

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE PLANNING WORK SHEET

BACKPACKING

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	RUN BY	TIME
Preopening—30 min.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packing a pack demonstration • Types of hiking shoes • Using peak stoves to cook • Making a walking stick out of a Scout staff 		
Exhibits and hands-on demonstrations Trading post Registration			
Opening—7 min.	<p>Ethical people whose lives are a celebration—what could be a better description of Scouters! Some Scouters live like that. They teach, inspire, and spread joy by what they are. Here is the way it works: “My friendliness helps you become friendly, my trustworthiness helps you become trustworthy; or my hostility causes you to become hostile, my anxiety causes you to become anxious. If I affirm, you will become affirmative. This is what I call the language of relationships.” So we teach by what we are, by our relationships with Scouts, other Scouters, and the whole community.</p> <p>Scouters in any church group and many community groups are members of a team that consists of a sponsor, committee people, and other Scouters.</p> <p>As Scouters, we face many challenges and objectives besides our own. Scouts, fellow Scouters, team partners, church council, parents, community groups, and the Scouting movement all have expectations of us. But there is no need to become uptight. Many people in other responsible community positions face similar challenges and do not have as many personal rewards as those enjoyed by Scouters.</p> <p>We are not expected to be all that other people might plan for us. But we do have a personal responsibility to become all that God created us capable of becoming. This is <i>personal growth</i>, which must continue if we are to promote growth among boys.</p> <p>What kind of Scouters could that make us? Perhaps, ethical people whose lives are a celebration!</p> <p>Present colors.</p>		
Ceremony—2 min.			

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Welcome new people—
2 min.

Recognize first-time attendees.

Recognitions—3 min.

Training awards, National Quality Unit Award, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, etc.

Program Feature Development

Intro feature—1 min.

There is nothing like it. Hiking through the backwoods or along a mountain stream with a backpack, listening to the sounds of nature and being part of an experience with good friends. The biggest part of Scouting is the outdoors. Before backpacking was "in," Scouts had been doing it and were the experts in the techniques used. Whether you are at 10,000 feet or in a meadow, the feeling is the same.

Resources—3 min.

- *Backpacking*, R. C. Rethmel
- *The Complete Walker III*, Colin Fletcher
- *Backpacking* merit badge pamphlet, No. 3323
- *Hiking* merit badge pamphlet, No. 3380
- *Camping* merit badge pamphlet, No. 3256
- *Orienteering* merit badge pamphlet, No. 3385
- *Backpacking and Back Country Camping*, AV-683 and AV-683C

Program Feature—40 min.

Set up three sections—one each for leaders of new Scouts, experienced Scouts, and older Scouts. Let the Scouters choose which section to attend. For each section, select topics to be discussed and plan hands-on experiences. To lead each section, use outside experts or experienced Scouters who are good instructors.

New Scout level

- Tentage
 - Good starter equipment
 - Basic troop needs
 - How to set up tents/camps
 - Resources for purchase
- Knife and ax handling
 - How to sharpen
 - How to use an ax
 - Care of ax and saw
 - Buying the right equipment
- Planning a hike
 - Basic rules
 - Routes

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Experienced Scout level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's new in packs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Various types of packs What works best What to carry • Nighttime activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Games you can play Campfires Star study • Planning a backpacking trek <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where to go Length of time for the trek Menu planning Who should go 		
Older Scout level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International travel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What can Scouting do to help? Visiting foreign Scouts Hosting international Scouts • Rafting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety Where to go Who should go • Snorkeling BSA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where to go How to train for snorkeling Equipment needed 		
Games—5 min. (Select one and briefly explain how to play it.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hot Isotope Transport • Silver Dollar Relay • Ball Over Relay • Starburst 		
Special Feature—15 min. Training presentation	Refer to "Recruiting Boys," the special feature topic on page 213.		
Closing—7 min. Announcements—3 min.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of next roundtable • Upcoming training sessions • Camporee • Summer camp signup 		
District executive comments—2 min. Ceremony—2 min.	Make up your own closing ceremony.		

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After the Meeting

Cracker barrel
 Roundtable staff meeting

- Assignments for next month
- Evaluation
- Special guest for next month
 Who is making reminder contact, and
 what support do they need?