

Model Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting Script

Planning the Model Troop Meeting

This will be a role-play by the patrol leaders, senior patrol leader, crew chief and/or team captain, troop guide, and Scoutmaster. The purpose is to plan the model troop meeting using the "Camping" program feature, meeting 1, from *Woods Wisdom*. The model troop meeting can be held indoors or outdoors.*

Setting

The patrol leaders' council is assembled around a table. Each participant should have on a patch identifying the person's position. The senior patrol leader is conducting the meeting. The Scoutmaster is in the background.

The Scene

Senior Patrol Leader: Well, guys, we agreed that this month's feature would be camping. The trip to our Boy Scout camp will make it a very special camping trip. Using these *Woods Wisdom* features sure helps, but you guys might have some super ideas to make the program even better. So let's get our troop meetings planned so we will be ready for the competition that will take place during our camp. Here is a copy of the first troop meeting plan for the month from *Woods Wisdom*. (Use the Camping Model Troop Meeting Plan, A-2, as a guide. Reproduce from *Woods Wisdom*.)

Crew Chief:

- *1. Since the weather is really nice, let's have the first troop meeting out-of-doors.
- *2. Since the weather is bad, we will conduct our troop meeting indoors.

Senior Patrol Leader: Great idea! Everyone agree?

Everyone: Yeah!

Senior Patrol Leader: Let's look at the opening.
_____ Patrol, would you do the opening?

_____ Patrol Leader: Sure. Our patrol can do it:
*Since we are outside, could we do a flag-raising ceremony and not do the Outdoor Code? Is that okay with everyone? (Secures agreement.) Also, since we just organized new patrols, why don't we let our Scoutmaster review the new patrol flags (if ready) and yells? (More agreement.) (*If indoors, proceed as shown.)

Senior Patrol Leader: We will be concentrating on camping skills in the skills instruction part of the meeting. Do the Scouts in the new Scout patrol need any help?

New Scout
Patrol Leader: (Looks to troop guide.) _____ (troop guide's name), do you think we need any help teaching basic knots?

Troop Guide: We should be able to do that ourselves, but we might need some help next week.

Senior Patrol Leader: We do need an instructor or two to help with the lashing skills. Who would be good at that? (Check resource sheets for people with these skills. Patrol leaders make recommendations and are asked to recruit those mentioned from their patrols.)

Senior Patrol Leader: _____ (crew chief's name), we could really use some help from the Venture crew on this camping trip. Since you guys are working on orienteering, would you set up a course for the new Scout patrol to try out, and maybe even later this month, help to teach them some basic skills?

Crew Chief: Sure, the Venture crew would be glad to help. We are participating in an orienteering meet

the weekend before the troop outing, so we will be really up on our skills.

Senior Patrol Leader: Since we are going to have some skills competition at the campout, we may want to work that into the patrol meetings each week so everyone will be ready. (Patrol leaders say, "Good idea.")

We will have a demonstration on foil cooking by a guest instructor, Mr./Mrs. (name) . This demonstration will prepare us to cook lunch after the troop meeting.

The interpatrol activity for the meeting is "The Tangle Knot," and it sounds like a lot of fun. Is that okay with everyone? (Patrol leaders express agreement.)

The Scoutmaster and I will do "The Tangle Knot," too. Is that okay, Mr./Mrs. (name) ? (Scoutmaster indicates agreement.)

Since the Patrol raised the flag, would you also lower it? (Receives agreement.) (*If outdoors. If indoors, use closing on sample agenda.) And Mr./Mrs. (name) , can we count on you for a great Scoutmaster's Minute? (Scoutmaster indicates agreement.)

Senior Patrol Leader: Well, that's the first meeting. Let's move on to the others.

(Role-play ends.)