

East Carolina Council, BSA

100th Anniversary

Southern District



Southern District Winter Camporee

At Camp Albemarle (formerly Camp Sam Hatcher)

LEADERS GUIDE

Event Lead Scott Parry

Version 6



Scouts and Scouters,

This years Southern District Camporee will be a round robin type event with a lot of time to complete events and accomplish internal scout requirements within your unit at your campsite. The goal is to have to have events conclude with Tug of war competition in the afternoon.

Evening activities include a dessert contest for both scouts and scouters followed by the campfire with skits which will lead into the Order of Arrow call out ceremony.

Service for this event is to bring a non-perishable food item that will be collected until 1200 on Saturday then delivered to local food bank. We also ask that each unit bring a bag of bird seeds that will be brought out to Camp Boddie for use during their summer camp ecology programs. Each unit will have a bird feeder or birdhouse to mark with their unit number that will be placed along the Nature trail at Camp Boddie to enhance the wildlife and assist with ecology merit badges.

Will be looking for Troops/ Crews/Ships to assist with the events.

Can't wait to see everyone at Camp Albemarle (formerly Camp Sam Hatcher) this year.

Yours in Scouting.

Scott Parry

I would like to thank all the scouts and scouters who are helping make this event possible. Thank you to all the prior event leads that allowed usage of parts of their leaders guide to make this one possible. This is a living document and always getting improvements to event details, grammar, index, and overall content. We want to thank Camp Albemarle for our usage agreement.

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Information

When: February 23 – 25, 2023

Where: Camp Albemarle (formerly Camp Sam Hatcher), 1201 Sam Hatcher Rd, Newport, NC 28570

Cost: \$16.00 per person. Registration closes February 20, 2023.

Eligibility: This event is open to any registered Scout/Venturer/Sea Scout/Explorer. Webelos may participate with permission of their intended crossover Troop. Webelos who register must have a parent/guardian camp with them and the Unit must have a BALOO trained leader in attendance. WE WILL FOLLOW ALL RULES OUTLINED IN THE GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING. If the unit does not have a BALOO trained leader, then Webelos may attend with their parent/guardian for the day on Saturday ONLY and must exit camp prior to evening taps. This event is not open to individual Webelos and Webelos Dens, you must be participating with a Troop and the individuals attending must be included on a unit roster.

Registration: Please register your Scouts and Adult Leaders no later than Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Registration will be via Tentaroo located on the council website at www.eccbsa.org. After registering your unit, please e-mail Scott Parry at Scottparry39@gmail.com with your unit number and anticipated participate numbers to assist with campsite assignments and to volunteer to lead an event.

Check-In: The gates at Camp Albemarle will open Friday afternoon (2pm). This is to provide convenience to those who may need to drop off gear early. It is encouraged that scouts attend school that day and not show up to camp early. No one will be posted at the gate for information until 4:00pm. To keep from traffic back-ups at the gate, units may go straight to their campsite upon arrival at camp. Send one individual to the Bob Howard Lodge to let the gate attendee know that the unit has arrived. Leaders are requested to bring their unit rosters to the Friday night leaders meeting to complete the check-in process/ ensure patches and ribbons for event are correct.

Campsite Assignments: Campsite assignments are based on the size of the unit from Tentaroo registration and from past event locations.

Check-Out: Campsite inspections (check-out, not for competition points) will be conducted on Sunday before checking-out and ALL UNITS are expected to participate in closing ceremony and cleaning up. This is a carry-in and carry-out all trash there are no dumpster available at Camp.

Leadership: All units must have two adult leaders in attendance (trained and registered). All adult leaders will camp with their Troop/Crew/Ship. If Troops/Crews/Ships are unable to attend because of adult leadership, they should buddy-up with another unit. Female leadership is required for Scouts BSA Girl Troops or coed Crews and Ships.

Electric Outlets: There is limited power at Camp Albemarle and some campsites have no power access at all. If any unit needs power for a medical device (CPAP, Ventilator, Oxygen Concentrator, etc.) you **MUST** email Scott Parry at Scottparry39@gmail.com **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 21, 2024**. Once campsite assignments are made, there will be no unit changes. Electrical outlets should be used for medical devices only and not to charge cell phones and other electrical devices. Individuals must bring their own power cords and/or “drop” cords.

Patrol Sizes and Events: All events are based upon an eight (8) Scout patrol. All Scouts are encouraged to participate. For patrols with less than eight (8) Scouts, some may have to execute certain portions of the events more than once.

Patrol Score Sheets/Top Troop Award: Patrol Score Sheets and Score Sheets for the Top Troop Award will be given out at the Friday night leaders meeting. Each unit will receive a packet that includes everything needed for the weekend.

Uniform Inspection: This event will not include uniform inspection since various groups have been invited. Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniform for events such as the lowering of colors, campfire, etc.

GUIDELINES

A. Prohibited Items: The following items are prohibited; Fireworks, Firearms, ***ILLEGAL DRUGS, and ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES***. Tobacco products should be used in designated areas ONLY.

B. Registration: All Scouts/guests are required to register at the Camporee Headquarters. All Scouts will remain on the Camporee grounds throughout the event. If there are compelling reasons or emergencies for leaving, permission must be secured through your unit, who will notify Camporee Headquarters. Units should notify the Camp Host of late arrival or early departure requirements.

C. Vehicles: All vehicles must be parked in the designated parking area. Motorized vehicles will be permitted to enter the Camporee grounds on Friday to unload equipment. They will then be parked in the designated parking area. ATV's, three-wheelers, and motorcycles are not permitted beyond the main parking area at any time. Golf cart usage or other specialized vehicle needs will only be permitted on a case-by-case basis for event attendees with special needs.

D. Leave No Trace: Camp Albemarle has limited facilities, and we will need to practice the following Leave No Trace measures.

1) Trash. Patrols will furnish their own garbage bags and properly dispose of them. All unit trash will be packed out. Scouts will keep the campground clean. Please throw wrappers and garbage into designated trash receptacles.

2) Toilet Facilities. Port-a-Johns have been rented and will be located at various locations throughout the Camporee site. The use of cat holes is not authorized. Talk with your Scouts about proper bathroom behavior. Please make sure they understand not to throw trash in the Port-A-Johns. Cans, bottles, various plastic or metal objects hinder the maintenance/cleaning crews' efforts resulting in extra rental charges.

3) Digging. No digging is allowed. There will be no ditching for tents or digging fire pits.

4) Fires. A Troop campfire is authorized at your campsite. Utilized the fire rings in your campsite if you want a campfire. Ensure proper site preparation for your fire area. There will be NO exception to this rule. Fires will only be allowed and determined by the current fire conditions, which will be announced at check-in. No fires may be left unattended.

5) Water. There is potable water available at the Camp.

6) Wildlife. Do not injure, collect, feed, or otherwise disturb the wildlife, including their nesting areas. **REMEMBER, THIS AREA IS THEIR HOME; WE ARE THE GUEST.**

7) Conduct. Defacing, destroying, or "trashing" of the property of others or the property of BSA will not be tolerated. Scouts are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will bring credit to their unit and the BSA.

E. Stoves/Lanterns/Fuel: All Patrols/Troops/Crews will do their cooking/heating of water with charcoal, wood, or approved chemical fuels. It is suggested that if wood or charcoal fires are used, a burn container be brought to protect the ground (there is limited wood available). In case of a fire ban, alternate methods of cooking should be planned. Generators will not be permitted on the Camporee grounds, except as perhaps might be needed by the Camp Host.

F. Medical: Each unit is expected to have a first aid kit for minor injuries.

G. Safety: Ensure all aspects of the Guide to Safe Scouting are followed during this event. At campsites, ensure all fire safety rules are followed. Check for dead overhead branches before setting up campsites. Bring any unsafe or hazardous conditions to the attention of the Camp Chief immediately.

H. Insurance: Council Event Insurance covers accidents only. It does not cover normal sickness. Hospital or doctor charges for sickness will be billed to the unit or parents and or guardians. All youth and adults must be registered with the BSA and the Camporee to be covered.

I. Uniform and Clothing: The Official Scout Uniform (field uniform) should be properly worn when traveling to and from the Camporee, during Saturday morning assembly, at the Saturday evening campfire ceremony, and during Sunday morning Chapel and closing. During the events on Saturday, an activity uniform may be worn; an activity uniform will consist of a troop/crew or Council T-shirt with BSA shorts or trousers (must in good repair, clean with no holes.) Shoes will be sneaker type, boots, or leather shoes. Absolutely NO SANDALS or open-toed shoes will be allowed.

J. Campsites: All campsites must always be attended by a responsible adult when Scouts are present at the campsite.

K. Leadership: Unit leaders are responsible for their units at all times.

L. A Scout is Courteous: The following rules of behavior will always be followed.

1) Scouts are not to roam through the campsites at any time!

- 2)** No Scout will enter the camping area of another unit without permission.
- 3)** Scouts will remain in their unit area between taps and reveille unless on authorized errands.
- 4)** Buddy System will apply for the entire weekend.
- 5)** Roughhousing and horseplay are strictly forbidden.

SCHEDULE

Friday, February 24, 2023

- 4:30pm – 8:00pm Arrival and campsite set-up
- 8:00pm – 10:00pm Unit Time
- 8:00pm- 8:30pm Cracker Barrel and Leaders Meeting at the Pavilion
- 10:00pm Taps/Lights Out

Saturday, February 25, 2023

- 7:00am Reveille/Breakfast
- 8:00am Morning Colors and Opening Ceremony at the Flag Pole (Class B)
- 8:30am Morning Events
- 11:30am Lunch
- 1-3:00pm Afternoon Events/ Gateway Grading/ Campsite Inspection
- 3:00 PM Tug Of War
- 4:00pm Silent Auction Ends/ Trading Post/ Water bottle Stickers Completed
- 5:30pm Evening Colors at the Flagpole (Please wear Scout Uniform)
- 5:45pm Dinner
- 6:00 pm Turn in Desserts to Pavllion
- 7:30pm Campfire and OA Ceremony
- 10:30pm Taps/Lights Out

Sunday, March 1, 2020

- 7:00am Reveille/Breakfast
- 8:30am Morning Colors at the Flagpole/Non-Denominational Worship Service and awards

9:00am Camp Clean-up and Departure

10:00am Please plan to depart and have all trailers picked by this time Thank You for all you do in Scouting for our Scouts.

