



*Troop Program Resources* (<http://www.programresources.org/>) is designed to serve as a planning tool for troop leaders. Its aim is to provide resources that contribute to making parts of the troop meeting more meaningful, engaging, and fun.

The ideas and examples contained in *Troop Program Resources* can be used by troop leaders and Scouts in various positions:

- **For the Patrol Leaders' Council** eager to plan an activity that fits well with a current theme, or will help add a whole lot of fun to the meeting, there's a large compilation of **Troop Meeting Activities**.

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- **For the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, and junior leaders** who want to become more confident in their ability to present campcraft skills, there's a reference library of **Campcraft Skill Videos**.

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- **For the Scoutmaster, Senior Patrol Leader, and individual patrols**, there's information about presenting impressive **Troop Meeting Ceremonies**, along with a collection of ideas and examples.

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- **For the Scoutmaster and Adult Leaders**, there's an extensive library of thought-provoking **Leader's Minutes** that will capture and hold the troop's attention towards the meeting's end.

Troop leaders are encouraged to apply and adapt the material on these pages, so that it conforms with their troop's style, and best meets their troop's individual needs.

### Troop Meeting Challenge Videos - Links

- [50-Foot Rescue Relay Video](#)
- [A-Frame Chariot Race Video](#)
- [All Aboard Video](#)
- [Bowline Sheet Bend Draw Video](#)
- [Catch the Snapper Video](#)
- [Crossing the Alligator Pit Video](#)
- [Everyone on the Tripod Video](#)
- [First Aid Carry Relay Video](#)
- [Flagpole Race Demo Video](#)
- [Handicap Obstacle Course Video](#)
- [Helium Stick Video](#)
- [Hitching Challenge Video](#)
- [Hot Isotope Transport Video](#)
- [Ladder Building Video](#)
- [Lassoing the Steer Video](#)

- [Lift Seat Procession Video](#)
- [Reactor Transporter Video](#)
- [Rescue Relay Video](#)
- [Scout Stave Launcher Video](#)
- [Self-Standing Flagpole Video](#)
- [Snake Race Video](#)
- [Stretcher Relay Video](#)
- [Water Boiling Race Video](#)
- [Zulu Toss Video](#)

### Troop Meeting Game Videos - Links

- [Blindfolded Steal the Bacon Video](#)
- [Can It! Video](#)
- [Hit the Bucket Video](#)
- [Hit the Can Video](#)
- [Hula Hoop Horseshoes Video](#)
- [Hunker Down Video](#)

- Identifying Sounds Video
- Jump the Shot Video
- Prisoners Escape Video
- Stand by Sixes Video
- Standing Jump Relay Video
- Standing Staves Video
- Steal the Bacon Video
- True or False Steal the Bacon Video
- Tug of War Video
- Wall Street Video

## More Troop Resource - Links

### • Activities

- **Activities**
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    - Activities – Categorized Index
  - **Planning Activities**
  - **Scout Skill Challenges**
    - Scout Skill Challenges
    - Compass Skill Activities
    - First Aid Skill Activities
    - General Outdoor Skill Activities
    - Knot-Tying Skill Activities
    - Lashing Skill Activities
  - **Team Building Activities**
  - **Patrol Games**
    - Patrol Games
    - Patrol Games – Large Area
    - Patrol Games – Small Space
  - **Troop Games**
    - Troop Games
    - Troop Games – Large Area
    - Troop Games – Small Space
    - Pre-Opening Gathering Period Activities

### • Campcraft Skill Videos

- **Campcraft Skill Videos**
- — Campcraft Videos Index
- **Planning Skills Instruction**
- **General Campcraft**
  - General Campcraft
  - Basic Knots
  - Basic Whipping

## Ceremonies & Scoutmaster Minutes - Links

- Sample Troop Court of Honor Video
- An Eagle Court of Honor Opening Ceremony Video
- Four Winds Eagle Ceremony Video
- Trail of the Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony Video
- Sample Troop Meeting Opening Ceremony
- Posting the Colors Troop Meeting Opening Ceremony Video
- Scoutmaster's Minute
- Troop Circles Closing Ceremony Video

