



## Scouting Adventure

### Adventure Requirements

Complete the following requirements:

1. Prepare yourself to join a troop by completing at least a-c below:
  - a. Repeat from memory the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout motto, and Scout slogan. In your own words, explain their meanings to your den leader, parent, or guardian.
  - b. Explain what Scout spirit is. Describe for your den leader, parent, or guardian some ways you have shown Scout spirit by conducting yourself according to the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout motto, and Scout slogan.
  - c. Give the Scout sign, salute, and handshake. Explain when to use each.
  - d. Describe the First Class Scout badge, and tell what each part stands for. Explain the significance of the First Class Scout badge.
  - e. Repeat from memory the Pledge of Allegiance. In your own words, explain its meaning
2. Visit a Scouts BSA troop meeting with your parent or guardian and, if possible, with your den members and leaders. After the meeting, do the following:
  - a. Describe how the Scouts in the troop provide its leadership.
  - b. Describe the four steps of Scouts BSA advancement.
  - c. Describe ranks in Scouting and how they are earned.
  - d. Describe what merit badges are and how they are earned.
3. Practice the patrol method in your den for one month by doing the following:
  - a. Explain the patrol method. Describe the types of patrols that might be part of a Scouts BSA troop.
  - b. Hold an election to choose the patrol leader.
  - c. Develop a patrol name and emblem (if your den does not already have one), as well as a patrol flag and yell. Explain how a patrol name, emblem, flag, and yell create patrol spirit.
  - d. As a patrol, make plans to participate in a Scouts BSA troop's campout or other outdoor activity.
4. With your Webelos den leader, parent, or guardian, participate in a Scouts BSA troop's campout or other outdoor activity. Use the patrol method while on the outing.
5. Do the following:
  - a. Show how to tie a square knot, two half hitches, and a taut-line hitch. Explain how each knot is used.
  - b. Show the proper care of a rope by learning how to whip and fuse the ends of different kinds of rope.
6. Demonstrate your knowledge of the pocketknife safety rules and the pocketknife pledge. If you have not already done so, earn your Whittling Chip card.

### *Parent Corner*



This adventure helps your Scout get ready to join a Scouts BSA troop by learning about what is like to be a member, trying out the patrol method, and practicing or learning some scout skills.

The standard of completion for Cub Scout advancement is "Do Your Best," so given the current circumstances, look at the purpose behind the requirements and do your best to help your Scout learn about Scouts BSA and the patrol method.

Dens can visit a virtual troop meeting to see the patrol method and youth leadership in action and act as a patrol during the meeting. One recommended idea for the outing is to participate in a Troop virtual campout or virtual game. Plenty of opportunities to Do Your Best to meet the intention of the requirement.



## Scouting Adventure

Requirement #1: Prepare to join a troop

### Instructions

1. Warm-up for the adventure by taking a [BSA trivia quiz](#).
2. Complete the Scouting Adventure Puzzle on the following pages in the book.
3. Repeat from memory the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout Motto, and Scout Slogan. In your own words, explain their meanings to your den leader, parent, or guardian.
4. Explain what Scout Spirit is. Describe for your den leader, parent, or guardian some ways you have shown Scout Spirit by conducting yourself according to the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout Motto, and Scout Slogan.
5. Give the Scout sign, salute, and handshake. Explain when to use each.

### Materials Needed

- Scouting Adventure Puzzle (next pages).
- Scissors



### Pee Wee Says

Somebody once asked Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, exactly what Scouts should be prepared for. "Why, for any old thing!" B-P said.



# Scouting Adventure Puzzle

Cut out the terms listed below. Match these terms to the puzzle boards on the following pages.

Trustworthy	Scout Spirit	and to the Republic
Loyal	Scout Sign	for which it stands
Helpful	Scout Salute	one nation
Friendly	Scout Handshake	under God
Courteous	Fleur-de-lis	indivisible
Kind	Eagle & Shield	with liberty & justice
Obedient	Two Stars	for all
Cheerful	Scroll	Reverent
Thrifty	Knot	Do a good turn
Brave	to the flag	
Clean	of the United States of America	





## SCOUT LAW

	Tell the truth and keep your promises. People can depend on you.
	Be true to your family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and country.
	Volunteer to help others without expecting a reward.
	Be a friend to everyone, even people who are different from you.
	Be polite to everyone and always use good manners.
	Treat others as you want to be treated. Never harm or kill any living thing without good reason.
	Follow the rules of your family, school & pack. Obey the laws of your community & country.
	Look for the bright side of life. Cheerfully do tasks that come your way. Try to help others be happy.
	Work to pay your own way. Don't be wasteful. Use time, property, and natural resources wisely.
	Face difficult situations even when you feel afraid. Do what is right despite what others might be doing and saying.
	Keep your body and mind fit. Help keep your home and community clean.
	Be reverent toward God. Be faithful in your religious duties. Respect the beliefs of others.



