

Nuts
and
Bolts
of the
Outdoor
Program

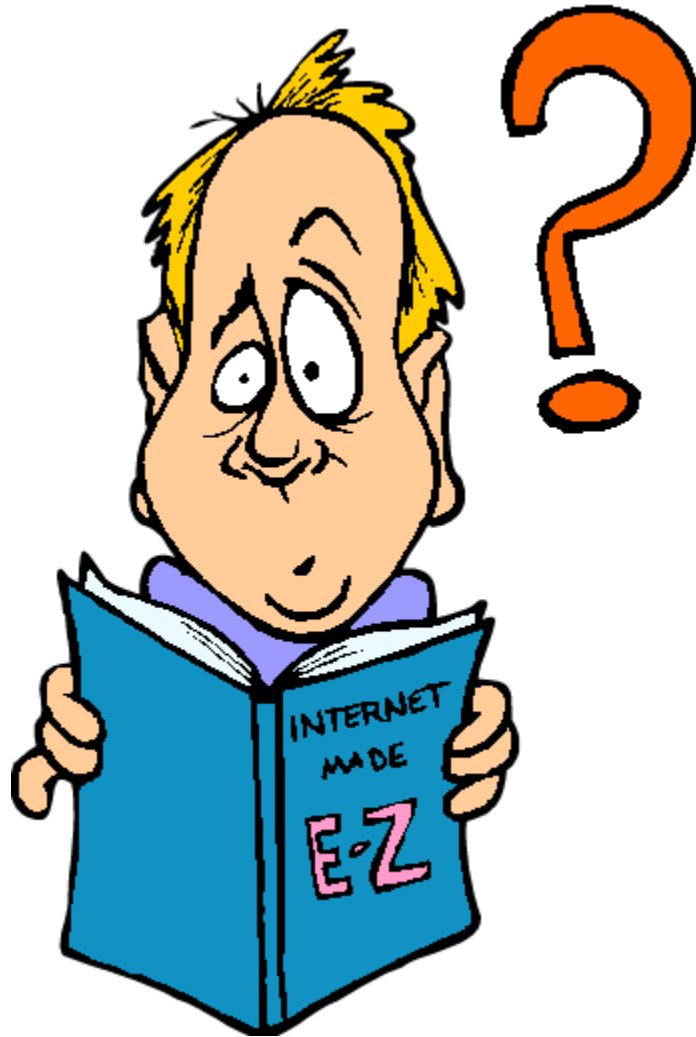


Goals

- understand that skills and Risk Management are the two main elements of adult leadership
- the patrol method is the right framework for program development
- the Sweet 16 is the BSAs guideline for conducting outdoor programs
- implement the Leave-No-Trace principles
- conservation and service projects are important components







Concerns

- lack of planning
- lack of preparation
- failure to file a travel plan
- failure to get a camping permit
 - not checking the weather
- failure to get enough adults for two-deep leadership
- bad transportation plan
 - no emergency plan
 - unsafe aquatic activity
 - no axe yard

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- preparation

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- participation

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- planning

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- paperwork

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- Preparation

What question do we all as leaders ask ourselves when considering an outdoor activity?



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Am I happy where I am now?

Do I really want to go on this?

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Resources



- scout skills – Green Bar
- Blackfoot
- Rivermen
- Okama
- Raven

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Resources



- special skills
 - canoe clinic
 - rappelling clinic
 - Climb on Safely
 - NRA Rangemaster Course
 - Passport to High Adventure
 - BSA Wilderness Usage policy

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Resources

Leave No Trace Principles

1. plan ahead and prepare
2. travel and camp on durable surfaces
3. dispose of waste properly
4. leave what you find
5. minimize campfire impact
6. respect wildlife
7. be considerate of others

Green Bar

Leave No trace Trainer's Course

University of Scouting classes



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Resources



Risk management

Green Bar (GB)

BSA Guide to Safe Scouting

Safe Swim Defense (GB)

Sweet 16 of BSA Safety (GB)

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1. Qualified Supervision
2. Physical Fitness
3. Buddy System
4. Safe area or Course
5. Equipment Selection and Maintenance
6. Personal Safety Equipment
7. Safety Procedures
8. Skill Level Limits
9. Weather Check
10. Planning
11. Communications
12. Permits and Notices
13. First Aid Resources
14. Applicable Laws
15. CPR Resources
16. Discipline

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The Key To



Leaders must strive to ensure the safety of troop members!!!!

issues now covered under New Leaders Essentials

- two deep leadership
- driver's safety
- BSA's policy on drugs, alcohol, and tobacco

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- participation

We need



who do this!



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When we are in help,
where can we go
and who can help?





