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TROOP 400

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Scouting Skills are a critical part of the Scouting Program. This guide is designed to help guide scouts in teaching those skills in a fun and effective manner.



As it is so large, it will come in different parts, with each Skill as a different piece for easy downloading. Most of it is taken from different information on the internet. If you'd like more information for your particular skill – just get online with your parents' permission – there's lots out there!

Service Patrol: (This is the patrol that is in charge of the entire skills instruction for a given month.)

You are charged with something very important: an entire month of every scout's scouting life in Troop 400 is in a very large part dependent on you! The scouts will base a large part of their view of scouting based on how well you do!

If you think I'm trying to put pressure on you – you're right! This is your chance to step up. This is your chance to show the troop what your patrol is made of. This is your chance to shine!

This will take extra work and planning on your part – do it! Take this very seriously – and have fun with it!

This guide is only that: a guide. Feel very free to come up with great ideas as a patrol, and make them happen!

Also remember: This is a large part of the Troop 400 Scoutmasters' Award! Do well at this, and you have a big 'leg up' on getting the award!



You will need to have extra patrol meetings to prepare for this, and you should be fully prepared to present your plan to the PLC 1 full month before your month begins. In other words, if your month is December, you will need to present your entire plan at the PLC at the end of October or the beginning of November



Important Points:

Do NOT Lecture from the front of the room.

Skills must be INTERACTIVE, PARTICIPATORY, and FUN! There must be action involved, not just sitting and listening.

There should be a competition involved, so the boys WANT to learn them, and put them into action right away.

The main word is: ACTION!

You enjoy actually DOING something rather than just listen to people talk, right? So do the other boys!

MAKE SURE AND LOOK AT THE SKILLS COMPETITION PART OF THIS MANUAL – IT'S FILLED WITH GAME IDEAS YOU CAN USE!

Remember: Your job as Service Patrol plays a LARGE part in the Scoutmasters' Award, so do the absolute best you can!

And, make sure and make use of the Scoutmasters and JASMs – they'll be more than happy to help.

So, now, it's time to have a blast!

