



BOY SCOUT TROOP PROGRAM GUIDE

IDEA SHEET

PROGRAM IDEAS OF THINGS TO DO & PLACES TO GO

Sample Activities:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caves and Caving – Eagle Cave, Wisconsin • Timberwolves Game • Twins Game • Valley Fair • Swimming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lake beach ○ Pool • Bowling Party • Sand Bar Fishing • Orientation Flight • Ropes Course • Underwater World <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oceanography Merit Badge • Golf • Archery • Water Skiing • Kickball • Ultimate Frisbee • Frisbee Golf • 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 • Gun Club – will allow use of range. • Lake Pepen – Eagle Observing • Vertical Endeavors Climbing Wall, Minneapolis, MN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Offer a 5 hr course for scouts to received their Climbing Merit Badge | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Niagara Cave • Midwest Mountaineering (Fall & Spring Events) • Root River <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tubing • Water Park • Renaissance Festival • Reptile Gardens • Tractor pull races • Taxidermy shops • Badlands Hiking • Volks March at Crazy Horse Monument • Ellsworth Air Force Base • Pioneer Auto Museum • Houck Buffalo Ranch outside Pierre • Car Races / Speed Races • Prairie Dog Town in the Badlands • Soldier and War Memorials • Strom Mountain, Rapid City • Outdoors Sports Shows / New Camping equipment ideas • Survival shows, movies, talks • Lake Mille Lacs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ice Fishing / Overnight in Fish House • Northfield Pool (Winter months only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contact #: 507-645-7311 • REI/Galyans – Golf Galaxy is beside REI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Demonstrations and talks ○ Climbing Wall – parent required |
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Sample Tours / Places to See:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Capital Building • City Council Meeting • Air Museum South St. Paul Airport • Air Museum Rapid City • Aviation Museum – Anoka, MN • National Guard Bases • Redland Museum • Redland Museum | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spam Museum – Austin, MN • National Cemetery • Tour Lock & Dam on Miss. River – Minneapolis, MN • 493rd Air Wing Air Museum – St. Paul, MN • National Guard Bases |
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Good Places to Hold a Troop Campout

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Dakota State Parks charge .50 per boy per night to stay if the scouts perform a service project like picking up trash or cleaning. • Mom’s Campout • 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) • Fort Defiance State Park – Estherville, IA • Phillippo Scout Reservation • Welch Village <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Skiing • Old Barn Resort – Lanesboro <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Swimming & Cycling | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parker Scout Reservation Camp – Merrifield (Alpha Lupus Winter Camp) • Sand Bar on the river • Sakatah State Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bike Trip • Minneopa State Park • Ft. Ridgely <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tubing Hill ○ Golfing • Flandreau State Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Golf • Lake Shetek • Sioux Council, SD / Side trip to Pipestone • Uncle Tim’s Cabin • Superior Trail North Shore • Underwater World <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sleep with the Sharks |
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Canoe Trip Locations

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minnesota River • Blue Earth River • St. Croix River • Cedar River • Cannon River • Root River | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White River • Niobrara River • Jim River • Lakes and State Park Reservoirs. • Train at indoor swimming pools with life guards |
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Hiking Trip Locations

- Gamehaven Scout Camp – Gitcheegume Trail
- Missouri River Breaks, Public Land
- South Dakota Trail Atlas is available on line or can be purchased for \$10. The book contains maps of 30 parks or recreation areas and 77 maintained trails

High Adventure Locations *(Should be conducted at least once every 2 years)*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philmont • Florida Sea Base • Glacier National Park – Montana | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boundary Waters Canoe Area • Big Horn Mountains – Wyoming • Grand Canyon |
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Troop Meeting Ideas

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each month a patrol is asked to invite a guest speaker • Merit Badge work • Camp planning • Movie night | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment repair night • Cleaning night • Learn to cook night • Parents Night • Activity nights |
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