EVENT 1 – Knot Relay



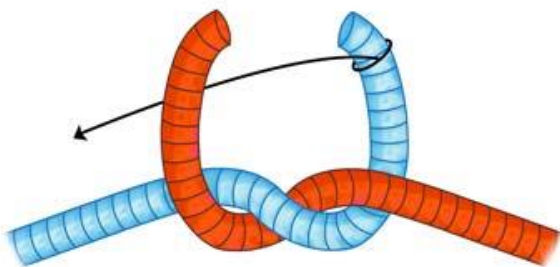
For the knot relay, patrols will need to show their abilities in tying eight (8) knots/hitches. The square knot, bowline, sheepshank, sheet bend, clove hitch, two half hitches, taut line, and a timber hitch will be included in the relay.

One scout will begin at a designated starting point. A judge will start the timer and give that scout the go ahead. That scout will then run 20 feet to the first station where the needed materials will be to tie the first knot (square knot). Once the scout ties the knot correctly, the next scout will run 20 feet to the next station and tie the next knot (bowline). This will continue until each knot station has been visited by the patrol. The timer will stop once the eighth and last knot has been tied correctly.

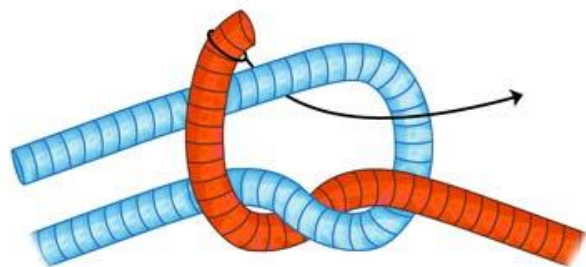
- If a patrol has less than eight scouts, it will be necessary for one or more scouts to double up on knot tying stations. Adult leaders may NOT participate. Youth ONLY.
- Rope and other materials will be supplied for the event. Units must use those materials and can NOT use their own. This way judges can ensure that nothing has been pre-started. However, scouts may bring rope to the event if they choose to practice prior to their patrol starting the event.

- Scouts should separate between stations prior to the first scout starting the relay.
- Scouts may not proceed to the next station until a judge gives the go ahead.
- If a scout cannot tie the specified knot at a station or incorrectly ties the knot, a judge will give them a second chance to either tie correctly or attempt to tie the knot. If a knot is not completed or incorrectly tied after the second attempt, a one-minute (1) penalty will be added to the patrols final time for each station where a knot was not completed.
- Scouts with any physical disability that prevents them from running from station-to-station can be positioned at any knot station ready to tie the specified knot. The patrol will NOT be penalized in any form due to a scout's disability. **REMEMBER: Everyone gets the opportunity to participate when it comes to scouting.**

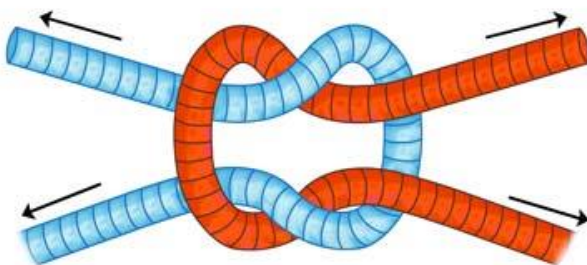
Square (Reef) Knot Instructions



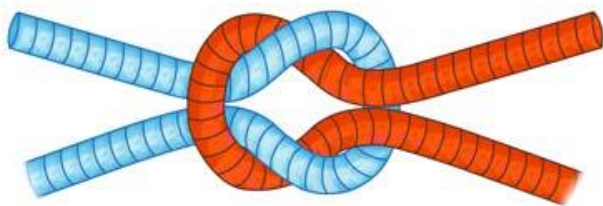
1 Cross the blue and red ends



2 Pass the red end through the blue loop



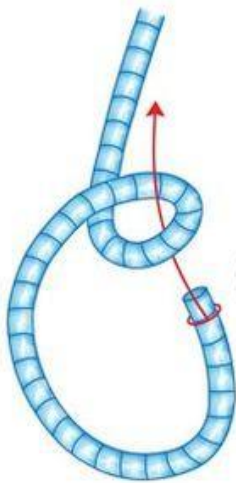
3 Pull the ends to tighten



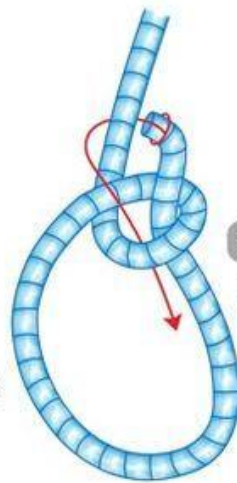
4 The knot is complete

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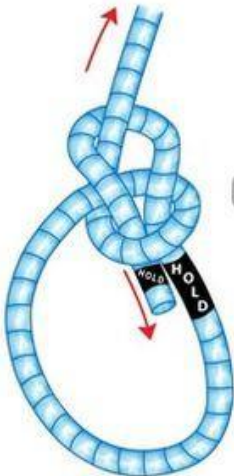
Bowline Knot Directions



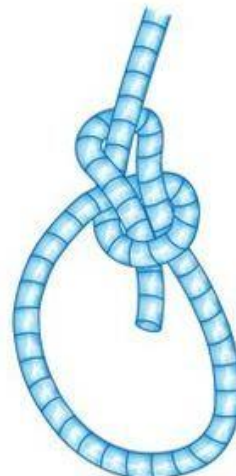
1 Pass the tag end through the rope loop



2 Pass it behind the standing part and through the loop again



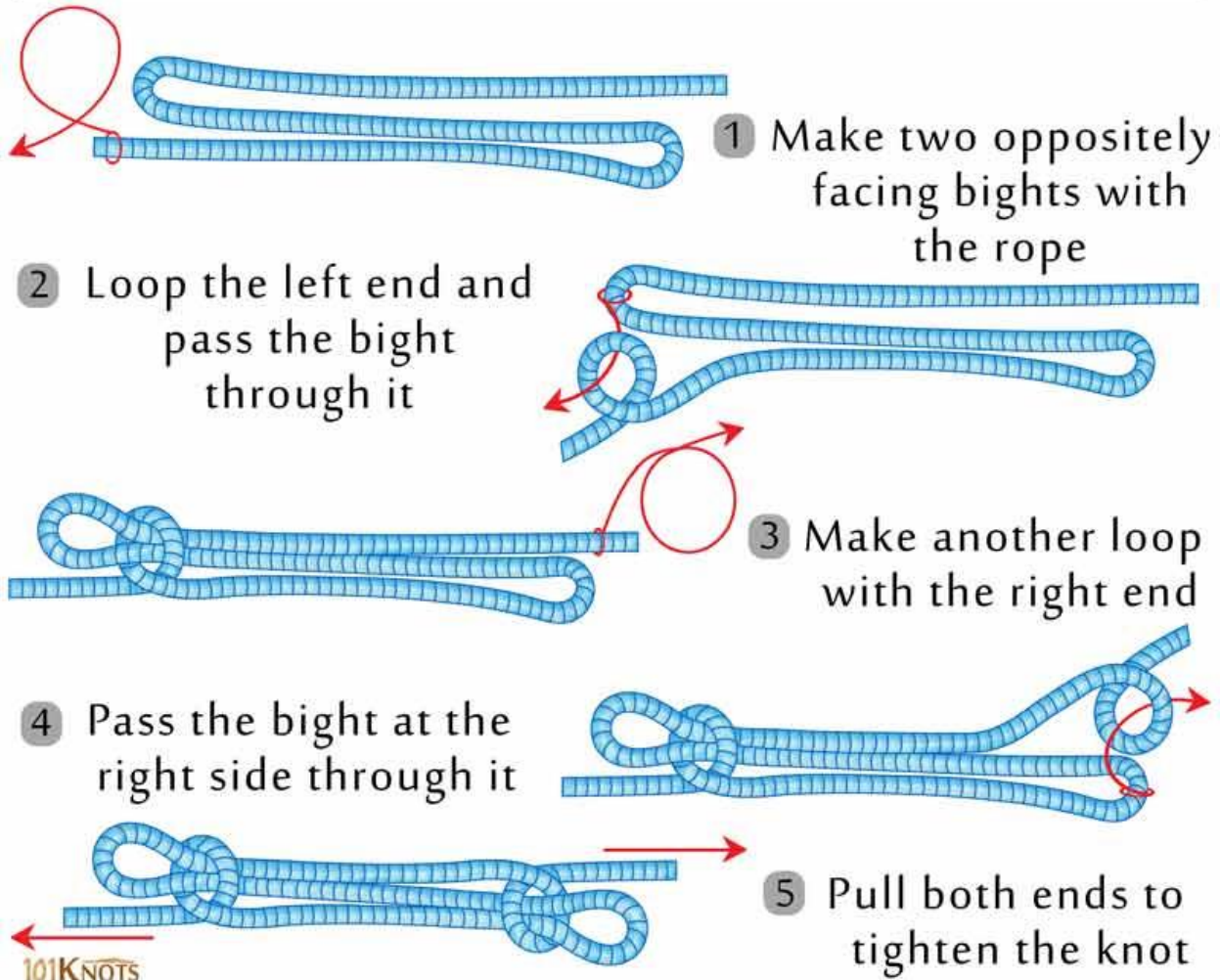
3 Hold the loop and tag end and pull to tighten



