

# MIXED PATROL CHALLENGE

## OBJECTIVE:

To provide a learning event for scouts by teaching basic Scout skills using a mixed Patrol make up to introduce and engage fellow Scouts from other Troops (Boy and Girl) in Scouts BSA, Districts, and Scouting Programs (Webelos, Exploring, Venturing, and Sea Scouting) within BSA.

## BASIC CONCEPT of the CHALLENGE:

Scouts will break up into, NOT more than 8 Scouts per Patrol and having no more than 50% of same Troop in each Patrol. The goal is to introduce Scouts with other fellow Scouts so they can learn together.

Each Patrol will start at the initial start point/location and move to separate points where they will complete a specific skill/requirement. Upon completion of the specified time, the Patrol will then move to the second point for that skill, on to the third point for the final skill, and then movement back to the initial start point to end.

When working with other Programs, i.e., Venturing/Exploring, the skill and/or requirement to be learned will need to be adjusted to fit the level and skills of the participants.

## SCOUT

- POINT A** Explain the patrol method. Describe the types of patrols used in your troop. **3a.** (page 25)
- POINT B** Tie a square knot, two half-hitches, and taut-line hitch. Explain how each knot is used. **4a.** (pages 365-367)
- POINT C** Show proper care of rope by whipping and fusing ends of different kinds of rope. **4b.** (pages 361-362). Tell what you need to know about pocketknife safety. **5.** (pages 379-381)

## TENDERFOOT

- POINT A** Demonstrate the practical use of square knot, two half-hitches, taut-line hitch. **3a., 3b., 3c.** (pages 365-367)
- POINT B** Explain the importance of the buddy system as it relates to your personal safety on outings and in your neighborhood. Use the buddy system while on a troop or patrol outing (Patrol Challenge). **5a.** (pages 29 and 252)
- POINT C** Describe what to do if you become lost on a hike or campout. **5b.** (pages 254-255)  
Explain the rules of safe hiking, both on the highway and cross-county, during the day and at night. **5c.** (pages 252-253)

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## **START POINT**

0900 – 0930 Begin selection of Patrols (this can be completed prior to the start), followed by introduction, expectations, and how the Challenge to be conducted. Safety brief with Scouts and Guides. **START.**

0930 – 0945 Patrol movement to first (**Point A**) skill/point. 15 min to allow time for Patrol to navigate to location. (Travel time may need to be extended depending on distance between points)

0945 – 1015 Instructor uses the EDGE method to explain the skill/requirement and ultimate completion along with the help of the Patrol guide. If there is a personnel issue the Patrol Guide can conduct the training at the three points if needed.

1015 – 1030 Patrol movement to second (**Point B**) skill/point.

1030 – 1100 Instructor completes second skill/requirement.

1100 – 1115 Patrol movement to third (**Point C**) skill/point.

1115 – 1145 Instructor completes third skill/requirement.

1145 – 1200 Patrol movement back to initial **START POINT** to complete challenge.

A second round could be conducted in the afternoon if needed.

**REFERENCE:** The Boy Scout Handbook

## **PERSONNEL:**

1 Adult leader to supervise the event.

3 Senior rank Scouts or Adults to conduct skill/requirement training at points A, B, and C.

3 Senior rank Scouts to guide the Patrol through the lanes. (More guides will be needed if more lanes are being conducted)

4 to 8 Scouts per each patrol

## **EQUIPMENT:**

(3 foot) length of rope for knot tying for each participant.

String for whipping rope and lighter for fusing end of nylon rope.

Scouts will need their Scout Handbook.

The challenge can be adjusted to include Land Navigation GPS and/or compass course from the Start point to each of the subsequent point to add in more of a challenge and complete more skills.