## SCOUT MOTTO, HANDSHAKE, SALUTE, SIGN & SPIRIT

	An act of kindness something you do to help another person. It doesn't have to be big, but it should be something beyond what's expected of you.
	Attitude that sets Scouts apart from other people. It's hard to define but it's easy to see it in action.
	Universal symbol of Scouts. To make it, hold up the three middle fingers of your right hand, and cover the nails of your little finger with your thumb. It is used to get people's attention.
	Used to salute the United States flag. You can also use it with other Scouts and leaders.
	It is done with the left hand which is closer to the heart to symbolize friendship. It's shared by millions of Scouts around the world.

## FIRST CLASS BADGE

	Basic shape of Scout badge. The French word for flower. Center point shaped like the north arrow on an old compass. The 3 main parts represent: duty to 1) God and country, 2) others, and 3) self.
	Emblem of the United States of America representing freedom and a Scout's willingness to defend that freedom.
	Symbolize truth and knowledge. They also represent Scouting's outdoor adventures.
	It is at the bottom of the badge and displays the Scout motto. The ends are turned up like a smile as a reminder that Scouts smile as they do their duty.
	A reminder to do a Good Turn Daily.



## WE PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO:

	to the symbol of our country
	each state that has joined to make our country
	a republic is a country where the people choose their representatives, to make laws for them, that is the government that is for the people
	the flag, meaning the country
	a single nation
	the people believe in a supreme being
	the country cannot be split into parts
	with freedom and fairness
	for each person in the country, you and me!



# Scouting Adventure Puzzle ANSWER KEY

## SCOUT LAW

Trustworthy	Tell the truth and keep your promises. People can depend on you.
Loyal	Be true to your family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and country.
Helpful	Volunteer to help others without expecting a reward.
Friendly	Be a friend to everyone, even people who are different from you.
Courteous	Be polite to everyone and always use good manners.
Kind	Treat others as you want to be treated. Never harm or kill any living thing without good reason.
Obedient	Follow the rules of your family, school & pack. Obey the laws of your community & country.
Cheerful	Look for the bright side of life. Cheerfully do tasks that come your way. Try to help others be happy.
Thrifty	Work to pay your own way. Don't be wasteful. Use time, property, and natural resources wisely.
Brave	Face difficult situations even when you feel afraid. Do what is right despite what others might be doing and saying.
Clean	Keep your body and mind fit. Help keep your home and community clean.
Reverent	Be reverent toward God. Be faithful in your religious duties. Respect the beliefs of others.

## SCOUT MOTTO, HANDSHAKE, SALUTE, SIGN & SPIRIT

Do a good turn	An act of kindness something you do to help another person. It doesn't have to be big, but it should be something beyond what's expected of you.
Scout Spirit	Attitude that sets Scouts apart from other people. It's hard to define but it's easy to see it in action.
Scout Sign	Universal symbol of Scouts. To make it, hold up the three middle fingers of your right hand, and cover the nails of your little finger with your thumb. It is used to get people's attention.
Scout Salute	Used to salute the United States flag. You can also use it with other Scouts and leaders.
Scout Handshake	It is done with the left hand which is closer to the heart to symbolize friendship. It's shared by millions of Scouts around the world.



## FIRST CLASS BADGE

Fleur-de-lis	Basic shape of Scout badge. The French word for flower. Center point shaped like the north arrow on an old compass. The 3 main parts represent: duty to 1) God and country, 2) others, and 3) self.
Eagle & Shield	Emblem of the United States of America representing freedom and a Scout's willingness to defend that freedom.
Two Stars	Symbolize truth and knowledge. They also represent Scouting's outdoor adventures.
Scroll	It is at the bottom of the badge and displays the Scout motto. The ends are turned up like a smile as a reminder that Scouts smile as they do their duty.
Knot	A reminder to do a Good Turn Daily.