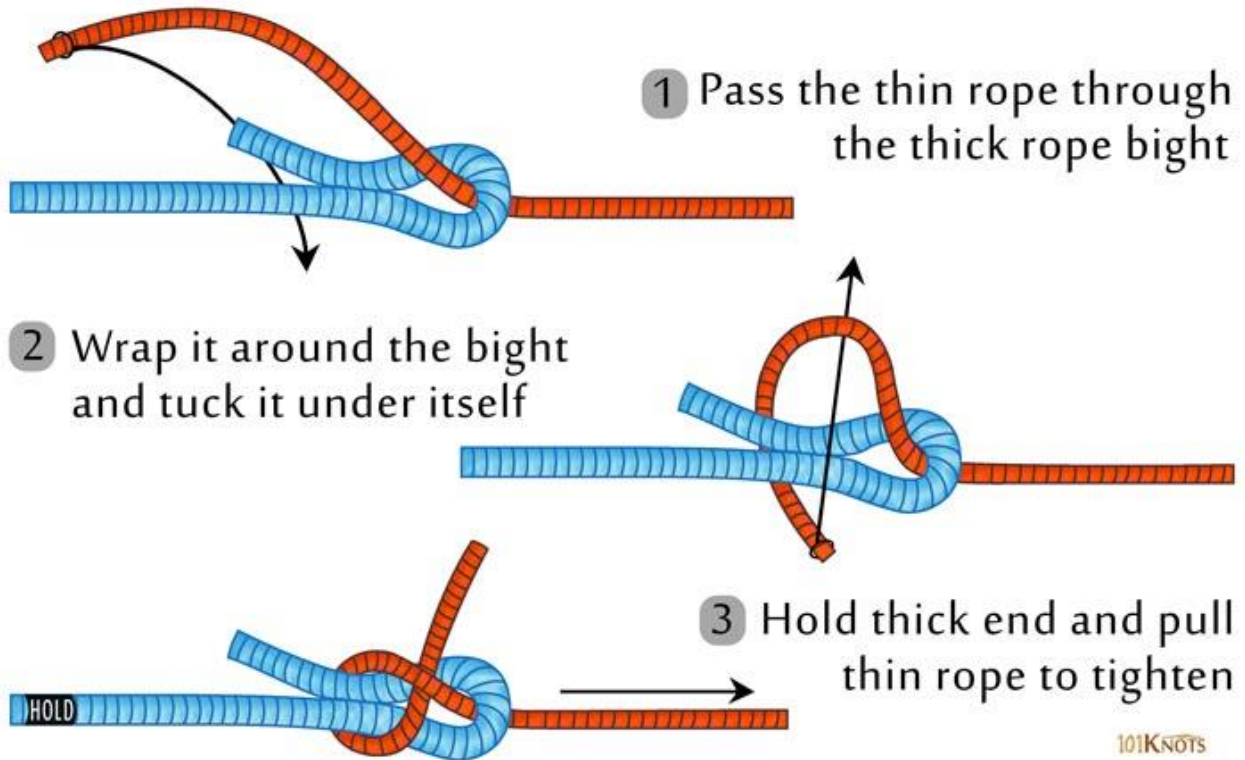
4 The knot is made

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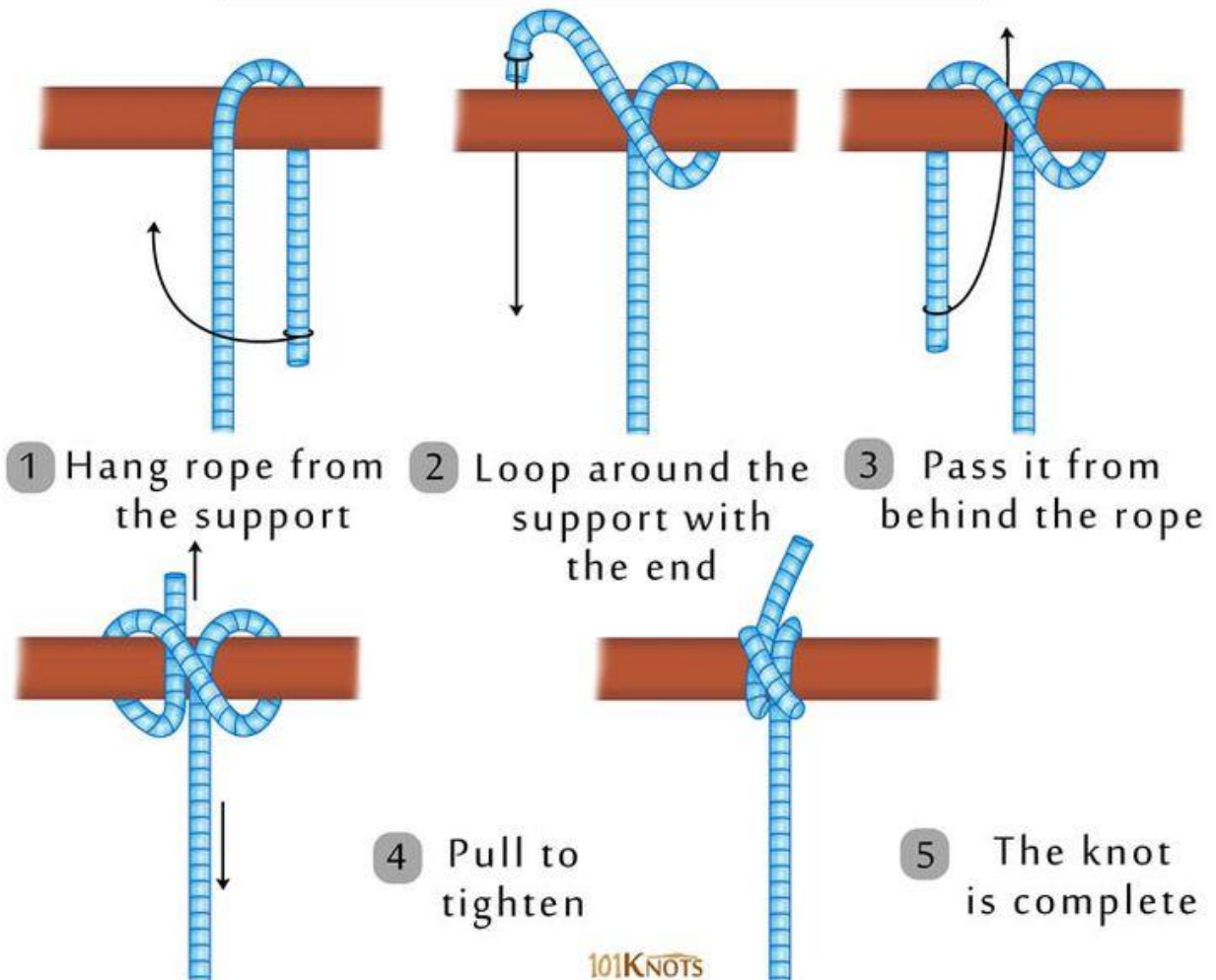
Sheepshank Knot Instructions



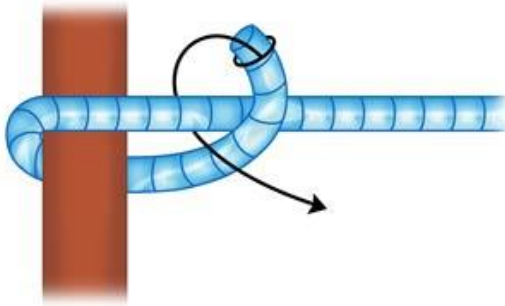
Sheet Bend Step By Step



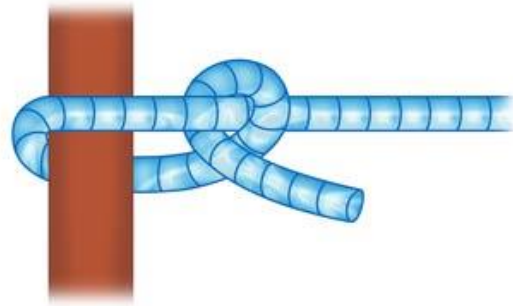
Clove Hitch Tutorial



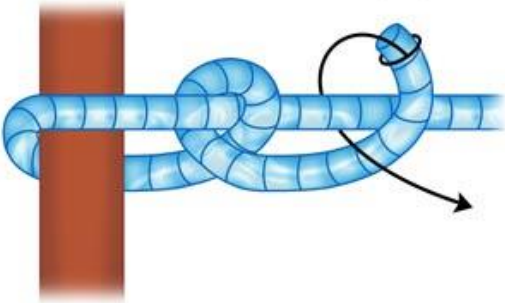
Tying Two Half Hitches



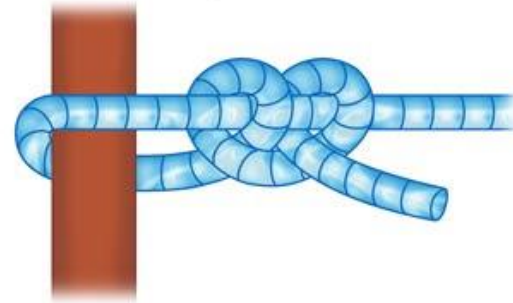
1 Wrap the rope around a support



2 Pass the end through the loop



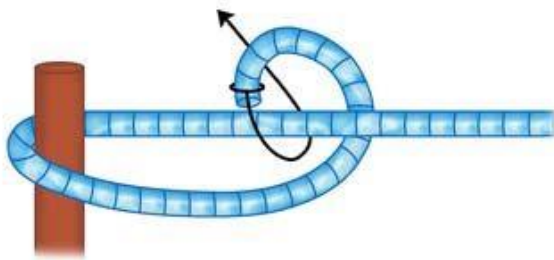
3 Wrap it around the standing part



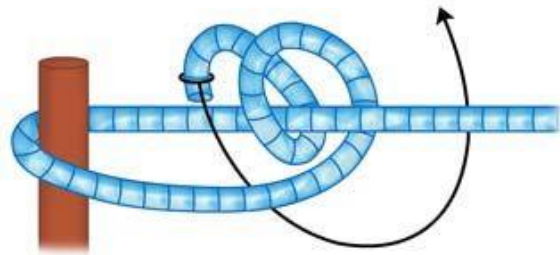
4 Tighten to complete

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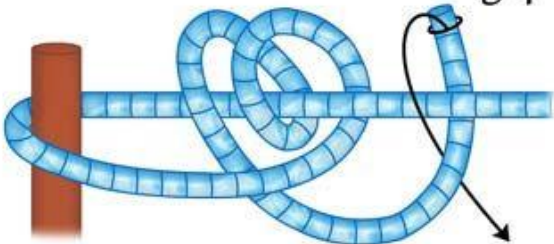
Taut Line Hitch Instructions



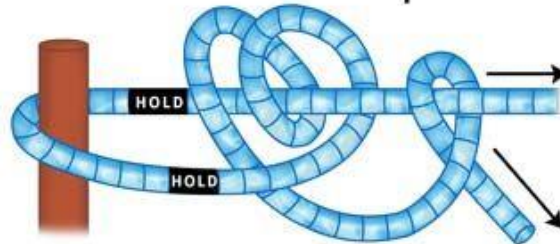
1 Loop around the support and wrap the end around the standing part



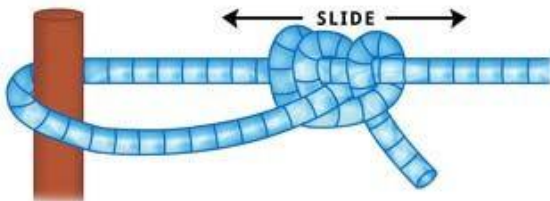
2 Wrap it once more and bring it out of the loop



3 Wrap it again



4 Hold and pull to tighten



5 Slide to adjust the tension

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Unit running Event will be provided with rope. (3/4 stations for this event to assist with rotation). Unit please provide sticks and logs.

