



# BOY SCOUT TROOP PROGRAM GUIDE

(It is *HIGHLY* recommended that at least 1 Troop Activity takes place each month and that one Super Activity takes place every quarter, examples listed below.)

## PROGRAM IDEAS OF THINGS TO DO & PLACES TO GO

### Sample Activities:

- Caves and Caving – Eagle Cave, Wisconsin
- Timberwolves Game
- Twins Game
- Valley Fair
- Swimming
  - Mankato East High School
  - Lake beach
  - Pool
- Bowling Party
- Sand Bar Fishing
- Orientation Flight
- MSU Ropes Course (14 and up)
- Underwater World
  - Oceanography Merit Badge
- Golf
- Archery
- Water Skiing
- Kickball
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Frisbee Golf
- Minnesota State University – Hockey Game
- St. Paul Science Museum
- USE – Army Reserve Center Range
- Gustavus Adolphus College Sponsored Pow Wow (933-8000) – St. Peter
- Minneapolis Sportsman Show
- Como Park Zoo
- Mankato Gun Club – will allow use of range.
- Lake Pepen – Eagle Observing
- Vertical Endeavors Climbing Wall, Minneapolis, MN
  - *Offer a 5 hr course for scouts to received their Climbing Merit Badge*
- Niagara Cave
- Midwest Mountaineering (Fall & Spring Events)
- Root River
  - Tubing
- Fairmont Water Park
- Renaissance Festival

- Lake Mille Lacs
  - Ice Fishing / Overnight in Fish House
- Northfield Pool (Winter months only)
  - Contact #: 507-645-7311
- REI/Galyans – Golf Galaxy is beside REI
  - Demonstrations and talks
  - Climbing Wall – parent required

### **Sample Tours / Places to See:**

- State Capital Building
- North Mankato City Council Meeting
- Crysteel in Mankato
- Hewitt Roll-a-dock in Nicollet
- Air Museum South St. Paul Airport
- Aviation Museum – Anoka, MN
- Spam Museum – Austin, MN
- National Cemetery
- Tour Lock & Dam on Miss. River – Minneapolis, MN
- 493<sup>rd</sup> Air Wing Air Museum – St. Paul, MN

## **GOOD PLACES TO HOLD A TROOP CAMPOUT**

- Mom's Campout
- Norseland Scout Camp
- Cedar Point Scout Camp – Fairmont
- Camp Cuyuna – Cross Lake, MN
- Cannon Falls Scout Camp – Cannon Falls, MN
- Kiwanis Scout Camp – Stillwater, MN
- Fred C. Anderson Scout Camp – Hudson, WI
- Fort Defiance State Park – Estherville, IA
- Parker Scout Reservation Camp – Merrifield (Alpha Lupus Winter Camp)
- Lake Elysian – Island
- Daly Park – Mapleton, MN
- Bray Park – Madison Lake, MN
- Sand Bar on the river
- Sakatah State Park
  - Bike Trip
- Minneopa State Park
- Ft. Ridgely
  - Tubing Hill
  - Golfing
- Flandreau State Park
  - Golf
- Lake Shetek
  - Sioux Council, SD / Side trip to Pipestone

## **GOOD PLACES TO HOLD A TROOP CAMPOUT (cont.)**

- Phillippo Scout Reservation
- Welch Village
  - Skiing
- Old Barn Resort – Lanesboro
  - Swimming & Cycling
- Uncle Tim's Cabin
- Superior Trail North Shore
- Underwater World
  - Sleep with the Sharks

## **CANOE TRIP LOCATIONS**

- Minnesota River
- Blue Earth River
- St. Croix River
- Cedar River
- Cannon River
- Root River

## **HIKING TRIP LOCATIONS**

- Gamehaven Scout Camp – Gitcheegume Trail

## **HIGH ADVENTURE LOCATIONS** *(Should be conducted at least once every 2 years)*

- Philmont
- Florida Sea Base
- Glacier National Park – Montana
- Boundary Waters Canoe Area

## **TROOP MEETING IDEAS**

- Each month a patrol is asked to invite a guest speaker