Troop Monthly Campout/Recruitment/Event Planning Document

Review year prior events and choose new events for the corresponding months for the following year.

1. Summer Camp (JULY)
    a. Ransburg
    b. Buck Tom's (Tennessee)
    c. _____
2. BIG Adventure – Troop Organized (BIG or High Adventure once every 3 years JUNE)
    a. Smoky Mountains
    b. Rocky Mountain National Park/Mount Rushmore
    c. Boundary Water Canoe Fishing
    d. DC
    e. Whitewater rafting (West Virginia White Water Adventures)
    f. Gettysburg
    g. Camp at Outer Banks - https://www.pamlicoseabasenc.com/ $575
    h. _____

3. Orienteering and Hiking Adventure -
   Morgan Monroe State Forest
   https://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/fo-MorganMonroeOrienteeringMap.pdf

4. High Adventure – Scout Organized (BIG or High Adventure once every 3 years JUNE)
    a. Northern Tier High Adventure/Wilderness Canoe Trips (MN)
    b. Summit Bechtel Reserve/Whitewater Rafting (WV)
    c. Florida Sea Base/Sailing (FL)
    d. Philmont Scout Ranch/Backpacking and Hiking (AZ)
    e. Elkhorn High Adventure Base (CO)
    f. Outback High Adventure - Camp Alexander (CO)
    g. Maroon Bells 4-Pass Loop (CO)
    h. Cole Canoe Base (MI)
    i. Harrison High Adventure Base (NC)
    j. High Country Adventures (TN)
    k. Tuscarora Lodge & Canoe Outfitters (MN)
    l. Swamp Base
    m. _____
5. Winter Adventures (DEC, JAN, FEB)
    a. **City Museum/Arch/Museum at the Gateway Arch (MO)**
    b. Skiing: Timber Ridge, Bittersweet, Perfect North (OH, MI)
    (note: Bittersweet is 3.5 hours away. Camp at Camp Kidwell - has heated cabins with kitchen)
    c. **Pokagon State Park Toboggan Run**
    d. Big 10 Fan Fest
    e. District Winter Camporee
    f. Winter Camping Skills
    g. Mega Caverns Campout (KY)

h. Silversides (MI)
i. Wisconsin Maritime Museum
j. Marengo Cave
k. _____

6. Summer Adventures (AUG, SEPT, may include shoulder season events)
   a. **Holiday World Campout (IN)**
   b. **Beach Campout (Warren Dunes, North or South Manitou Island)**
   c. **Kings Island Campout (OH)**
   d. _____
7. Shoulder Season Adventures (MAR, APR, MAY, OCT, NOV)
   a. **Backpacking / Shades / Ransburg**
   b. **Tubing / Canoeing / Turkey Run / Shades**
   c. **National Museum of the US Air Force / Camping**
   d. **Cycling / Westwood**
   e. **Cycling the Cardinal Greenway / Summit Lake State Park**
   f. **Cycling / Potato Creek State Park**
   g. **Cycling / Monon**
   h. **Cycling/Nickel Plate**
   i. **Garden of the Gods (IL)**
   j. **IN Dunes / Museum of Science and Industry Chicago**
   k. **District Firecrafter Fall Frenzy (SEP / OCT)**
   l. District Spring Camporee (APR/MAY)
   m. Shooting Sports Campout - Camp Buffalo
   n. Peterloon - Every two years (most recent: 2024) - Link
   o. District Fall Camporee (OCT)
   p. District Wood Badge Weekend
   q. Mammoth Cave (KY)
   r. Indy Zoo Campout
   s. Cincinnati Zoo Campout
   t. Cary Camp - Wolf Park
   u. Camp Krietenstein - Exotic Feline Rescue Center
   v. COPE - Ransburg
   w. Red River Gorge (KY)
      Hikes
      Climbing
      Zipline Across the Gorge 300 feet up. 1900 feet long
      Miguel's Pizza
   x. Chicago Scavenger Hunt (IL 109)
   y. McCormick's Creek
   z. Clifty Falls State Park
   aa. O'bannon Woods State Park
   bb. Brown County State Park
   cc. Peterloon
   dd. Spring Mill State Park / Pioneer Village
   ee. Mounds State Park
   ff. Indiana Dunes State and National Park
   gg. Hocking Hills State Park (OH)
   hh. Cuyahoga Valley National Park (OH)

ii. Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore / Cycling (MI)
jj. White River Campground/Canoeing with White River Canoe Company
kk. Survivorman (Camp Buffalo/109)
ll. Feast of the Hunter's Moon (OCT)
mm. Gettysburg (PA)
nn. Repelling + Camping
oo. Aerial Course/Koteewi
pp. Shooting Skills / Range
qq. Order of the Arrow
rr. _____