Leaders check out Pioneering Merit badge for requirements for both this event and also Campsite gateway for your scouts.

EVENT 2 – Fire Building



A staple at most campouts for any unit is always a campfire. This event will give scouts an opportunity to showcase their skills at fire building. Patrols will have the opportunity to work as a group and be timed on their skills. Patrols will prepare a chosen fire lay between two stakes. Positioned two (2) feet above the ground will be a string tied between the stakes. Patrols will start a fire and work together to build their fire, keep it burning, and attempt to burn the string tied to the stakes.

- Patrols are responsible for bringing their own materials for fire building. This includes any tinder, kindling, and whatever their chosen ignition source may be (Battery and steel wool, fire striker, etc.).
- Fires must be built without using a lighter, matches, or any other source that produces an immediate flame.
- No fuels of any kind may be used to aid in the starting of the fire.
- No pits can be dug. Fires will remain above ground.
- Patrols will be given time to prepare any fire lays and the time clock will not start until they are ready to use their chosen ignition source.
- Time will stop once the string has burnt completely into two pieces.
- If a fire burns out prior to burning the string and the patrol must restart the process, the patrol will be assessed a five (5) minute penalty that will be added to their final time.
- Once patrols have completed the event, they should assist the event judges with extinguishing their fire.
- Burnt materials should NOT be touched and will be discarded by judges at a later time, once it is certain that they have been completely extinguished.



Unit running Event will be provided sticks for string and tape measure to run event. (4 stations for this event to assist with rotation). Please your units water jugs and shovels.

EVENT 3 - First Aid

For the First Aid event, scouts will not only present their skills in First Aid but will rely on teamwork to complete the event as a patrol. Scouts will begin by designating one (1) of its patrol members as the “victim”. This is not a timed event and points will be awarded for participation. Each patrol will display their knowledge on how to administer first aid for a first-degree burn, applying a triangular bandage to sling a broken arm, splinting an upper broken leg (femur), and then patrols must demonstrate the safe movement of an injured individual using a basic field stretcher.



- This is NOT a timed event. Points are awarded for participation.
- Adult leaders may not participate with “hands-on” but CAN coach youth if needed.
- Judges are only looking to see if patrols work together as a team and if the proper first aid is being administered correctly.



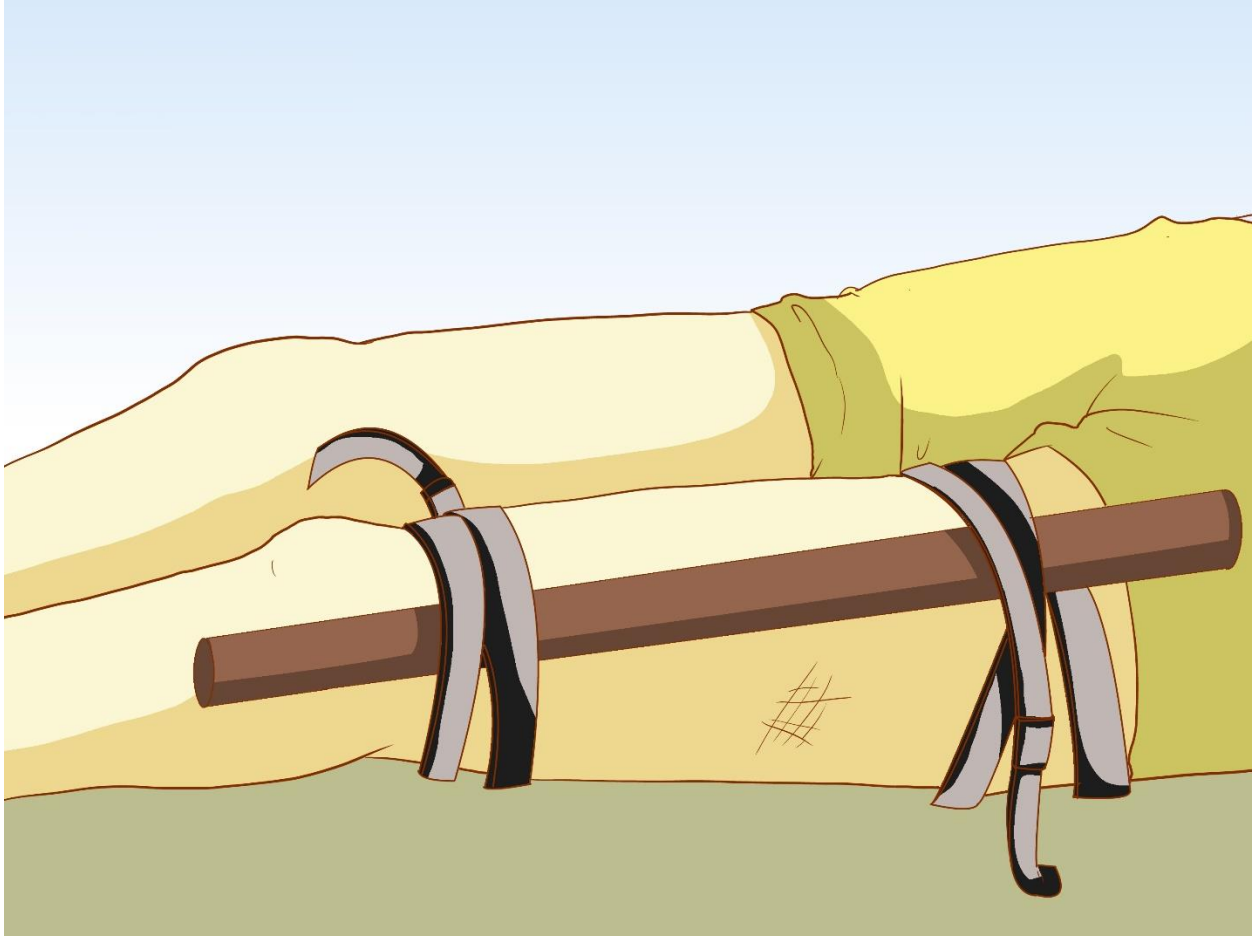
First-aid treatment 1st Degree burn

- Cool burned area with cool running water for at least 15 min.
- Damped with cool wet cloth
- Minor burns with only redness and no blisters, can be treated with topical burn ointment or spray.
- **Do Not** apply butter, oil to any burn
- May drink analgesics for pain.

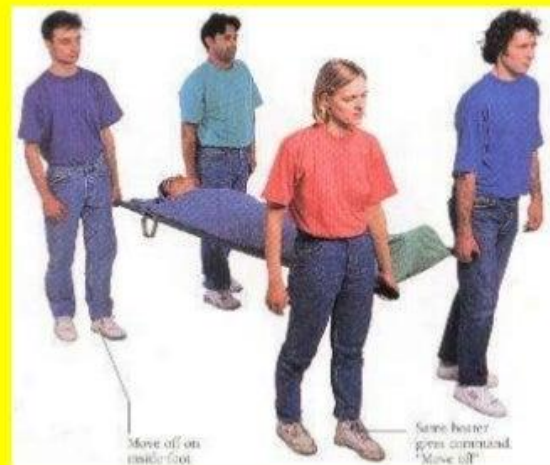


WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- SUPPORT INJURY
- PASS TRIANGULAR BANDAGE UNDER ARM
- BRING TOP END AROUND SHOULDER
- BRING LOOSE END UP TO MEET IT



Lifting & Carrying the Stretcher



Scouts will carry 1 Scout on there Stretcher 100 yards and back to receive full credit.

**Unit running Event will be provided with stretcher material, slings and splint material.
(2 stations for this event to assist with rotation).**

EVENT 4 – Stick Horse Blindfolded Obstacle Course



Sometimes scouts just need to have an opportunity to have fun! The obstacle course will have multiple elements and some of them will be a little surprising for everyone. This event will be timed for the “Top Troop” award, but times will not go against each individual patrol. Individual patrols will receive points for participation and completion of the course. This event can’t be practiced, But leaders will lead there scout through course blindfolded so let’s just say I will see you on Saturday for this one!

- Scouts with physical disabilities will be allowed and encouraged to participate with their patrol in whichever elements they can physically complete.
- The event will be timed but only for the “Top Troop” Award. Individual patrols will be given points for participation and completion.
- Adult leaders are encouraged to participate with their youth members if they wish to do so. Units will NOT be penalized if an adult leader chooses not to participate.

Unit running Event will be provided with horses and rope. Unit running will come up with the course. (2 stations for this event to assist with rotation).

EVENT 5 –Knowing Scout Heritage:

Scouts will have chance to give brief history on following Scouters :

Robert S.S. Baden-Powell

Ernest Thompson Seton

Daniel Carter Beard

William D. Boyce

Scouts will Discuss the importance of following:

Brownsea Island

The 1st Scout Jamboree (also name 1 unusual guest at the Jamboree)

The Scout Handbook (also how many versions of the scout handbook have we had since 1910)

Scout Life Magazine

Unit running Event will be provided all answers for event. (2 stations for this event to assist with rotation).

This event covers Scouting Heritage Requirement 2

EVENT 6- Kim's Game

Scouts will have 1 minute to look at items and then have to write down all the items they remember.

Unit running Event will provide the 30 items to go under the tarp or blanket, (2 stations for this event to assist with rotation).

EVENT 7 – Silent Auction/ OA Trading Post/ Water Bottle Stickers/ Event flyers

The Order of the Arrow's Croatan Lodge raises campership funds to assist scouts who need financial assistance to attend summer camp. During our weekend, we will have a silent auction in the Admin Building to help raise money to give to the Lodges Campership fund. An assortment of patches, knick-knacks, and other items will be displayed and auctioned off.



This will give scouts an opportunity to be **LOYAL** and **HELPFUL** to their fellow scouts. During their designated time, patrols should visit the Bob Howard Building and check out the silent auction. Scouts are NOT required to bid on anything. Points are awarded to patrols for simply going to visit the silent auction and observe how a silent auction works.

