



ACTIVITIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS ON TROOP SITES

The troop's own campsite is the heart of the Scout program while the troop is in camp. It is here that many basic Scoutcraft skills are learned and practiced under the watchful eye of the Scoutmaster. Many of the skill award requirements can be met when simple program facilities are available in the campsite. Each troop should handle most of the skill award advancement under its own leadership with camp staff help as needed. Program equipment and facilities that logically belong in a troop campsite are indicated in this drawing. Troop sites require 3 or 4 acres with individual patrol areas used in planned rotation.

1. Length of step—set up 200-foot measured distance along path to latrine or other camp locations; flagpole height and distances can also be measured, see *Scoutcraft Activities* No. 12002 for details
2. Rope climb—from overhanging limb or anchored tripod
3. Compass stakes—six to eight (4' stakes) in open area
4. Shadow method—for determining direction
5. Rope toss—between two trees
6. What-knot tree—two 10' poles with ropes stapled

7. Tracking pit—raked area about 8' x 6', baited
8. Bird attractor—water dripping on aluminum pie plate, near campsite
9. Live animal trap—made with a mousetrap and No. 5 tin can, baited
10. Lashing tripod—three 6' poles, one 4' cross pole, ropes
11. Patrol layout—living quarters, 12' x 16' patrol fly, patrol table (additional 10' x 11' cooking fly if patrol prepares food)
12. Troop bulletin board (*Scoutcraft Activities* charts do not need to be displayed here)
13. Fire pails—painted red
14. Scoutmaster's living quarters—tent pitching, care and use of tents, correct knots for tents and flies
15. Water for fire—55-gallon drum with solid-wood cover
16. Woods tools area for ax, bow saw, and jackknife instruction—very simple with 4' to 6' log, 6" to 8" in diameter for chopping block; near Scoutmaster's tent (patrols may also have woods tools areas)
17. Campfire circle

18. Compass sighting bars
19. Conservation trail—about 12 items, identified by cards
20. Chinning bars—two, side by side at different heights
21. Soil displays—(1) splashboards made from two pieces of white cardboard show advantage of ground cover to hold soil when "rain" is produced (by a No. 10 can with perforated bottom) over bare soil in front of one splashboard and sodded ground in front of other (2) topsoil and subsoil samples in separate No. 10 cans with perforated bottom show difference in soil percolation when water is poured in each can
22. Pegboard zoo and herbarium—plastic bags attached to plywood or pegboard in shaded area for short-term display of plants and animals, kept alive in small amounts of water
23. Troop weather station—rain gauge, hygrometer, wind vane, and anemometer can be made inexpensively from directions in the "Scout Handbook," No. 6500. (See also *Scoutcraft Activities* chart No. 12012)