

# **Knowing and Using the Resources of the Group**

Lead patrol to the patrol site and conduct a discussion on what needs to happen at the patrol site and what resources are available to assist them in accomplishing the objective

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Make a flip chart that covers the following

Items to be done  
Who will do them  
Equipment needed  
    \*\*tents  
    \*\*dining fly  
    \*\*cooking  
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Make sure everyone has a job

Tell the patrol you need to go to a meeting and that they should set up camp while you are gone. Leave and try to hide off site and watch what happens

Return after one hour

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When you return have them sit down and make the following points.

"Before you set-up camp we took time to discuss each job and who was best qualified to do them. This is the leadership skill "Knowing and using the resources of the group".

You made a list of the tasks to do, what equipment was needed, and who was the right person for the task. Determining equipment was easy. Tell them if they were missing equipment to contact the troop quartermaster (name)

Selecting the right person was probably the hardest thing to do. Ask these questions.

\*\* How did you know who was best at tent pitching?

\*\* How can you find out more about other patrol members?

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Hand out "Inventory Sheets" go over the questions and ask if they want to add any other items. (add as required)

(have them fill them out and then share with each other)

This afternoon you setup camp without a leader. Would things have gone better if you had a leader? (get answer from members)

Then ask **WHY?**

Seek these answers?

\*\* Leader gets things organized

\*\* Leader gets job done

\*\* Leader is a resource

State "A leader gets this done by Knowing and Using the Resources of the Group" He knows the tools available and the skills available in each member."

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Explain that each member will have a chance to be a PL or APL during the first 5 days. You will elect a permanent patrol leader at the end of the week

Ask: "What are the duties of the patrol leader?

Where can you find the job description of a Patrol Leader? Discuss the JL Handbook?  
Review duties of the patrol leader (Use Handout)

Inform them that we are going to do things differently by electing an APL. (normally appointed)

Run elections for PL/APL.

Explain that jobs will change every morning at flag ceremony.

Install patrol Leader.

Have PL/AL give the Scout Sign and repeat the Scout Oath.  
Give badges and congratulate and declare them installed.

Explain that now the patrol and its new leaders have a task.

(Give copy of the Rotation of Patrol Duties)  
Explain rotation of duties, 2 man teams, switching positions.

### **Summary**

\*\*To accomplish tasks you must know your resources

\*\*A leader is an important resource

\*\*Know your patrol resources

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### **Reflection**

Explain the reflection process and the ground rule?

Ask questions for about 15 minutes

Remind the patrol leader that the first days food pick up is at (time).  
Patrol members should continue setting camp.

Point out the inventories will be useful during the week.

*Continue to monitor your patrol to be sure they are getting camp established and dinner cooked. If problems are noted counsel the patrol leader.  
Never take over the patrol*