- Fire Building
- Tarps
- Woods Tools

### ○ Pioneering Skills

- Pioneering Skills
- Lashings
- Pioneering Knots
- General Pioneering Skills

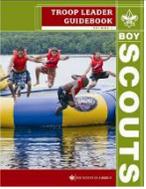
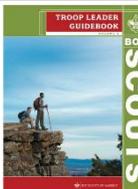
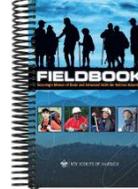
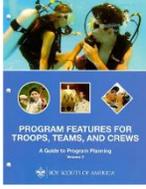
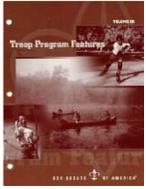
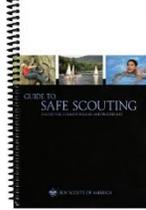
### • Ceremonies

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- **Planning Ceremonies**
- **During a Troop Meeting**
  - During a Troop Meeting
  - Openings
  - Closings
  - Investitures
- **Troop Courts of Honor**
- **Eagle Courts of Honor**
  - Eagle Courts of Honor
  - Scripted Ceremonies
- **Campfire Ceremonies**
- **Crossover Ceremonies**

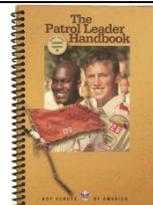
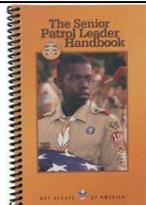
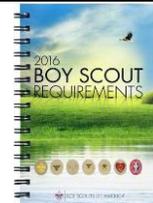
### • Leader's Minutes

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- **Planning Leader's Minutes**
- **Enhanced with Props**
- **Without Props – Part 1**
- **Without Props – Part 2**

## Books, Guides and Manuals

<p><b>Troop Leader Guidebook, Volume 1</b> Item: 616729</p> <p>Recommended for both first-time and experienced Scout leaders, this handbook provides a thorough overview of the responsibilities and rewards of leading a troop. Topics include troop meetings, uniforms and insignia, community service, awards and recognition programs, and much more.</p>		<p><b>Troop Leader Guidebook, Volume 2</b> Item: 616835</p> <p>The second volume of the two-volume Troop Leader Guidebook provides additional information on for successfully leading a troop. Both volumes are for use by new and experienced Scout leaders alike.</p>	
<p><b>The Troop Committee Guidebook</b> Item: 616928</p> <p>This manual provides guidelines for successful troop operations. Topics include the organization of scouting, recruiting adult leaders, troop finances, running committee meetings and more.</p>		<p><b>2014 BSA Fieldbook—Coil Bound</b> Item: 619044</p> <p>Always a best-seller, each generation of the BSA Fieldbook has become the gold standard in outdoor survival know-how for its time... and this new edition is no exception.</p>	
<p><b>Program Features for Troops, Teams, and Crews: A Guide to Program Planning—Vol. 1</b> Item: 616351</p> <p>Guide to troop program planning features 12 months of program helps. Subjects in this first volume include Camping, Climbing, Rappelling, Communication, Cycling, First Aid, Games, Geocaching, Hiking, Outdoor Ethics, Paddle Sports, Pioneering, Rifle Shooting.</p>		<p><b>13th Edition Boy Scout Handbook</b> Item: 633360</p> <p>Newly updated, this 13th edition of the Boy Scout Handbook is still the go-to book for every Scout. Featuring updated images and design, this edition offers more information than ever before, including additional information pertaining to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service at all ranks</li> <li>• Healthy eating habits</li> <li>• Requirements</li> <li>• Physical fitness at each rank</li> <li>• Outdoor ethics</li> <li>• Weather safety</li> <li>• Risk assessment and mitigation</li> <li>• Requirements incorporating Duty to God to show Scout Spirit</li> </ul> <p>Handbook is bound with a plastic coil binding which allows it to lay flat when opened. This handbook is a BSA requirement for all Boy Scouts.</p>	
<p><b>Program Features for Troops, Teams and Crews: A Guide to Program Planning Vol. 2</b> Item: 616352</p> <p>Guide to troop program planning features 12 months of program helps. Subjects in this second volume include Archery, Backpacking, Citizenship, Engineering, Fishing, Fly-Fishing, Fitness &amp; Nutrition, Living History, Mathematics, Mentoring, Music, Orienteering, Scuba Diving, Soccer, Special Needs Awareness, Wilderness Survival, Wildlife Management.</p>		<p><b>BSA Guide to Awards and Insignia</b> Item: 620572</p> <p>This pamphlet presents detailed information to enable BSA members to wear the correct and complete uniform on all suitable occasions. Includes instructions for placement of awards and insignia on uniform.</p>	
<p><b>Program Features for Troops, Teams and Crews: A Guide to Program Planning Vol. 3</b> Item: 616353</p> <p>Guide to troop program planning features 12 months of program helps. Subjects in this third volume include Caving, Cooking, Duty to God, Emergency Preparedness, Ethics, Financial Management, Multi Media, Nature &amp; Environment, Project COPE, Project Planning, Shotgun Shooting and Skateboarding.</p>		<p><b>Guide to Advancement-2015</b> Item: 620573</p> <p>The official source for administering advancement in all Boy Scouts of America programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cub Scouting</li> <li>• Boy Scouting</li> <li>• Varsity Scouting</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Guide to Safe Scouting</b> Item: 618622</p> <p>Updated for 2014, this pamphlet provides an overview of current BSA safety policies, procedures, and guidelines... the stepping stones toward safe and enjoyable adventures. The purpose of the Guide to Safe Scouting is to prepare members of the Boy Scouts of America to conduct</p>			

