

Troop Program Ideas

From the August 2003 New Horizons District Roundtable

1. Relief of Mafeking Campout
2. Troop Feast (first campout for new Scouts – existing Patrols do all the cooking)
3. Skeet shooting at the Olin Facility south of Alton (Saturday activity)
4. Out of Council Summer Camp at Camp Ben Delatouv in Colorado
5. Illinois caverns
6. Meramec State Park overnight backpack in December
7. Webelos outing at a farm and built a monkey bridge
8. Johnson Shut-ins
9. Fort DeChartre
10. Fishing trip
11. Bicycling merit badge ridge
12. Bennett Springs Fishing Trip
13. Safe Hunters training and shooting
14. Boundary Waters – three groups by age so 12,13, and 14 year olds could do a float geared to their physical abilities.
15. Out of Council Summer Camp – went to Roy C. Manhester – boys were excited to do merit badges such as waterskiing, small boat sailing
16. A “survivor” weekend
17. A hike with stream crossing challenges
18. Float trip
19. Hike through Hawn State Park – backpacking trip
20. Ropes course at S-F, Beaumont
21. Bell Mountain three-day weekend back pack trip
22. Older Scout Boundary Water weeklong trip
23. Split backpack trips – start together and older boys do long loop and younger boys do shorter loop. Meet for lunch at end of trip and share experiences prior to trip home
24. Skiing in Wisconsin on President's weekend
25. Canoeing on Current River
26. Rifle and Shotgun merit badge weekend
27. Overnight horseback at Trout Lodge
28. Electronics outing in winter at a lodge (no electronics allowed at other outings)
29. Mountain man outing
30. Glacier National Park – five day backpack
31. Buffalo River Float – 50 miles in five days
32. Boundary Waters Canoe Area – boys too young for Northern Tier, worked with outfitter
33. Yorktown Aircraft Carrier at Charleston, South Carolina
34. Fishing – Meramec State Park
35. Float Trip – Huzzah Valley
36. Rocks course at S-F, Pine Ridge
37. Klondike and Winter Camping
38. Weekend inside the Burm Moore cave in Perry County
39. White water rafting
40. Tour of Chicago
- 4.1 Ski and other winter sports
42. Caving for the Venture Crew
43. Wright Patterson Air Force Base
44. International Field Studies: Bahamas sailing, Fofar Coral Reef/Blue Hole study
45. Backpacking in West Virginia

46. Two night backpack trip at Beaumont at Blackberry Hollow on first weekend in November when it is about three days before a full moon. Hiked in moonlight on Friday night and put up tents without flashlights.
47. Wilderness Survival – build and sleep in shelters, cook with no utensils
48. Fishing – early morning trout at Montouk, rest of day on the Upper Meramec, Scouts catch, clean and cook fish, built a monkey bridge across a creek.
49. Backpacking into the Ropes Course on the Three Notch Trail, new Scouts packed in on shorter trail
50. Laser tag
51. Space Camp
52. Shiloh Civil War Battlefield in Tennessee
53. West Tyson Cabins – St. Louis County Parks Department
54. Steamboat Junction camping along KATY Trail west of Herman – bike and hike
55. Eagle Cave in Wisconsin along the Blue River
56. Big Field at Mastadon State Park – JLTC graduates taught lashing skills, each patrol then spent Saturday building a significant lashed structure
57. Discovery Mysteries cabin camp in winter with hiking and sleding
58. High adventure at Camp Packard in Colorado
59. High adventure on the New River in Virginia
60. Florida hiking trails, Fort Clinch and St. Augustine
61. Horseback Trail ride and winter freeze out at Beaumont
62. Auto mechanics at troop meeting
63. Troop train trips to Jefferson City, Chicago, and Springfield, Illinois
64. Weekend to Lost Valley Resort
65. Fishing at Bush Wildlife
66. Mountain biking and campout
67. Indoor rock climbing
68. Medieval Times in Dallas on a “big trip”
69. Camping and fishing at wild trout streams – Millcreek at Rolla
70. Camp Sunnen (BSA camp) and Camp Orr (BSA camp)
71. Compass hike at Meramac Park
72. Biking at Babler State Park