- Auction will end at 4:00pm on Saturday and items can be picked up at the end of the sale.
- No cancelling bids. Once an item has been bid on, the bid remains.
- Bid increments will be set on items to ensure fairness.
- Adults and visiting parents CAN participate if they wish to do so.
- Payment is expected at the end of the auction.
- NO Credit Cards. Cash, Check, Venmo, PayPal, and CashApp will be accepted.

NOTE: *If you have items you would like to donate to the auction, please present them at the Friday Night Leaders meeting.*

OA Trading Post- Will Have drinks and snacks for scouts to purchase.

1. **Event Flyer for upcoming events** (there be event flyers of events this year occurring through council)
2. **Bird Houses/ Bird feeder** (unit roster so each unit gets to mark bird house or bird feeder)

Water Bottle Stickers- Stickers will be available to purchase 4 for \$1.00 there will be a large assortment of stickers covering all kinds of outdoor activities/ places/ fun designs to add to your water bottles character.

Event 7 Trading post staff will award points for coming to trading post/ silent auction/ Water bottle Stickers – there is no need to buy/or participate in auction this is just an event to interact with other scouts/ talk scouting history due to items at silent auction/ possibly assist with completing parts of Scavenger hunt.

Crossing the Field 8

Patrol leader will instruct patrol on skis with scouts not allowed to talk. This a leadership/ team building exercise event (approx. 50 feet out and back).

Scoring- Will start at 100 and each time someone talks/ falls off will deduct 5 points. Max time 5 minutes.

10 Bonus points if bring your own 4 scout skis.

Unit running Event will be provided 2 Skis and items to mark course, (2 stations for this event to assist with rotation).

Dessert Competition

Bring your favorite dessert that you make to pavilion No later than 6pm on Saturday for judging. Desserts will be judged on appearance and taste.

There will be 1 Scout (patrol) and 1 Scouter awarded top Dessert Chef of the 2024 Winter Camporee.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

(Will earn points toward Patrol Scores and Top Troop/Unit Award)

Campsite Inspection Each Troop's campsite will be evaluated using the campsite inspection form found in this guide.

Gateway Competition All gateways are to be designed, constructed, and entirely built on-site by the Scouts. The following rules apply:

- 1) Adult leaders may monitor for safety and discipline but must not touch rope or poles. *The youth leadership should conduct all instruction and leadership.*
- 2) The gateway must be built 100% by the youth and on-site at the Camporee and may start as soon as you arrive at camp.
- 3) The structure needs to be sturdy and safe, i.e., will not fall over and hurt a Scout. Stakes and pegs may be used to secure guide ropes to the ground or to anchor the Gateway base poles for support & wind safety reasons. Holes are not allowed.

4) Flags, banners, signage, tarps/cloth coverings, etc. - the use of a few items other than poles and rope are allowed, but they must not be part of the structural framework.

Campsite Inspection Form			
UNIT _____		SCORE _____ (MAX score 100 points, 4 per item)	
Inspection Areas		Points	Notes
Campsite and Tent Area			
1	Camp perimeter properly designated and entrance is properly marked showing clear unit identification		
2	Campsite neat and free of litter and debris		
3	Equipment clean and properly stored		
4	Tents are organized, erected correctly, safely, and properly staked. A waterproof ground cloth is under each tent (not protruding from sides)		
5	Tents insides (Youth Tents) are clean/orderly; clothes and equipment properly in packs; sleeping bags neatly and consistently arraigned. Tents should be randomly inspected, so they do not need to be left open.		
6	Leave No Trace. No holes dug/trenched. Proper disposal of waste. No tree cutting, only small brush		
7	Useful pioneering projects are present in campsite or patrol areas (other than gateway) using natural materials		
Safety			
8	First Aid Kit equipped, labeled, and the location is visible		
9	All types of fuel stored appropriately		
10	All structures (canopies, poles, etc.) properly staked		
11	"Natural" holes in ground filled or flagged, all ropes/guy-wires/tent-fly ropes and other hazards safety flagged		
12	Fire Extinguisher in Kitchen		
Fire Protection			
13	Campfire area properly cleared (10') and metal fire pit used		
14	Fire buckets with water available		
15	Fire tools present and readily available		
16	Fire warden posted and filled out		
Axe Yard			

17	Axe yard properly laid out and marked		
18	Tools properly stored		
Kitchen			
19	Patrol boxes off ground, cooking equipment clean, well-organized and stored properly		
20	Cleaning station with scrubbing devices and detergent		
21	Garbage bags available and being used		
22	Troop has a recycling program established, is clearly visible, and is easy to distinguish from normal trash area(s)		
23	Menu and duty rosters posted		
24	Food (perishable and non-perishable) storage satisfactory (considering health, sanitary, and animal protection)		
25	Adequate water supply (drinking water, dish washing, hand washing) stored properly		

Southern District Camporee – GROUP ROSTER

Troop/ Crew/ Ship #: _____

Patrol Name _____

Youth			
Name	Age	Event	points
		1. Knot relay (Max points 100)	
		2. Fire Building (Max Points 100)	
		3. 1 st Aid (Max Points 100)	
		4. Stick Horse Blind Fold Obstacle Course (max Points 100)	
		5. Knowing Scout Heritage (max Points 100)	
		6. Kims Game (Max 100 Points)	
		7. Silent Auction (10 Points)	
		OA Trading Post (10 Points)	
		8. Crossing the field (max 100 points)	

		Tug of war (3PM Start) (50 points for participation)	
		Food drive (50 Points)	
		Bird Seeds (50 Points)	
		Saturday Morning Colors Bonus 10 Points	
		Saturday evening Colors Bonus 10 Points	
		Signed up for Campfire Skit Sign-up sheet at trading post Bonus 25 Points	
		Sunday Morning colors Bonus 10 Points	
		Part of Sunday morning Chapel Service bonus 25 points	

(Leaders please Print 1 copy for each patrol Attending) (Please Print out in landscape with both pages on 1 page)(This will assist in awards recognition)

1. Turn in for the Events/ Scavenger Hunt for each patrol is between 530pm and 600 pm after evening colors.
2. From Tug of War through Sunday morning Chapel Service Scout Leader award points for items you are participating in before turn in.

Southern District Winter Camporee Scavenger Hunt

Troop/ Crew/ Ship _____ Patrol _____

- Order Arrow Chapter Chief _____
- Order of Arrow Member _____
- Scout attended NYLT (national Youth Leadership Training)

- Scout Staffed NYLT _____
- Summer Camp Other than Camp Boddie (Troop and Camp Name) (3)
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
- Eagle Scout (3) from other units

- Scout that attended a National Scout Jamboree _____
- Scout that has attended a World Scout Jamboree _____
- Scout that has attended Philmont Scout Ranch _____
- Scout that has Attended Northern Tier _____
- Scout that has attended Sea base _____
- Scout that has Staffed Camp Boddie Summer Camp _____
- Eagle Scout who is a Member of NESA (National Eagle Scout Association)

*****This event is for the Scouts as a patrol to interact with multiple Troops, Crews, Ships as a patrol and not done individually to learn what other unit's adventures to expand their experience in scouting

Leaders, please Print 1 copy for each patrol Attending)

1. Turn in for the Events/ Scavenger Hunt for each patrol is between 530pm and 600 pm after evening colors.

Friday Night Meeting

1. Safety Brief- medical and injuries
2. Go over events and hand out items and location of each event.
 - a Event 1. Knot relay _____
 - b Event 2. Fire Building _____
 - c Event 3. First Aid _____
 - d Event 4. Stick Horse Blind Folded Obstacle Course _____
 - e Event 5. Knowing Scout Heritage _____
 - f Event 6. Kim's Game _____
 - g Event 7. Trading Post/ Silent Auction/ Water Bottle Stickers ____OA Members
 - h Event 8. Crossing the Field _____
 - i *If possible more Scouter/ Scouts helping at events the smoother rotation will be, patrols will start at 1 event rotate to events that are not as backed. Events will run from 830am til 1130am and then 1pm til 3pm. 3pm starts tug of war.
3. Scavenger Hunt- Leaders will be advised all individuals needed for Hunt are at Camporee.
4. Please turn in all Food items and Bird seeds to Trading Post no later than 12 PM on Saturday, so can get out to food bank. Location to mark Bird houses and bird feeders with unit numbers.
5. Event scorecard and Scavenger Hunt turn in after evening colors until 6pm at Pavilion.
6. Dessert Contest- Turn in after evening colors til 6pm at Pavilion.
7. Colors for Saturday morning _____
Saturday Evening _____
Sunday Morning _____
8. Skit sign up roster for Campfire will be located at trading post during day. **All Skits will be Scout appropriate.**
- 9.
10. Sunday morning Chapel Service _____
11. Sunday check-out and departure
12. Trash in/ trash out

Saturday Night Campfire Skit Sign Up
Campfire starts at 730PM

1. _____
2. _____
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20. _____

All Skits will be Scout appropriate.

Scouting Heritage

This is just an overview of their accomplishments and a starting point. Information was obtained from multiple sources on internet and is just a starting place to learn scouting heritage. Check out the Scouting Heritage Merit badge/ Scouting Websites/ local Library to get more information on the Scouters/ Historical events and Scouting Handbooks/Magazines.

Lord Baden-Powell

Profile - Lord Baden-Powell

Lord Robert Baden-Powell, (February 22, 1857 - January 8, 1941) was a soldier, writer and founder of the world Scouting movement. He was the sixth of eight sons amongst ten children. His father served as the Savilian Professor of Geometry at the University of Oxford and died when Robert was



just three years of age.

His first introduction to scouting skills was stalking and cooking animals, and avoiding teachers, in nearby woods, which were strictly out-of-bounds for the school that he attended. He also played the piano and violin, was an ambidextrous artist of some talent, and enjoyed acting. Holidays were usually spent on yachting or canoeing expeditions with his brothers.

Baden-Powell served in the British Army from 1876 until 1910 in India and Africa. In 1899, during the Second Boer War in South Africa, Baden-Powell successfully defended the town in the Siege of Mafeking. A Boer army of in excess of 8,000 men surrounded him and his troops. Although wholly outnumbered, the garrison withstood the siege for 217 days, and much of this is attributable to some of the cunning military deceptions instituted at Baden-Powell's behest as commander of the garrison. As a result, Baden-Powell became a national hero back home.

