

Logbooks

Ideas, Suggestions, and forms

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Sample Organization:

Front Pocket: current Scout Shout, flyers

Divider 1: Calendar and Rosters... current troop calendar with other personal dates noted; complete, current roster with names, phone numbers, addresses, e-mail, parents, etc.; leaders and other adults; and any other rosters, such as by patrol.

Divider 2: Activity log/Spreadsheet... for keeping track of basic information about events attended, date, place, nights camped, service hours, miles hiked, etc.

Divider 3: Activity log/Detail... for capturing your memories and thoughts about scouting events ... the good, the bad and the ugly (such as photos!); pictures (actual photos or printouts from digital or scanned sources), likes, dislikes, surprises, disappointments...

Divider 4: 1. Copies of Blue Cards and Advancement Cards (actual cards should be kept in safe place)

2. Copies of Sign-off pages from Scout book

3. Documentation of leadership or other awards

Divider 5: Personal documentation....

1. Notes from leadership activities, such as PLC's, patrol meetings, Scribe or Quartermaster activities, etc.

2. Scout Shout copies - especially items of personal interest or that you contributed

3. Copies of Event Flyers -especially where you were Leadership

4. Copies of handouts (maps, compass sheets); (these are also handy for certain Merit Badges)

Divider 6: Blank Paper ... And anything else you can think of to keep track of your Scout life.

Ideas to get you started:

Describe a meal ... what did you make? ... who did you cook/eat with? ... did anything interesting happen during the cooking? ... how did everything taste? ... any experiments? ... would you make this again, or change something next time? ... write a "review" of the meal.

Describe a hike...include the map ... who did you go with? ... where did you go? ... how far did you go? ... how long did it take? ... what was the weather like, hot, cold or perfect? ... what kind of snack did you have? ... how much water did you drink? ... did you see any birds or animals or tracks, scat, etc.? ... how did your shoes/pack feel? ... what did you bring that you didn't need? ... what did you wish that you had brought?

Describe a photo ... where was it taken? ... who was in it? ... what does this picture remind you of? ... what were you thinking/feeling at the time?

Talk about your Goals ... what rank are you working on? ... what do you need to do to get to the next rank? ... set a time (date) to get your goal ... break the process down into steps/dates.

Practice Description ... pick an object ... large or small ... and write an paragraph describing it ... use all your senses - sight, sound, taste, smell, touch ... does it remind you of something else? Make metaphors and similes ... what could you use this thing for, besides the obvious? Think of 5 things ... what is its history? Make one up ... what will happen to it in the future?

Jump off from a quotation ... what do you think it means? ... how does it apply to Boy Scouts?... do you agree/disagree with it?...why?

Supplies for a Log Book

- 1 loose-leaf notebook, at least 2" deep
- pencil pocket with pencils, pens, etc.
- dividers
- 3-hole punch
- extra lined paper
- scouting information and memorabilia; see "Log Book Suggestions"