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Patrol Leader's
Council



Patrol Leader's Council



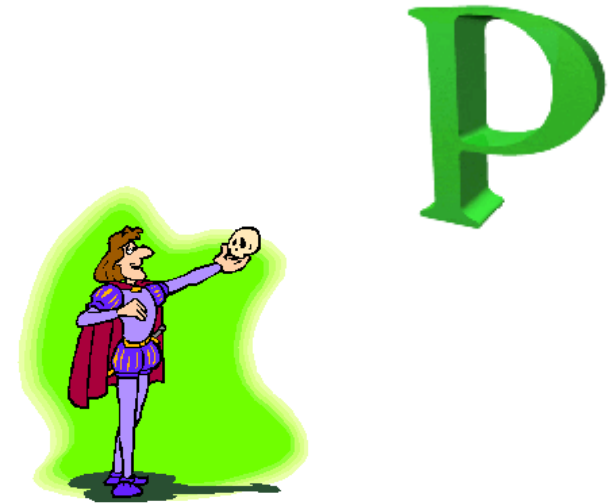
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supports and plans activities
enlists the necessary support
from the Patrol
ensures the plans are carried
through



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Troop Committee



Troop Committee

secures transportation for
the event

oversees addressing health
and safety concerns



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Scoutmaster
and
Assistants



Scoutmaster and Assistants



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ensures presence of two-deep
leadership

provides emergency planning
provides on-site health and

safety

ensures proper planning and
preparation



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Parents



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Parents

ensures Scout attendance
provides transportation
as needed



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Scouts



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Scouts

planning, preparation, and
execution of activities
observes discipline requirements

Participation is more than just attendance, it is active involvement

Each group shares in the delivery of a safe fun-filled outdoor program



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- Planning



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- Planning

The PLC !!



- Planning

Resources

libraries

Scouters and parents

Training courses and development of your
own Scouting "Octopus"

experiences and increasing challenges

future GB presentation on "Program Planning"

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- Planning

A ready available resource
is your

Scoutmaster's Handbook



- Planning

Scoutmaster's Handbook

- Chapter 9 – The Outdoor Program
- Scoutmaster's Campsite Quick Checklist
 - Scout Outdoor Essentials
 - Personal Overnight Camping Gear
 - Troop Overnight Camping Gear
 - Outdoor Program Checklist



- Planning

other considerations

- conservation projects
- alternative plans for weather/other conditions
- emergency/parent contact calling list



- Planning

The **SCOUTMASTER** must be prepared to step in and stop any unsafe and/or inappropriate behavior

The Scout Oath and Scout Law and BSA's Guide to Safe Scouting are the guidelines



- Planning

Serious safety issues arising from a boy's behavior are handled by the Scoutmaster and the Troop Committee and the boy's parents/guardians.

Chapter 11, "Working with Boys", in the Scoutmaster's Handbook can be referenced.

Everything I Need to Know I Learned from Noah

- Don't miss the boat
- Don't forget that we're all in the same boat
- Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark
- Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something really big
- Don't listen to critics; just get on with what has to be done
- Build your future on high ground
- Two heads are better than one
- Speed isn't always an advantage; the snails were on board with the cheetahs
- When you're stressed, float awhile
- Remember that woodpeckers inside are a larger threat than the storm outside



- Paperwork

Paperwork is a necessary evil but must be completed so that an activity can proceed safely and within the necessary approvals.

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"Whoa! Whoa! Dr. Goldfarb, please *slow down*.
You're getting way ahead of the
insurance paperwork."

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examples

- a written activity announcement
- activity permission slip
 - include permission for emergency care
- individual medical forms (each year)
 - both youth and adults
- travel plans (National travel plan,
if > 500 miles one-way)
- site permits

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travel plans

- do not change insurability of unit, Scouts, or Scouters
- show that due diligence has been exercised in the planning and preparation of the activity
- shows that Youth Protection Guidelines are being followed
- shows that sufficient, qualified drivers are available for the activity



Travel Plans

- submit all travel plans to the Council Office
- the Council is the reviewer of all travel plans
- BSA regional and national review is no longer required for trips under 500 miles



Travel Plans

- the travel plan consists of a tour planning worksheet to be completed by the unit,
 - is retained by the Council, and
 - a travel plan is returned to the unit after processing



Travel Plans

- there is a 21 day advance notice **requested** for units to submit the plan for review
- a single point of contact (not on the tour) for council use is included



Travel Plans

- when you **MUST** submit a travel plan

(a) trips of 500 miles or more

(b) trips outside of council borders not to a council –owned property



Travel Plans

(**MUST** submit travel plan – cont'd)

(c) trips to any national high-adventure base, national Scout jamboree, National Order of the Arrow conference or regionally sponsored event



Travel Plans

(**MUST** submit travel plan- cont'd)

(d) when conducting the following activities
outside of council or district events :



Travel Plans

(**MUST** submit travel plan- cont'd)

(i) aquatics

swimming

boating

floating

scuba

etc.



Travel Plans

(**MUST** submit travel plan - cont'd)

(ii) climbing and rappelling

(iii) orienteering flights
(process flying plan)

(iv) shooting sports



Travel Plans

(**MUST** submit travel plan- cont'd)

- (v) any activities involving motorized vehicles
as part of the program
(snowmobiles, boating, etc.)

