

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE SPECIAL FEATURE

Field Trips (15 min.)

Learning Objectives	By the end of this session, the Scouter should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Define field trips• Explain the purposes of a field trip• List types of field trips• Describe steps in planning a field trip• Explain use of Local Tour Permits
Materials Needed	Local Tour Permit, No. 4426 (one for each participant)
Introductions	The instructor introduces himself and any faculty members assisting in the presentation.
Definition	A field trip is a planned activity, less than 24 hours in length, that is a learning experience, involves fun, and supports boy advancement.
Purposes	A field trip can have these purposes: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To have new experiences2. To learn new things3. To support advancement4. Just for fun
Types	There are many types of field trips. A field trip could be historical, civic, nature, business, industrial, scenic, or advancement related. Field trips can be "just for fun." The whole troop, just a patrol, or just the patrol leaders' council can go. A field trip may be only age related as well.
Planning	Consider the following things when planning a field trip: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How far? How much travel time is involved?2. Let parents know in advance where you are going and when you will be back. Better still, take them along.3. Make arrangements in advance. Be on time.4. Establish a buddy plan before starting the trip. Explain that boys remain together at all times.5. Provide plenty of adult supervision. This is another time when parents can be of help.6. See that the boys are in proper uniform.7. See that each boy has enough money for an emergency phone call.

8. Provide plenty of transportation so that cars are not crowded. This is for insurance reasons as well as for comfort.
9. Coach boys in advance so that they are attentive, courteous, and observe all necessary rules.
10. Have someone at home as a contact person with a complete list of trip participants. Phone numbers should be on the list in case of emergency.
11. Locate restrooms immediately upon arrival.
12. Decide on rendezvous points in case someone gets lost.
13. Upon your return, have the boys write your hosts to thank them for the visit.
14. Evaluate the field trip.

Do not forget to consider the age of your Scouts and the type of field trip. Relate age, experience, and interest with the type of field trip being planned.

Tour Permits

Distribute copies of the Local Tour Permit form and explain how and why they are used. Review the transportation, insurance, and performance requirements.

Discussion

If time permits, ask whether anyone has questions.

Adjourn

Thank the group for its participation. Adjourn for the next activity.
