

# PATROL ACTIVITY BOXES

Each patrol has been given an empty plastic box for use as their patrol meeting box. The patrol activity boxes will be stored in the new troop cabinet. The purpose of these activity boxes is the ability to store materials needed for teaching Scouting skills, so that these items are readily available at the weekly meetings. This will eliminate the need to run out to the Troop trailer to get pieces of rope for a knot-tying lesson, or a file for an ax-sharpening demonstration.

We're not going to give you a detailed shopping list of items to put in your box, but there are certain Scout skills that every patrol should cover. There are some optional instructional areas suggested here as well, but you can certainly impress (or surprise) the judges with other items you see fit to have in your patrol box.

## Mandatory scout skills:

Knots & Whipping  
Lashing  
First aid (splinting, bandaging)  
Fire starting (NOT FIREWOOD)  
Tote-n-Chip  
Orienteering

## Optional skills:

Flint & Steel/Fire by Friction  
Wildlife & Animal Track & Scat ID  
Tree, Plant, Wildflower ID  
Wilderness survival  
Swiss seat  
Aquatics safety

We realize that the volume inside your patrol box is limited, so choose your items carefully. You might also wish to keep a spiral notebook and several pens/pencils in your box for patrol meetings. Whatever you think might make the meetings run more smoothly—that's what will impress the judges. Put some thought into this, and as always, **DO YOUR BEST!**