



Trout Scoop

Hangin' on the Troutin' Scail

Scout: (n) a member of the *Scouts*, a worldwide youth organization, founded in 1907, that stresses character, citizenship, outdoor life, and service to others.

Three Patrol Leaders, thirty hours, and 100 years of Scouting to cover. The Grand Plan—they learn how to camp. You get to learn from them. “But we CAN camp,” I hear you say. No you can’t! “Yes we can!” [Get to the point-Ed.] Well, it turns out you’ve been doing it a bit like Cubs in the past, with too much help with cooking and all. And that’s all very well, but the whole point is to learn how to do stuff for yourselves. And you’re going to get so good at it that you can go camping as a patrol without a Scouter in sight—and come home safe in five pieces. (Patrol in five pieces, not one Scout in five pieces.)

Camping as a Patrol

Whether it’s just the five of you in the scabby 50p a night field at the back of the camp site, or whether it’s your patrol at summer camp, you’ll own your own stuff. It’s your patrol tent, kitchen tent, and if you feel like frying that egg instead of boiling it, go nuts, it’s up to you. We leaders don’t want to get in the way. I mean, we will shout at you out of love if we think it will help you. But you’ll manage just fine by yourselves too.

Now We’re Cooking On Gas

The 1st Histon Scout Troop has done a lot of fire cooking. A lot. It’s great...but



you won’t want to do it all the time when you’re by yourselves, because it can take ages, and so can the washing up. And I’m not letting you use your altar fire in my lovely kitchen tent when it rains. Two gas rings are just enough for patrol cooking. Check out how Jonathan is cooking bacon on one side and keeping the sausages warm between two metal plates on the boiling billie on the other side.

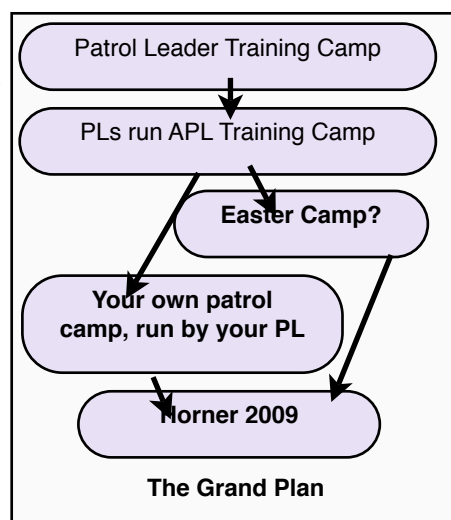
The Patrol Box

We’re going to divvy up all the camping kit permanently into Patrol Boxes. That means that you’re always ready to go camping with just a few days notice. It also means that if you don’t clean the frying pan, it’s your loss next time because you get the same one back.



Winter Camping

Is Fun. Any Questions? Seriously, take two sleeping bags, or other extra layers. And take two Karrimats or a Thermarest.



And wear a hat to bed. Or ask your PL... he knows the score now, because he just did it. Now’s your chance to think about the Scout Motto.

Planning your camp

Want to play? Choose a site...not too far away so that we can rescue you first time round. Write a menu, work out what you’re going to do in camp, how you’re going to get there, and how much it will cost. And if it’s good enough, we’ll vouch for you and try to convince your parents that we’re not insane. The rest is up to you. We’ll give the PL an “Event Passport”, which is an official scrap of paper to convince the camp site warden not to lock you up.

What are you waiting for?

Meet round your PL’s house on Saturday for a couple of hours and make a plan. Go be a Scout.

Join the **adventure**

The Scout Association

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Pioneering sucks, right?

Everybody hates pioneering. It's a funny word for tying sticks together with bits of rope. The Scout Leaders seem to think it's important, and they make us sit around for hours and hours and tell us to tie knots. It's a bit boring. And at Patrol Leaders' camp they made us build an Alarm Clock Tower. It's called that because it looks like one of those old glass alarm clocks with sand in that goes down from the top to the bottom. And then you turn it over. There's one on my computer quite a lot because I have this virus that Kevin gave me on MSN. Anyway, we made this tower out of big tree trunks called spars. We had six "ten foot" spars and six "fourteen foot" spars. We made it on its side and Jonathan kept muffing up the lashings and they all fell apart on his but Cameron's ones were quite good and so were Alistair's. Cameron kept shouting a lot but he probably saved my life because I went under the pole thing and it started moving and he told me to get out of the way. It was really really heavy, and we had to pull it upright with ropes. There was me and Cameron pulling on a pulley and the others stopping it from going too far with other ropes, and Paul and Greg lifted it up. It wobbled a bit but Cameron and Paul pulled it straight. Greg stood underneath, but it didn't fall down so that was alright. It was taller than my house. It was amazing and I wanted to climb it but Greg said no because we need to get better at tying knots before we could make a safe one, but we're going to climb it next time. Greg put glow sticks on the top so planes wouldn't hit it at night. Cameron tried to put a flag up on it but he did it wrong and pulled the rope off so his flag was rubbish. We had a brilliant time. (—by Harry the cow.)