## WE PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO:

to the flag	to the symbol of our country
of the United States of America	each state that has joined to make our country
and to the republic	a republic is a country where the people choose their representatives, to make laws for them, that is the government that is for the people
for which it stands	the flag, meaning the country
one nation	a single nation
under God	the people believe in a supreme being
indivisible	the country cannot be split into parts
with liberty and justice	with freedom and fairness
for all	for each person in the country, you and me!



## Scouting Adventure

Requirement #2: Visit a Scouts BSA Troop Meeting

### Materials Needed

- Troop Visit Worksheet (next pages).
- Pen or pencil
- Webelos Handbook

### Instructions

1. Visit a troop meeting with your parent or guardian and, if possible, with your den members and leaders.
2. Complete the sheet on the following page for information you learned during your visit.

### Visiting A Troop



Look at your Webelos Cub Scout Handbook for more information on visiting with troops.

Read through the worksheet before you go so you know what to look for during the meeting and what questions to ask.

This is a great time to show off your Patrol yell or emblem if you are attending with your den.

When you join a troop and get your new handbook, it will be your personal record of advancement. It is your responsibility to ask for and obtain the necessary signoffs when you are tested.



### Pee Wee Says

A Scout is obedient. One way you can show obedience is by paying attention to your patrol leader and senior patrol leader.



### Parent Corner

If you need help finding a local Troop to visit ask your commissioner or your District Executive for help. You can also look at [BeAScout.org](http://BeAScout.org) to see the Troops nearby.



## Troop Visit Worksheet

After your visit with a troop record the information below:

Describe how the Scouts in the troop provide its leadership:

Describe the four steps of Scout advancement:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Describe the ranks in Scouting:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

Describe how ranks are earned:

Describe what merit badges are and how they are earned:





## Scouting Adventure

Requirement #3: Practicing the patrol method.

Requirement #4: Troop Outing

### Materials Needed

- Cooperation
- Imagination
- Scout Spirit

### Instructions

Practice the patrol method in your den for one month by doing the following:

1. Explain the patrol method. Describe the types of patrols that might be part of a troop.
2. Hold an election to choose a patrol leader.
3. Develop a patrol name and emblem (if your den does not already have one), as well as a patrol flag and yell. Explain how a patrol name, emblem, flag, and yell create patrol spirit.
4. As a patrol, make plans to participate in a troop's campout or other outdoor activity. With your Webelos den leader, parent, or guardian, participate in a troop's campout or other outdoor activity. Use the patrol method while on the outing. If there are no in-person campouts or outdoor activities due to Covid-19, do your best to find a suitable substitute like a troop's virtual camp-out or an online activity such as a competition or game where you can practice the patrol method.



### The Patrol Method

A Scout patrol is a small team of normally four to eight members where Scouts learn skills together, share responsibilities and take on leadership roles. Learn more in the [beginner's guide to patrols](#) article.



#### *Pee Wee Says*

In an ideal troop meeting, the only time an adult says anything is when the Scoutmaster gives the Scoutmaster's Minute. Other than that, the meeting is run by the Scouts themselves. The same thing is true for hikes, campouts, service projects and everything else.

Adult leaders are there, of course, but they're more like coaches. They train the youth leaders and then stand on the sidelines watching them in action.



#### *Parent Corner*

Work with your fellow AOLs or Webelos to form your patrol. If your Scout does not have other AOLs or Webelos to work on this with, contact a local Troop to have your Webelos join in with a patrol for a month to learn about the patrol method.