<p>Scouting activities in a safe and prudent manner. The policies and guidelines have been established because of the real need to protect members from known hazards that have been identified through over 100 years of experience.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Venturing</li> <li>• Sea Scouts</li> </ul> <p>Updated edition includes Frequently Asked Questions, Internet Advancement Highlights, and a helpful Appendix.</p>
<p><b>Merit Badge Booklets</b> 135 to select from. Start off with the ones that you have counselors for offer at summer camp and that interest the boys. Some troops build their MB libraries from donated booklet from boys that purchased their own copies and donated them to the troop.</p>	<p><b>2016 Boy Scout Requirements Book</b> Item: 621535 This updated 2016 edition of Boy Scout Requirements details the official requirements for the Boy Scouts of America by providing the latest rank and merit badge requirements. All information is effective January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016. Soft cover, spiral bound.</p>
<p><b>Senior Patrol Leader Handbook</b> Item: 32501 Completely revised for new patrol leaders, this provides the groundwork for leading troop and patrol activities and being an effective leader at troop meetings and on the trail.</p>	<p><b>Patrol Leader Handbook</b> Item: 32502 The ready reference for junior leaders to help them understand the importance of each of their jobs in the successful operation of their troop.</p>



## Notes on Scouting Resources

- No leader in Scouting should feel they have to reinvent the wheel by creating resources for activities or training. There are plenty of resources available, but leaders often do not know where to find them.
- The information in resources prepared by the BSA are accurate and does not add or subtract from what a Scout or unit needs to do in the program.
- Official BSA resources are always organized according to age and stage appropriateness.
- The online resources connect users with material that relates to their specific needs. However, Scouters need to remember that not everyone has access to online resources or even a computer.
  - Your council office can obtain copies of print resources and reproduce them as needed for training and reference.
  - Almost all printed materials can be purchased at a Scout shop or online.
  - The most important resource each youth needs is their own copy of the *Boy Scout Handbook* for their particular program. Most units bundle the cost of the handbook into the youth's registration fee.
- Each online resource is the most current material, marked with the date it became available and what resource it replaces. Online updates also indicate the current ordering number for print copies and effective date of use.
- Some resources are intended to supplement but not replace face-to-face interaction. For example, workbooks for merit badges serve as an easy way for youth to keep notes, but they do not replace the need for discussions or live demonstrations of knowledge or skills.
- Official resources are checked and rechecked to ensure they are helping units deliver a quality program. The resources are checked for health and safety concerns, for meeting the stated goals of the activity, for ease of implementation, and whether they provide fun for everyone.
- Official resources should be regarded as the proper way to deliver the program, rather than relying on the attitude that "this is the way we've always done it."
- Changes in how the overall Scouting program is delivered are reflected and reinforced through official resources. An increased emphasis on outdoor ethics, for example, has been accomplished through emphasizing *Leave No Trace* to replace older practices on how units go camping.
- Having access to the resources does not replace training. If anything, training shows a leader how to use those resources to deliver the aims and methods of Scouting, and specifically how to conduct the activity or advancement opportunity they are running. Training sessions will provide a list of resources used or referenced so that a leader can find them after the training session is completed.
- Resources are also designed to be usable in the years ahead, so that an activity done one year can be offered again in the future. Cub Scout activities are used most often, as a new group of boys joins each year. Boy Scout and Venturing activities can be reused with changes in location or the skill emphasized.
- Many online resources are collections of activities that have been successful for other unit leaders. Feel free to use these activities after confirming that they are still appropriate for Scouting.