courses in the Area

Checklist-New Scout Camping Equipment

Day Hiking & How to set a steady hiking pace

Extreme Cold Guide

Go Green-Earning the Hornaday Award

Group Initiatives and Low Rope Course Challenges

Guide to Cool Camps

Helping new parents become new leaders

High Adventure is...

Historic Markers in Lake County

How are Commissioners Selected

How to make tent camping comfortable

How to rev up the Engineering merit badge with HD

Icebreakers and Team Builders

IDNR Northeastern Illinois Conservation Events

Parent Involvement Step by Step

Learning How to Be a Community Leader

Life to Eagle Advisor: Consider a new adult position

Long Boy Scout Road Trips

Myths about Bullying Tip Sheet

NEIC High Adventure 2016

NPS-National Trail System-Visit the Trails

Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award-Boy Scout/Scouter

Patrol Activities & Program Ideas

Pie Iron Cooking-Basic Instructions

Scout Signals – Giving & getting the message

Scouter's Guide for the U.S. Flag & Related Ceremonies

Scouter's Guide to Campfires and Camp Stoves

Scouter's Guide to Severe Weather and Other Hazards

Scouter's Guide to Troop Quartermaster & Equipment Chair

Scoutmaster Conference – Notes & Training

Scoutmaster Minutes - Summer Camp related

Service Projects in Conservation

STEM Resources for Boy Scouts

Team Builder - Games & Exercises

US Forest Service Volunteering

Venturing Fast Facts, 523-507

Weather Wisdom by Ernest Thompson Seton

Webelos to Scout Transition Timetable/Troop Selection

World Scout Jamboree-on-the-Internet

Youth Protection Training Notice

Tough Scout Challenge - Tougher Than a Boy Scout

Unit to Unit Connections