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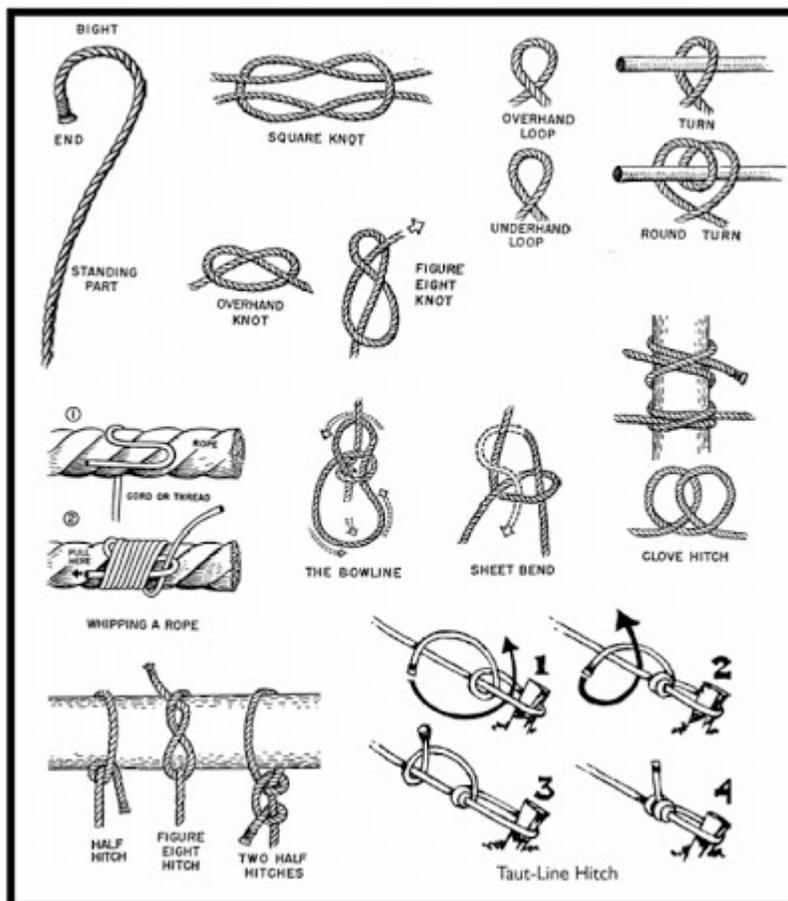
Requirement #5: Ropes, knots, and knife safety

### Materials Needed

- Rope – natural and synthetic
- Twine
- Lighter (for fusing rope)
- Whittling Chip

### Instructions

1. Watch the [video overview](#) of all knots required for this adventure.
2. Show how to tie a square knot, two half hitches, and a taut-line hitch. Explain how each knot is used. Refer to the links below and your Webelos Handbook for instructions.
3. Show the proper care of a rope by learning how to whip and fuse the ends of different kinds of rope. Refer to the links below and your Webelos Handbook for instructions.
4. Demonstrate your knowledge of the pocketknife safety rules and the pocketknife pledge. If you have not already done so, earn your Whittling Chip card.



### Types of Rope

Almost any rope that is available in a marine or hardware store or online can be used to practice tying knots. Feel free to use what you have around to practice. If you are looking for guidance check out this [guide to rope for knot tying practice](#).

### Rope Tying Resources

[Video overview](#) of all knots required for this adventure and the patrol method.

### Additional helpful Links

- [Animated Taut-Line Hitch](#)
- [Animated Square Knot](#)
- [Animated Two Half Hitches](#)
- [Animated Whipping A Rope](#)
- [How to Whip and Fuse A Rope](#)



## Pocketknife Safety

### The Pocketknife Pledge:

In return for the privilege of carrying a pocketknife to designated Cub Scout functions, I agree to the following:

- I will treat my pocketknife with the respect due a useful tool.**
- I will always close my pocketknife and put it away when not in use.**
- I will not use my pocketknife when it might injure someone near me.**
- I promise never to throw my pocketknife for any reason.**
- I will use my pocketknife in a safe manner at all times.**

### Knives Are Not Toys Guidelines

- Close the blade with the palm of your hand.
- Never use a knife on something that will dull or break it.
- Be Careful that you do not cut yourself or any person nearby.
- Never use a knife to strip the bark from a tree.
- Do not carve your initials into anything that does not belong to you.

### Knife Safety Rules

- A knife is a tool, not a toy.
- Know how to sharpen a knife.  
A sharp knife is safer than a dull knife because it is less likely to slip and cut you.
- Keep the blade clean.
- Never carry an open pocketknife
- When you are not using your knife, close it and put it away.
- When you are using the cutting blade, do not try to make big shavings or chips. Easy does it.
- Make a safety circle. Before you pick up your knife to use it, stretch your arm out and turn in a circle. If you cannot touch anyone or anything else, it is safe to use your knife.
- While using your knife, be sure to watch in case someone walks toward you and gets too close.



### *Pee Wee Says*

Use your Webelos Cub Scout Handbook to refresh your knowledge and practice your skills.