List of Hikes (Search All Trails, 4+ Star Hikes)

1. Ft. Ben Lawrence Creek, 4.5 miles
2. Eagle Creek, various
3. Turkey Run, various
4. Shades, various
5. BCSP, various, North Tower Loop, 9.3m
6. Low Gap, Morgan Monroe SF, 10.3m
7. Three Lakes, Morgan Monroe SF, 10.6m
8. Mason Ridge and Rock Shelter Loop, Morgan Monroe SF, 6.7m
9. McCormick's Creek Trail, MCSP, 4.2m
10. Vandalia Trail, Plainfield 8.7m
11. Pate Hollow, HNF, 6.1m
12. Westwood, New Castle, 9m
13. Clifty Falls, Hoffman Falls, Tunnel Falls, CFSP, 6.0m
14. Koteewi, Strawtown, various
15. _____

Backpacking Trails

1. Knobstone Trail, 60 miles
2. Tecumseh Trail, 42 miles
3. Charles C Deam, 36 miles
4. Hickory Ridge Trail, 48.7 miles
5. Adena Trace Loop, 25 miles
6. Adventure Hiking Trail, 25 miles
7. German Ridge (multi-use) Trail, 24 miles
8. Mogen Ridge (multi-use) Trail, 19 miles

Day Events

- Exotic Feline Rescue
- Wolf Park
- Indy Zoo
- Slip and Slide Kickball
- Troop Kickball game and picnic
- Orienteering - https://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/fo-MorganMonroeOrienteeringMap.pdf

Recruitment

- **Scout Encampment** at Holland Park (Monkey Bridge, Smores, hotdogs, etc).
- **Trunk-or-treat**: Have trick-or-treaters play a game to earn candy, like a Minute to Win It game or bean bag toss
- **Scavenger Hunt:** Organize a scavenger hunt in a local park or wooded area. Create clues related to Scouting knowledge, knots, or outdoor skills. Teams can compete to find hidden items or complete challenges.
- **Campfire Cooking Challenge** (pair up Webelos with Scouts): Host a campfire cooking competition. Scouts can prepare simple meals using camp stoves or open flames. Judges (perhaps troop leaders or experienced Scouts) can evaluate taste, creativity, and presentation.
- **Obstacle Course**: Set up an obstacle course with various physical challenges. Include tasks like crawling under ropes, climbing over logs, and balancing on narrow beams. Scouts can race against the clock or compete in teams.
- **Knot-Tying Relay:** Teach essential knots (such as square knots, bowline knots, and clove hitches) and organize a relay race. Each Scout must tie a specific knot correctly before passing the rope to the next teammate.
- **Nature Art**: Encourage Scouts to create art using natural materials they find outdoors. This could include leaf rubbings, pinecone animals, or rock sculptures. Display their creations for parents and potential recruits to see.
- **Geocaching Adventure**: Introduce geocaching—a modern treasure hunt using GPS coordinates. Hide small containers (geocaches) in your area, and provide clues for Scouts to find them. It's a great way to combine technology and outdoor exploration.
- **STEM Challenges**: Incorporate science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) activities. Build simple catapults, design paper airplanes, or construct mini-rafts to test in a nearby stream.
- **Outdoor Movie Night:** Set up an outdoor movie screening in your troop's meeting area or a local park. Show a family-friendly film related to adventure, teamwork, or Scouting values. Invite potential recruits and their families.

Here are some tips for creating a BSA recruitment event:

- Log in to your council's Facebook page
- Click on Events
- Create an event
- Enter event information
- Boost the event after it's posted
- Use high resolution graphics
- Target junior high, middle schools, and high schools
- Add small details, like the room number or specific location
- Don't change the event after it's posted

See https://scoutingwire.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Scouts-BSA-Recruitment-Idea-Book.pdf

WEBELOS Camping Events

(Note: Webelos/Arrow of Light Den Camping may participate and camp at a Scouts BSA troop unit campout. All Cub Scout camping requirements still apply, including the den must have a BALOO trained adult leader in attendance and all Youth Protection policies apply.)

1. Camp K
2. Mounds State Park
3. Conner Prairie