On his return home, Baden-Powell found that his military training manual "Aids to Scouting" had become something of a best seller and was being used by teachers and youth organizations. Following a meeting with the founder of the Boys' Brigade, Sir William Smith, Baden-Powell decided to re-write Aids to Scouting to suit a youth readership, and [in 1907 held a camp on Brown sea Island for 22 boys](#) of mixed social background to test out some of his ideas, which is now seen as the beginning of the Scouting movement.

[“Scouting for Boys”](#) was subsequently published in 1908 in six installments. Boys spontaneously formed Scout troops and the Scouting movement had inadvertently started, first a national, and soon an international obsession.

Although he could have continued his military career, Baden-Powell decided to retire from the Army in 1910 on the advice of King Edward VII, who suggested that he could better serve his country by promoting Scouting.

Under his leadership, Baden-Powell brought Scouting to the youth of the world and the world Scouting movement grew. By the end of 1910, there were over 100,000 Scouts in England. In 1922, there were more than a million scouts in 32 countries and by 1939; the number of Scouts had grown in excess of 3.3 million. Baden-Powell became appropriately known as the “Chief Scout of the World”

Ernest Thompson Seton

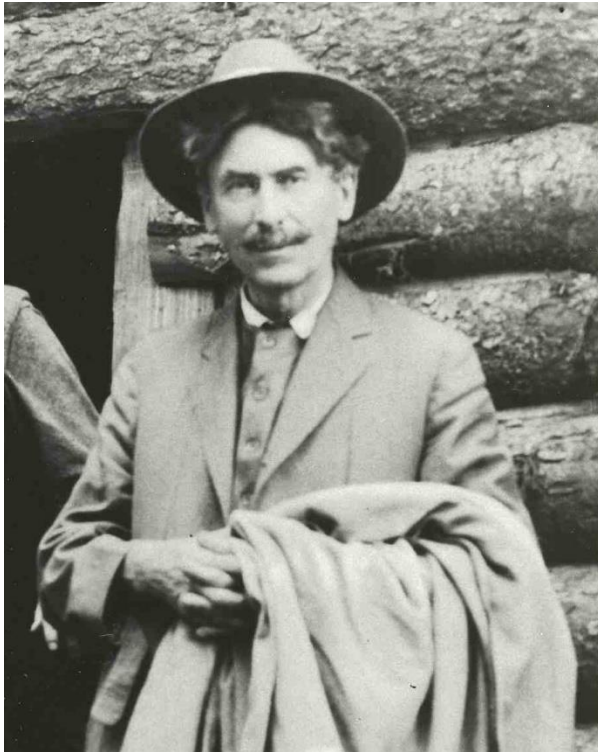
Profile - Ernest Thompson Seton

Ernest Thompson Seton was a Canadian naturalist, writer, and artist. He became very interested in studying wolves while working in Canada. Those experiences later became the basis for a number of animal fiction stories by Seton. Following his time in Canada, Seton moved to New York. When some local kids damaged some of his property, he invited them over for a weekend and taught them stories about nature and American Indians (as opposed to punishing them).

Seton created a youth group called the [Woodcraft Indians](#) in 1902; their program was based on American Indian culture and traditions. Seton wrote some articles for *Ladies' Home Journal* that same year; these articles became the *Woodcraft Handbook*, and the *Birch Bark Roll of the Woodcraft Indians*. [Baden-Powell](#) was strongly influenced by Seton and borrowed a number of Seton's ideas for his 1908 book *Scouting for Boys*.

In 1910, Seton helped to found the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Seton wrote the Official Handbook: *A Handbook of Woodcraft, Scouting, and Life-craft* (in which he relied greatly on Baden-Powell's [Scouting for Boys](#), as well as his own Birch Bark Roll), merged the Woodcraft Indians with the BSA, and served as the first Chief Scout of the BSA from 1910 to 1915. Seton made sure that

American Indian culture had a significant role in the BSA. [American Indian culture also had an impact on the the founders of the Order of the Arrow.](#)



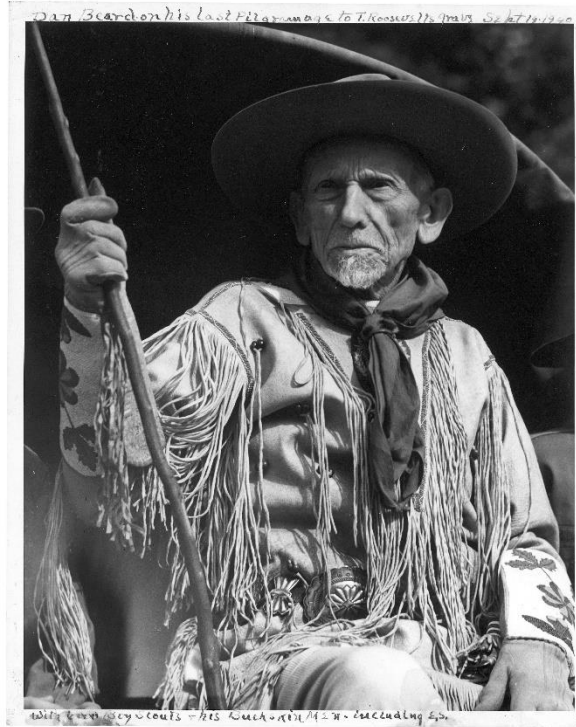
Daniel Carter Beard

Profile - Daniel Carter Beard

Daniel Carter Beard, known to many in Scouts as “Uncle Dan” Beard, was an American illustrator and author. He illustrated several books for the famous author Mark Twain. He wrote numerous articles for *St. Nicholas Magazine* that he later put together as *The American Boys Handy Book*. He was a good friend with [Ernest Thompson Seton](#), future Chief Scout of the BSA.

In 1905, Beard founded the Sons of Daniel Boone, which used many American frontier skills as their activities. This [group later merged into the Boy Scouts of America when it formed in 1910](#). Dan Beard was named one of the original National Scout Commissioners and held that position for over 30 years before his death in 1941. Beard and Seton are largely responsible for what is known as the “Traditional Scouting” movement (the BSA Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs, however, the term also applies to the basic outdoor skills and activities central to Scouting). Beard also served as editor of *Boy’s Life*, and wrote a regular column for youth in the magazine.

Dan Beard passed away on June 11, 1941. [E. Urner Goodman](#) was selected out of the national office to be in charge of the funeral. An estimated 2,000 plus Scouts lined the funeral route.



W. D. Boyce

Profile - W. D. Boyce

William D. Boyce was an American businessman and millionaire who owned numerous newspapers in the United States and Canada as well as a publishing company. In the early 1900s, he started to focus more on philanthropic projects than on business matters. It was during this time, as he was traveling around the world, that legend has it he was shown his way in London by an unknown Scout. The story goes on that the Scout refused gratuity, merely doing his duty as a Scout. The Scout is said to have then directed Boyce to the Scout headquarters.

We do know that Boyce did indeed go to Scout headquarters where Boyce picked up a copy of [Scouting for Boys](#) and other documents. Reading these books, he expressed interest in bringing Scouting to America and was given permission to use the British manual. More popular versions of this story have Boyce being guided by the unknown Scout after getting lost in the fog, and meeting [Baden-Powell](#) personally.



Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) on February 8, 1910. Boyce financially contributed to the BSA and appointed a permanent executive to run the organization. Boyce believed very much in the outdoor activities of the BSA and felt they were necessary and important to develop leadership and responsibility in boys, especially those boys who grew up in the cities, thus turning them into men. In 1915, Boyce created the Lone Scouts of America for Scouts who might not be able to participate in troops, which later integrated with the BSA in 1924. Boyce is also notable for having funded the organization and turning its ownership over to the executive board.

The **Brownsea Island Scout Camp** was the world's first i regarded as the formal birth of the worldwide [Scout](#) movement. [Robert Baden-Powell](#) ran the camp from [August 1 to August 8, 1907](#) on [Brownsea Island](#) in Poole Harbour on the South coast of England. Many of the concepts still used worldwide in the Scout programme were first used at the Brownsea Island camp.

The [centenary of Scouting](#) will be celebrated worldwide on the 100th anniversary of the start of the camp, on [August 1, 2007](#).^[1]

Background

Baden-Powell had become a national hero as a result of his successful defence during the [Siege of Mafeking](#) of 1899–1900 during the [Anglo-Boer War](#).^[2] During the siege, the [Mafeking Cadets](#) had impressed him with their resourcefulness and courage. He had also published a number of popular books on military scouting, including *Aids to Scouting* (written in 1899) which became a bestseller and was used by teachers and youth organisations. In the years following the war, he began discussing the idea of a new youth organisation with a number of people, including [William Alexander Smith](#), founder of the [Boys' Brigade](#). To test his ideas for "Scouting for Boys", Baden-Powell conceived of an experimental camp, and organised a camp to take place on Brownsea Island during the summer of 1907. He invited his life-long friend, Major [Kenneth McLaren](#), to attend the camp as his deputy.

The first Scouts

Baden-Powell invited 20 boys to the camp, from different social backgrounds - a revolutionary idea in class-conscious **Edwardian** England.^[3] Ten came from the well-to-do public schools of Eton and **Harrow**, mostly sons of friends of Baden-Powell. Seven came from the Bournemouth Boys' Brigade, and three from the Poole Boys' Brigade. Baden-Powell's 9 year old nephew Donald Baden-Powell also attended. The camp fee was dependent on means: £1 for the public school boys, and three shillings and sixpence (17½ p) for the others. The boys were arranged into four **Patrols**: Wolves, Ravens, Bulls and Curlews.^[4]

The site



Brownsea Island Camp today

Brownsea Island covers 560 acres of woodland and open areas with two lakes. Baden-Powell had visited the site as a boy with his brothers, and the owner, Charles van Raalte, was happy to offer him use of the site. It suited his needs perfectly as it was isolated from the mainland and hence the press, but only a short ferry trip from the town of Poole, making the logistics easier.

Uniform and badges

The boys wore khaki **scarves** and were presented with brass **fleur-de-lis** badges, the first use of the **Scout emblem**. They wore a coloured knot on their shoulder indicating their Patrol - green for Bulls, blue for Wolves, yellow for Curlews, and red for Ravens. The Patrol Leader carried a staff with a flag depicting the patrol animal. After passing tests on **knots**, tracking, and the national flag, they were given another brass badge, a scroll with the words **Be Prepared**, to wear below the fleur-de-lis.