[Note to parents—We actually take safety very very seriously in pioneering. Please don't take the tone of this article too seriously!]

Frequently Asked Questions

FAQ about being a Scout

Q: I'm a Patrol Leader. Why am I crap?

A: I'm glad you asked that question. The first step to not being crap is to realize that you are crap. You can only get better from here.

Q: How can I be like a real Patrol Leader?

A: It's a hard job, but it's worth the effort. The thing is, no-one will appreciate what you've done until long afterwards. It's lonely at the top. Decide what you want for you and your patrol, and keep working towards it. But you must carry them along with you, so listen to your patrol, use their ideas, and be flexible.

Q: I'm a PL - can I be mates with my Patrol?

A: Maybe. But if they can't tell when you're serious and need them to do what you say, then you've got only yourself to blame.

Q: I've perfected the art of kicking my patrol members without anyone seeing. I have achieved world domination. Is there anything else I need to learn about leadership?

A: Dude, you're doing it wrong. Try to go more for respect and less fear. You'll feel a lot more pride if your patrol want you be like you instead of hating you. Be an amazing Scout and they will want to copy you.

Q: I'm an APL. Nobody loves me.

A: You're the main flunky. Help the PL out any way you can. Honestly, you're

job's easy. Because no-one blames you. You're just doing the job the PL gives you. Stop complaining, you'll never have it so easy again.

Q: I'm not a Patrol Leader, can I organize something cool?

A: Yes! If there is something that you want to do that is not on your PL's grand plan, you can still do it. Ask a leader for help or advice, but we will almost always say Yes, go for it.

Q: Scouts used to be a doss. Stop making me use my brain.

A: That's not a question. Shut up.

Q: What does it mean to be a Scout?

A: Whoa. Errm. It means you are actually going to take some responsibility for yourself. You're going to decide how you want to spend your time, yourself and as a Patrol. You're going to decide what you want to learn. And you're going to decide what and who you care about. You're going to find yourself, man. And it's cheaper than backpacking in India. (Only the clever kids read this far down. Come to Greg to claim your free Mars Bar.)

Sam Clarke - Captain of the Swim Team

Those of you who were well-placed in the swim trials—Sam is choosing the team, and may ask you to train. Please support him. We can do well in this Gala. Let's show the district something good.

Back To Basics... The (Original) Law And Promise

by Lord Robert Baden-Powell of Gilwell

The Scout Promise

On my honour I promise that I will do my best—
To do my duty to God, and the Queen,
To help other people at all times,
To obey the Scout Law.

The Scout Law

1. A Scout's honour is to be trusted
2. A Scout is loyal to the Queen, his country, his Scouters, his parents, his employers and to those under him.
3. A Scout's duty is to be useful and to help others.
4. A Scout is a friend to all, and a brother to every other Scout, no matter to what country, class or creed the other may belong.
5. A Scout is courteous.
6. A Scout is a friend to animals.
7. A Scout obeys orders of his parents, Patrol Leader, or Scoutmaster without question.
8. A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties.
9. A Scout is thrifty.
10. A Scout is clean in thought, word and deed.

.(extract from "Scouting for Boys")

Forthcoming:

Face it, you have a memory like a sieve.
Give this bit to your Mum and ask her nicely to remind you later.

Mar 1st—CUSAGC Forward.... District Incident Hike. Win it.

Mar 14th (Sat)—District swimming gala. It's a competition. Win it.

Mar 29th (Sun)—Badge Swap... Sawtry Youth Ctr, Green End Rd, PE28 5UX.

10:00-14:00, nfount1@aol.com

April ???—Easter Camp at Eaton Vale!
Sharon's in charge

April 26th (Sun)—District St George's event. It's a competition. Win it.

July 18th-25th—Summer camp in Horner on Exmoor... don't miss it.

Aug 1st-8th—Sea Scout Jamboree

Quote File

"Woo-woooo!"—Cameron

"Call me Jonathan!"—Jonathan

"Jonny Boy"—Alistair

Patrol Talk

Ifn you're doing it right, Scouts is where you make your Best Friends For Life. Alistair cleverly illustrates this point to the other Patrol Leaders by showing them the bowl under his Instant Whip.

