

Checklist for running a Troop TLT

What each participant is to bring:

- ❑ Sack lunch and drink
- ❑ Full uniform with neckerchief
- ❑ Enthusiasm
- ❑ Boy Scout Handbook
- ❑ Writing utensil (*Ballpoint pen, pencil or marker*)

Facilities, Electronics and Equipment

- ❑ Electrical power
- ❑ Seating for 10 –12 persons
- ❑ Computer, LCD projector and screen for Powerpoint Presentation
- ❑ Flip chart and markers

Items to be provided by Troop for each participant

- ❑ Patrol Leader Handbook – 1 per except SPL and ASPL
- ❑ Senior Patrol Leaders Handbook – 1 for SPL and 1 for ASPL
- ❑ TLT Certificate of Completion – 1 per
- ❑ *National Honor Patrol* handout
- ❑ *Trained Patch* – 1 per
- ❑ Copy of *Leader Position Description Card* for each position

Training Materials

- ❑ Copy of *Scoutmaster's and SPL's Vision of Success*
- ❑ Facilitator's paper copy with notes of the *Troop TLT* presentation.
- ❑ Copy of *Troop's Organization Chart*
- ❑ Copy of *Troop Leadership Training* syllabus
- ❑ Copy of *Scoutmaster's Handbook*
- ❑ Copy of *Senior Patrol Leader's Handbook*
- ❑ Copy of *Patrol Leader's Handbook*
- ❑ Copy of *Boy Scout Handbook*
- ❑ Copy of *Troop Program Features, v1, v2 and v3* and the *Troop's Training Binder*

- ❑ One ***Patrol Leader's Binder*** for each patrol with the following forms, dividers and items:
 - Place for *Patrol Leaders Handbook*
 - Current Troop Phone Roster
 - Pouch for spare pens, pencils, scissors, ruler, eraser, paperclips, etc.
 - Blank notebook paper to take meeting notes, reminders and games
 - List of Patrol Organization Chart
 - Copy of requirements for Baden Powell Patrol Award
 - Copy of *Troop Patrol Activities Ideas* Handout
 - Sample copy of *Patrol Leaders Council Agenda (PLC Planner)*
 - Copy of *Troop Events Annual Calendar*
 - Copy of *Troop Monthly Calendar Updates*
 - Copies of *Troop Event Planning Worksheets*
 - Copies of *Troop Permission Slips*
 - Copies of *Troop After Event Report*

- Copies of *Troop Campout Equipment Checklist*
 - Copies of *BSA Campout Planner*
 - Copies of *BSA Troop Camp Duty Roster*
 - Copies of *BSA Campfire Planner*
- Additionally two of the “**Senior Patrol Leader’s Binder**” (SPL/ASPL) need to be prepared with the following forms, dividers and items added to the above list:
- Place for *Senior Patrol Leaders Handbook*
 - Current Troop Organizational Chart
 - Copy of current years Council Calendar
 - Copy of current years Council Program Planning Guide
 - Copies of *BSA Troop Meeting Planner*
 - Copies of *Patrol Leaders Council Agenda (PLC Planner)*
 - Copies of *Troop’s Court of Honor Planner*
 - Copies of *BSA Family Troop Resource Survey*
 - Copies of *Unit Money-Earning Permit Application*
 - Copies of *Planning Calendar – Blank*
 - Copies of *Troop’s Parent Information Form*
 - Copies of *Troop’s Summer Camp Duty Roster*
 - Copies of *Troop’s Vehicle Safety Checklist*
 - Copies of *Baden-Powell Award - Daily Unit Inspection*

Games and Activities

Though the new TLT course does not list any games and team building exercises in the guide book, experience has thought the Scouters to use some of the team building games from the *Developing Ethical Leaders Through Action (DELTA)* handbook and or parts of the *Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (COPE)* course to get the group working together and bond some. Some of my favorites include:

Pick some **Openers**:

Tarp Fold – Unfold tarp (any size), have team step on fully, step off, fold in half, step on again, see how many folds until all of the team can’t get on.

Hog Call - Ask the group to pair up with someone they do not know very well. Each pair should be given time to talk and find out about the other person. Pairs are then asked to choose a matching set of words. e.g. salt-pepper, black-white, etc.

Split the pairs, asking each member to walk to opposite ends of a field. When in place, Scouts are instructed to put on blindfolds. On a signal, they are to try to find their partner by shouting their matching words.

Leaders should protect individuals from running into each other or wandering off.

Some **Getting to know U’s**:

T.P. Shuffle - Groups must work together to switch places while balancing on 6” x 12’ narrow beam without touching the ground.

Spider Web - Participants must work together as a team to get everyone through this giant web.

Emergency Hike - The group is told that they have to leave in five minutes on an emergency twenty-five mile hike. They are to pool the materials of the group that they have with them and to determine their own preparedness. Scouts should be encouraged to be creative. After five minutes, go over the materials of the group and have them explain why

Some **Communicator's**:

the items are included.

Order out of chaos - The group is blindfolded. Each member is assigned a number. Once the numbers are given out, the members must line up in proper numerical order without talking.

Traffic Jam - Have the two groups line up facing each other on the spaces. There should be one more space than the number of participants and that space should be in the middle, separating the two groups. The spaces should be one step apart. The groups are now to switch positions on the line. A's should move to the right of the center space and the B's should end up on the left of the center space. They must do this by following these procedures:

1. Stepping off to an adjacent empty square, or
2. Stepping around a person facing the opposite way to an empty space.

And some **Get up and Stretcher**:

Team Trolleys - The team must traverse across an open area using wood trolleys and rope hand lines. This activity is harder than it looks.

All up - Sit down across from a partner, foot to foot spread about two feet apart. Grab your partner's hand, bend your knees and pull each other up. Now add another set of partners, continue until the whole patrol is in and up.