Camp programme

The camp began with a blast from a kudu horn Baden-Powell had captured in the [Matabele campaign](#). He used the same kudu horn to open the "coming of age" [Jamboree](#) 21 years later in 1929. Baden-Powell made full use of his personal fame as the hero of the [Siege of Mafeking](#). For many of the participants, the highlights of the camp were his campfire yarns of his African experiences, and the Zulu "Eengonyama" chant - meaning "he is a lion".

Each Patrol camped in an army **bell tent**. The day began with cocoa, exercises, flag break and prayers, followed by the morning activity. After lunch there was a strict siesta, followed by the afternoon activity and tea. The day ended with games, supper, campfire yarns and prayers.

Each day was based on a different theme:^[5]

Day 1 ([August 1](#)) - Preliminary

Formation of patrols, distribution of duties, special instruction for Patrol Leaders, settle into camp.

Day 2 - Campaigning

Camping skills, building huts, knots, fire lighting, cooking, health and sanitation, endurance

Day 3 - Observation

Tracking, memorising details, deducing meaning from tracks and signs, training eyesight.

Day 4 - [Woodcraft](#)

Study of animals and birds, plants, stars, stalking animals.

Day 5 - [Chivalry](#)

Honour, code of the knights, unselfishness, courage, charity, thrift, loyalty, chivalry to women. Doing a "Good Turn" daily.

Day 6 - Saving a life

From fire, drowning, sewer gas, runaway horses, panic, street accidents etc. **First Aid**.

Day 7 - Patriotism

History and deeds that won the Empire, our Navy and Army, flags, duties as citizens, marksmanship.

Day 8 - Conclusion

Summary of the course, sports day

The participants left by ferry on the 9th day, [August 9](#).

Aftermath

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Following the successful camp, Baden-Powell went on an extensive speaking tour arranged by his publisher, Pearsons, to promote his forthcoming book, [Scouting for Boys](#). It initially appeared as six installments in a boys' fortnightly magazine, beginning in January 1908, and later appeared in book form. Scouting began to spread throughout Great Britain and Ireland, then through the countries of the British Empire, and soon to the rest of the world.

In 1932, the new owner of the island, Mrs. Mary Bonham-Christie, allowed 500 Scouts to camp there to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Scouting, but shortly afterwards, she closed the island to the public and it became very overgrown.

The site today

The island was reopened to the public in 1963 by [Lady Baden-Powell](#) when it came under the control of the National Trust.^[6] Since then it has been maintained as a conservation area and is a popular site for visitors. It is accessible by ferry from Poole.

The Scout campsite and parts of the island have been cleared, and Scouts have been able to camp there since 1964. A commemorative stone by sculptor Don Potter was unveiled in 1967. St Marys Church (about 0.2 miles from the camp) is lined with scouting flags from across the world. It is often used for services during large camps. There is a memorial to [Baden-Powell](#) and his wife inside the Church.

The Brownsea Island Scout and Guide Management Committee maintains the site,^[7] and operates a small trading post on the site. In Spring 2007, the Baden-Powell Outdoor Centre will be built where the present trading post is, creating a more extensive visitors' centre and Scout museum.

From the 24th March 2007, Brownsea Island will be open for day visitors (The island is closed to the public on the 1st August). The National Trust are operating a number of events throughout the summer months including guided tours, trails and activities in the visitor centre.

Since March 2006, packages have been available for Scouts to camp on the island, while Scout and Guide groups can also book day activities. To celebrate one hundred years of Scouting, there are four camps which are being organised by The Scout Association during July/August. Pre-booking is required for these camps.

The **Replica Camp** will run parallel to the three other camps (28th July-3rd August). Replica will be a "living Museum" and recreate the original 1907 experimental camp on Brownsea Island for visitors to the island.

The **Patrol Leaders Camp** which will be held between 26 to 28 July 2007, will be the first of the four camps and involve Scouts from across the UK, participating in activities like sea kayaking.

The **Sunrise Camp** (29th July - 1st August) will host over 300 Scouts from nearly every country in the world. The young people will travel from the World Scout Jamboree in Hylands Park, Essex to Brownsea Island in order to be at the birthplace of Scouting on the 1st August for the Sunrise Ceremony.

Finally, the **New Centenary Camp** (1st-4th August) will host Scouts from both the UK and abroad and will celebrate the start of the second century for Scouting. Scouts from all backgrounds and religions will come together to show the world that peace is possible in the same way that Baden-Powell brought together boys from different classes for the first camp back in 1907.

On the 1st August 2007, Brownsea Island will become the focus of Scouts worldwide as the island hosts the **World Sunrise Ceremony**. At 8am on the 1st August, Scouts all over the world will

renew their Scout promise - the focus being to make the world a better and more peaceful place.

The **1st World Scout Jamboree** was held from 1920-07-30 to 1920-08-08 and was hosted by the United Kingdom at Kensington Olympia in London. 8,000 [Scouts](#) from 34 nations attended the event, which was hosted in a glass-roofed building covering an area of 6 acres.

It was at this event that [Baden-Powell](#), the founder of Scouting, was acclaimed the [Chief Scout](#) of the World.

Olympia and camping

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Poster used to advertise the **1st World Scout Jamboree**

The Olympia arena was filled with a foot-(30 cm)-deep layer of earth, which was turfed over, enabling the Scouts to pitch tents within the glass-roofed hall.

However, around 5,000 of the Scouts were encamped at the [Old Deer Park](#) in nearby [Richmond](#). The Scouts rotated in and out of Olympia to give them all the opportunity to participate in the events there.

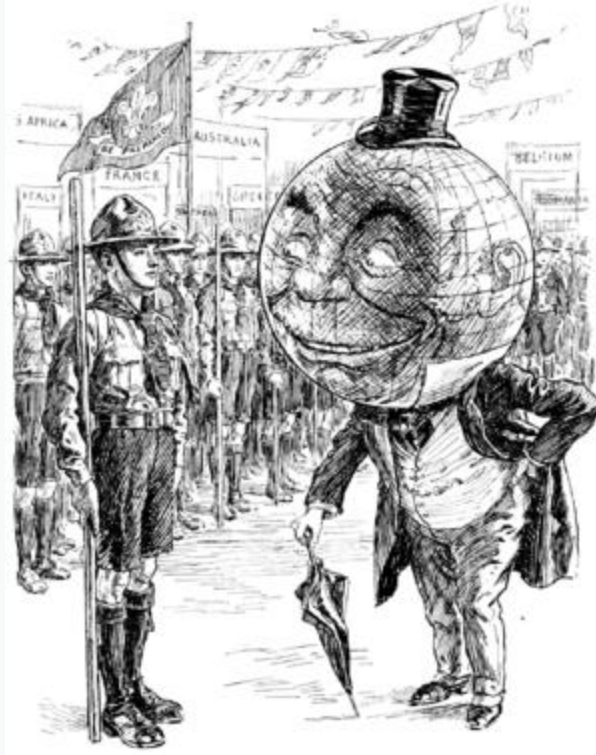
Olympia hosted numerous exhibitions, pageants and contests during the Jamboree event.

Chief Scout of the World

In order to honour Baden-Powell's role as the founder of Scouting, it was suggested by [James E. West](#), the [Chief Scout Executive](#) of the [Boy Scouts of America](#) that he be awarded the title of Great Indian Chief. ^[1]

However, during the initiation ceremony, one of the young Scouts shouted out "Long live the Chief Scout of the World", and so it became Baden-Powell's official title within Scouting until his dying day.

No other Scouter has held the title since Baden-Powell, as it cannot be conferred by any national sovereign or premiere.



The League of Youth

War-weary World (at the Jamboree). "I was nearly losing hope, but the sight of all you boys gives it back to me."

Cartoon in [Punch magazine](#) 4 August 1920, referring to the 1st World Scout Jamboree in the context of the aftermath of World War I

Baden-Powell gave a closing speech at the end of the Jamboree:

"Brother Scouts. Differences exist between the peoples of the world in thought and sentiment, just as they do in language and physique. The Jamboree has taught us that if we exercise mutual forbearance and give and take, then there is sympathy and harmony. If it be your will, let us go forth fully determined that we will develop among ourselves and our boys that comradeship, through the world wide spirit of the Scout brotherhood, so that we may help to develop peace and happiness in the world and goodwill among men". ^[2]

Jamborees since 1920

Of the twenty Jamborees that have taken place since 1920, there has never really been one that replicated that first event.

Many lessons were learnt from the first [World Scout Jamboree](#), including the acknowledgement that an indoor venue was too restrictive for the activities and numbers of Scouts who would attend.

It was also realised that above all else, a Jamboree is a means of developing a spirit of good comradeship between the boys of many nations and the more that aspect can be stressed, the more successful a Jamboree becomes.

Unusual guests

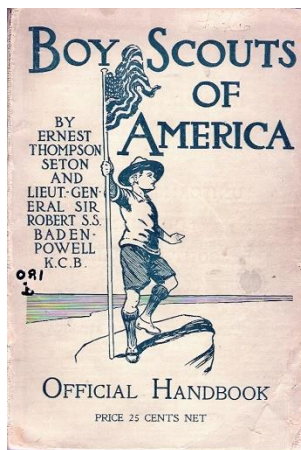
Amongst the thousands of Scouts, there was also a selection of rather interesting visitors to the Jamboree:

- An alligator from Florida
- A baby crocodile from Jamaica
- A **lioness** cub from Rhodesia
- **Monkeys** from South Africa
- A baby elephant
- A **camel**

First BSA Handbook

First Boy Scouts of America Handbook

The Official Handbook: *A Handbook of Woodcraft, Scouting, and Life-craft* (now known as the 1910 Original Edition Handbook) was written by [Ernest Thompson Seton](#) and was influenced significantly by [Baden-Powell's *Scouting for Boys*](#) (Baden-Powell's book was based heavily off of Seton's handbook for his youth group The Woodcraft Indians, The Birch Bark Roll.) This version was published from July 1910 to March 1911. While this handbook covered many aspects on the organization of Scouting and camping skills, it surprisingly ignored things like first aid, knife & axe use, and how to use a compass and map (all things that are basic subjects for current Boy Scout Handbooks.)



The *Official Handbook for Boys* was published in June of 1911. It covered Scouting virtues and morals at length, as well as including a standard Scouting program and regulations. As with Seton's version, first aid, knife, and compass skills were once again left out.

