

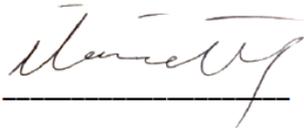
## JamboRí: Stories Begin Here!

### Patrol Spirit

Hi,

To help you prepare for the JamboRí this month, we hope you will develop your patrol spirit. Last month we had advice on forming patrols, now it's the time to get your patrol working as a team!

Yours in Scouting,



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### Patrol activities

#### Bibbidy Bop Bop

Description: Have all the scouts sit in a circle. Someone stands in the middle and they have to then point at a scout and say "Bibbidy Bop Bop". The scout they are pointing to must say "Bop" before they finish, otherwise they then become the person in the middle. If the scout in the middle says anything other than "Bibbidy Bop Bop" and the scout they are pointing to says "Bop", they are out and become the person in the middle.

#### 20 Questions

Description: Scouts take it in turns to think of anything and decide what sort of category it falls into. Once they have decided they tell the other Scouts the category. The other Scouts then can ask a total

of 20 questions to which the answer must be truthful yes or no, to try identify what the Scout is thinking about.

#### No-Match Firelighting:

Using just flint your patrol should light a fire. Your patrol will need to work together, setting up safe fire mound, gathering good, and assembling kindling.

#### Tracking

Your patrol should follow a trail of at least 3km, with at least 20 signs or clues are provided. Have another patrol or your Scouters set out the trail for you.

#### Flood warning

Equipment (per patrol): six spars (3-5ft), five lengths of sisal/rope, one old billy, kindling, and a box of matches.

Description: The patrols are given the follow scenario: within ten minutes the whole area will be flooded to a depth of four feet.

Darkness is approaching rapidly. A beacon fire must be lit to warn a local village across the valley.

#### Blindfold Bowline-Reef:

All the patrol is blindfolded and given a length of rope, but no one is allowed talk. Scouts should pair up, and each scouts should tie a bowline on themselves, then in their pairs tie their ropes together with a reef knot.

#### Night Sky

In your patrol, learn about the constellations and their meanings. On an overnight activity, find at least 6 different star constellations in the night sky.

## Patrol Spirit

Building up patrol spirit takes time; it is shaped by a patrol's experiences. Having a Patrol Identity can be very helpful in developing a strong patrol spirit. You can use your patrol name to make a logo for flags, signs, t-shirts and other things which will establish your patrol as a distinct group.

### Patrol Names:

Some Troops have had the same patrol names for years, while others change their name regularly. It is up to your Patrol, with the help of the Patrol Leaders' Council, to decide if you want to keep a name or choose a new one. Most patrol names are based on animals.

Baden-Powell, in *Scouting for Boys*, explains that: "Each patrol of the troop is named after an animal or bird. It is a good plan to choose only animals and birds found in your district." Picking an animal from your locality helps build your connection with the area, or if you want you could pick an animal that reflects your patrol, like an Otter for a patrol who likes water activities, or a wolf for a patrol who likes wilderness activities.



### Patrol Logo

Your Patrol can establish its identity through the use of a Patrol Logo which can be put on signs, flags, and patrol equipment. When deciding on a Patrol Logo you could use the images on the Patrol Badges, or you could come up with your own design, especially if one or two of your patrol members are feeling creative.

## Patrol Sign

Equipment: Acrylic paint, paint brushes, water container to clean the brushes (such as, an old cup or the bottom of a milk carton), rags, design, laptop/device, projector, blank sign, or item to be paint, such as a patrol box or notice board.

1. Lay down newspaper around the area you will be painting.
2. Project the image you want to paint onto the sign. You can use the focusing function on the projector to set the size of the image.
3. Trace an outline of the image onto the sign, as well as any details.
4. Paint the image. Sometimes patrols have Patrol Colours, or you can choose your own. When choosing them, remember that simple strong colours are best on sign as they will be clearly visible. Use a rag to wipe away any mistakes or spills.
5. Allow paint to dry and add another coat if necessary (you can use a hairdryer if you need to save time).
6. Clean brushes between uses and clean thoroughly after use.

