

TROOP PROGRAM RESOURCES

Time Available

10 minutes

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to use the online planning tool to plan more meaningful, engaging, and fun troop meetings.

Suggested Presenter(s)

A Scoutmaster, district committee member, or district commissioner who is familiar with Troop Program Resources

Presentation Method

Interactive discussion and computer demonstration, if an Internet connection is available

Online Resources

Troop Program Resources: www.programresources.org

Presentation Content

Troop Program Resources is designed to serve as an accessible, easy to use, online 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 examples and video illustrations contained in Troop Program Resources can be used by troop leaders and Scouts in various positions.

First, the large compilation of troop meeting activities can help a patrol leaders' council plan a lot of fun for the meeting:

- Scout skill challenges—compass, first aid, general outdoor, knot-tying, lashing
- Team-building challenges
- Patrol games—for large and small areas
- Troop games—for large and small areas

A reference library of videos is there to help Scoutmasters, assistant Scoutmasters, and youth leaders gain confidence in their ability to present skills in general campcraft and pioneering.

Scoutmasters, individual patrols, and senior patrol leaders will find information about presenting impressive troop meeting ceremonies, along with a collection of ideas and examples of openings, closings, investitures, troop and Eagle courts of honor, troop campfires, and Webelos crossovers.

For Scoutmasters and other adult leaders, there is an extensive library of thought-provoking leader's minutes—with and without props—to capture and hold the troop's attention at the meeting's end.