To Date there have been 14 editions of Scout Handbook

Scout Life



The cover of *Boys' Life*, December 1924 issue

Editorial Director	Michael Goldman
Staff writers	Aaron Derr, Paula Murphey, Michael Freeman
Categories	Boy Scouts of America
Frequency	Monthly
Publisher	Boy Scouts of America ^[1]
Total circulation (2013)	1,097,968 ^[2]
First issue	March 1911 (regular edition)
Country	United States
Based in	Irving, Texas

Language	English
Website	https://www.scoutlife.org
ISSN	0006-8608

Scout Life (formerly **Boys' Life**) is the monthly [magazine](#) of the [Boy Scouts of America](#) (BSA). Its target readers are children between the ages of 6 and 18. The magazine's headquarters are in [Irving, Texas](#).^{[3][4][5]}

Scout Life is published in two demographic editions. Both editions often had the same [cover](#), but are tuned to the [target audience](#) through the inclusion of 16–20 pages of unique content per edition. The first edition is suitable for the youngest members of [Cub Scouting](#), the 6-to-10-year-old Cub Scouts and first-year Webelos Scouts. The second edition is appropriate for 11-to-18-year-old boys and girls, which includes second-year Webelos through 18-year-old Boy Scouts, [Varsity Scouts](#) and [Venturers](#).^[6] If the subscription was obtained through registration in the Boy Scouts of America program, the publisher selects the appropriate edition based on the scout's age.

In June 2007, *Boys' Life* garnered four Distinguished Achievement Awards conferred by the [Association of Educational Publishers](#) (AEP), including Periodical of the Year.^[7]

The magazine's [mascot](#) is Pedro the Mailburro, who answers readers' letters and is the subject of a comic strip. In 2018, the BSA announced a pending title change to reflect the addition of girls to Scouts BSA, the renamed program that now accepts scouts of both sexes. The title was changed to *Scout Life* beginning with the January 2021 issue.

History^[edit]



[Norman Rockwell](#)'s first *Boys' Life* cover, 1913

In 1911, George S. Barton, of [Somerville, Massachusetts](#), founded and published the first edition of *Boys' Life* magazine. It was edited by 18-year old Joe Lane of [Providence, Rhode Island](#).^{[8][9]} He called it *Boys' and Boy Scouts' Magazine*. At that time there were three major competing Scouting organizations: the [American Boy Scouts](#), [New England Boy Scouts](#), and [Boy Scouts of America](#) (BSA).^[1]

Five thousand copies were printed of the first issue of Barton's *Boys' Life*, published on January 1, 1911. The more widely accepted first edition is the version published on March 1, 1911. With this issue, the magazine was expanded from eight to 48 pages, the page size was reduced, and a two-color cover was added. In 1912, the Boy Scouts of America purchased the magazine, and made it an official BSA magazine.^[1] BSA paid \$6,000, \$1 per subscriber, for the magazine.^[8]

Content^[edit]



Boys' Life, September 1919

Often, the version of *Boys' Life* geared towards older boys features buying guides for products such as cars, MP3 players, digital cameras, sunglasses, and more.

Boys' Life had in 2005 a monthly feature called "BL's Get Fit Guide". Each month highlighted a different aspect of physical health, such as diet, exercise, and drugs. Each month the magazine also features an unusual Boy Scout trip that most Scouts do not normally do. These trips range from a [Philmont Scout Ranch](#) adventure to a white water [rafting](#) trip.

In both versions, *Boys' Life* features a video game section, which, in addition to new video game reviews, contains cheats for a video game monthly. They also contain technology updates, as well as book reviews.

Content includes Special Features, Adventure Stories, Bank Street Classics, Entertainment, Environmental Issues, History, Sports, and Codemaster.

Comics have included Bible Stories, Pedro, [Pee Wee Harris](#), Scouts in Action, Rupert the Invincible, Rocky Stoneaxe, Space Conquerors (1955 to 1975); The Tracy Twins (created by [Dik Browne](#)), Dink & Duff, Tiger Cubs, Webelos Woody, [Norby](#), and [John](#)

Christopher's *The Tripods* trilogy. *Boys' Life* contracted with the Johnstone and Cushing art agency to produce much of its early cartooning content.^[10]

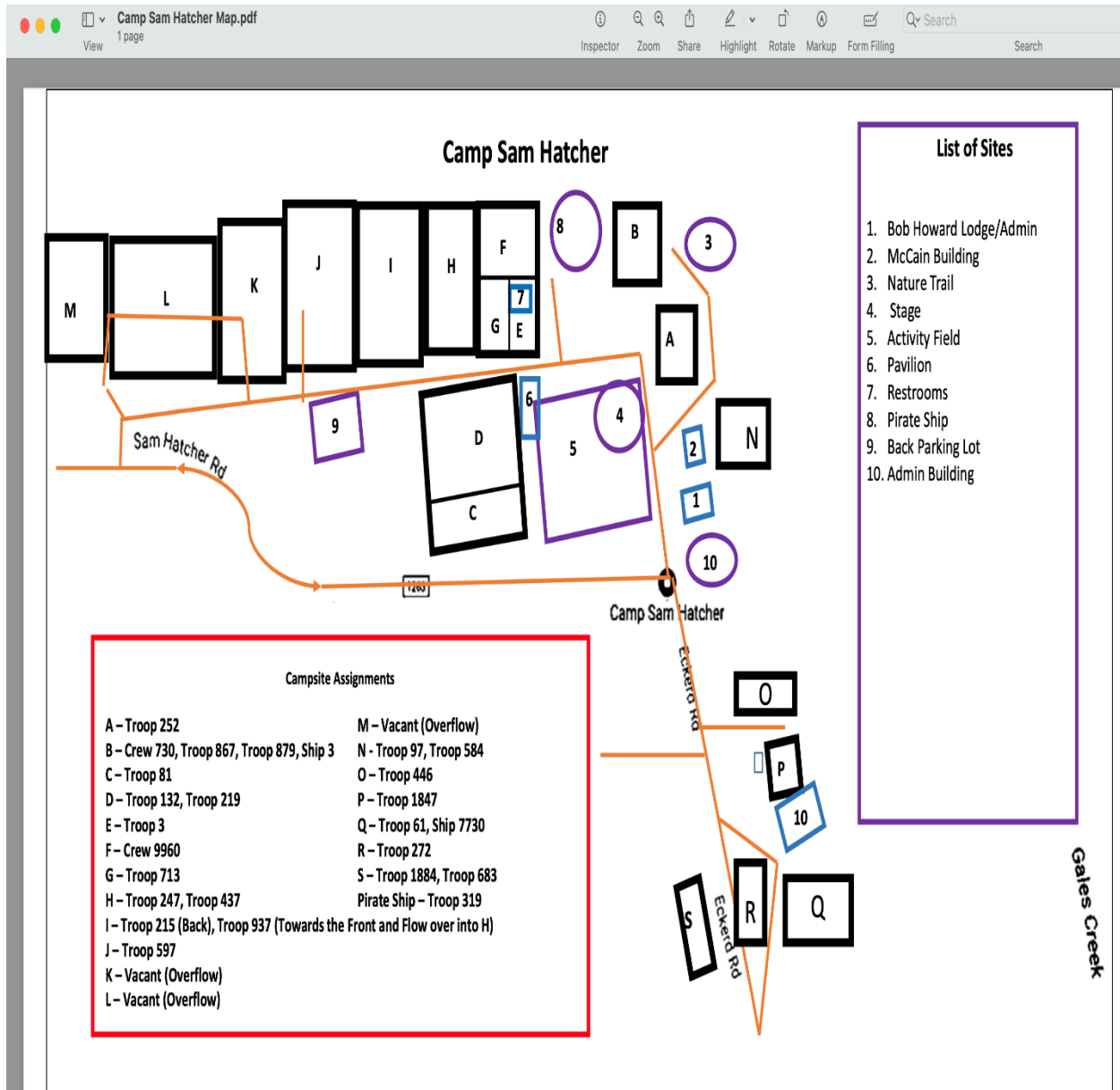
Feature columns include Electronics, Entertainment, Fast Facts, History, Hitchin' Rack With Pedro the Mailburro, Think and Grin (jokes page), Science, Scouting Around, and Sports. Two columns, Hobby Hows and Collecting, featured Scouts' own personal hobby tips and collections; Scouts were invited to submit stories for these columns and received \$10 if they were chosen for publication. There was also a Scouts in Action stories of scouts who helped saved persons lives.

Pedro^[edit]

Pedro is a fictional *burro* created as a mascot for the magazine. Pedro first appeared in 1947 according to an account in the magazine for June 1961 in which he appeared on the cover. Pedro's official function is "mailburro," and for years, he appeared at the beginning of the letters to the editor column. A short paragraph detailing Pedro's latest "adventure" was decorated with a cartoon version of the beast by cartoonist Reamer Keller. In every issue since 1989, *Boys' Life* included a column "written" by Pedro that later evolved into a department known as "Hitchin' Rack". Scouts could write a letter addressed to Pedro, and mail it to *Irving*, Texas, where the *Boy Scouts of America* (BSA) and *Boys' Life* magazine were headquartered. Responses would be published in the following edition of the magazine. Through his column, Pedro has given advice on camping gear, camping skills, and how to solve problems within with camping, fishing, backpacking, cooking, etc. The second cartoon was called "The Pedro Patrol".^[11] In this comic, Pedro and a group of Boy Scouts taught the readers scouting skills. The comic was discontinued and replaced with "The Wacky Adventures of Pedro." This is a comics section in the magazine, drawn lately by Tom Eagan, then drawn by Tom Eaton, and starting in January 2016, Stephen Gilpin. He also regularly appears in videos and games on the magazine's website.

In 1970, Boys' Life Merchandise created a scarf using the Pedro logo. In the 1990s, Pedro started to appear on T-shirts, sweaters, hats, insignias, etc. Pedro became involved with the Merit Badge Series (the Boy Scouts' award system), showing techniques and tips on how to earn particular badges. This led to "Merit Badge Minute", a new column established in 2010, giving tips for three badges each month.

In the January-February 2022 issue, Pedro retired. The comic was subsequently titled "The Wacky Adventures of Steve" in the March 2022 issue, and then renamed to "The Wacky Adventures @ Scout Life" in the April 2022 issue. In late 2022, Pedro was replaced by Scout the Maileagle, who also took over Hitchin' Rack.



Please disregard old campsite unit assignments, will try to use some but will adjust due to unit registered numbers for event.

