Explorer Service to you

5 New helps - Get them at your local council office

EXPLORER LEADER'S PROGRAM NOTEBOOK

An old favorite title but a new arrangement — geared to fit your 1951-52 program planning needs. You'll like the new arrangement of material in fall, winter, spring, and summer quarters. You'll like the theme of the month scheme that ties in with SCOUTING Magazine.

HOW TO ORGANIZE EXPLORER GROUPS (Cat. No. 3144)

Gives *step plans* to cover the three situations — Organizing a Crew in a Troop, Organizing an Explorer Unit from a Troop Crew, Organizing an Explorer Unit without Troop connections. Lists men and materials for each step and gives suggested agenda, invitations, etc.

EXPLORER ADVISOR'S FIRST SIX MEETINGS

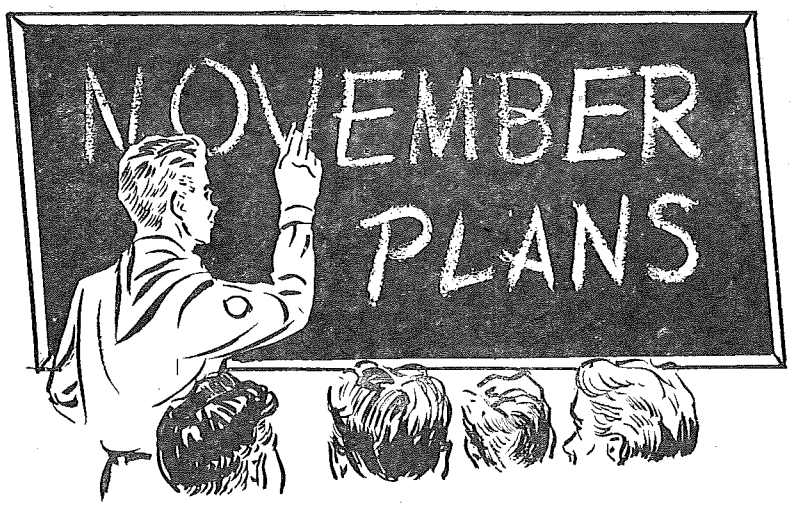
Ties right in with the "How To Organize" pamphlet. Helps the Advisor, coached by Organizer or Commissioner, to complete new Troop Crew or Unit administration. Advisor who completes these meetings gets credit for three sessions of Explorer Leader's basic training course.

COUNCIL AND DISTRICT EXPLORER ACTIVITIES (Cat. No. 3145)

A must for Camping and Activities men, Scout Executives, and Advisors interested in Explorer activities on an inter-Unit basis. Deals with the specifics of planning and promoting rendezvous, regattas, Philmont trips, canoe cruises, expeditions, socials, industrial tours, community service, etc.

EXPLORING AT WORK IN YOUR TROOP (Cat. No. 3146)

A guide for the Scoutmaster, Advisor, and Commissioner. Outlines a dozen specific ways that Explorers can serve their Troop — skill instruction, Merit Badge clinic, cooking expert, conservation campcraft, life guard, emergency trainer, demonstration teams, dad days, open house, Philmont trip.



ON YOUR CREW'S or Unit's November calendar you should plan to do more planning. Whoa now! 'T ain't so complicated as it sounds. We simply mean that November is the month to do your Winter Quarter Planning — December, January, February.

Schedule a business meeting early in November to do the job. Watch the November SCOUTING for winter program suggestions in the Old-Timer's Almanac. You'll like the old boy's humor as well as his program ideas in his Almanac.

Emergency Service

That's the November activity theme. Look on pages 28-29 of your *Explorer Leader's Program Notebook* for a list of suggestions. Then turn to pages 24-25 of this issue for the details on an Emergency Service training camp. The Blue Ribbon Events on pages 26-27 will put still more ideas into your head.

Emergency Service, of course, is something that no Explorer group can train and equip for in one month, but it is something that may save many lives and much property any month — or day or hour. Just hope that the need doesn't arise before your Explorers are prepared. Meanwhile November is the month to start or expand their training and equipping. Then plan to follow up on Emergency Service a little each month. It's an obligation we have, particularly in view of the national defense emergency.

BOYS' LIFE Program Aids

The magazine continues its aid to Explorer program planning in November, with a feature on Emergency Service equipment. To stimulate and help with plans for a Philmont expedition next summer, there's the first of a series on adventures at the Scout ranch in New Mexico. If your fellows are thinking of running a table tennis tournament, a champ at that indoor sport gives tips on the game. The "Deep Sea Stuff" about three Explorers on a marine laboratory trip makes good reading at a winter meeting or indoor campfire. The back of the magazine tells how to make coonskin caps, ski poles, and folding bucksaws; and how to barbecue a turkey.

Facts About Alcohol

That's the title of a sensible pamphlet written especially for teen agers by Raymond G. McCarthy of the Yale University Center of Alcoholic Studies. The pamphlet sticks to the facts, too. Apparently it trusts high school readers to form their own opinions when they know the facts. This is good material for a roundtable or panel discussion among Explorers or for an Advisor to have on tap. The price is 40 cents or three for $1.00 from Science Research Associates, 57 W. Grand Ave., Chicago 10, Ill.

November Explorer Leaders' Roundtable

Advisors, Assistant Advisors, Unit Committeemen, Senior Crew Leaders, Crew Leaders, and Planning Committee Chairmen, are all these leaders in your group attending the District Explorer Roundtable every month? Here's the agenda the Explorer Service is recommending for the November Roundtable (invite the wives and girls) to make December plans:

THEME: "Courtesy"

EXHIBITS: 15 minutes

Table settings — buffet and banquet styles.
Books and pamphlets on manners.*

DEMONSTRATE & DO: 30 minutes

Explorers and ladies dramatize:

1. Making introductions.
2. Getting dates.
3. Presenting flowers.

OPENING: 10 minutes

Dramatize Court of Awards with girls assisting. (See *Explorer Manual* chapter 18)

PRESENTATION OF THEME: 45 minutes

1. Short talk followed by discussion of "Courtesy Is the Outward Expression of a Gentleman." (Courtesy in driving, sports, socials, etc.)
2. Dramatization of parts selected from *Your Ticket To Popularity.*

PARTICIPATION: 15 minutes

Answer questions about what was done right or wrong in dramatization.

OLD-TIMER'S IDEA: 5 minutes

Courtesy to Chartered Institution.

CLOSING: 5 minutes

1. Announce next month's Roundtable.
2. Sweetheart songs.

**Your Ticket To Popularity,* Boy Scouts of America, (Cat. No. 3020) 10c.

Where Are Your Manners?, Science Research Associates, 57 W. Grand Ave., Chicago 10, Ill., 40c.

Popularity Plus, Pocket Book, Jr., 35c.

DOUBLE

SKILLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR CIVIL DEFENSE AND NATURAL DISASTERS

MANY COMMON Explorer skills and equipment, such as used in first aid, signaling, outdoor cooking, camp sanitation and tent pitching, can do double duty in Emergency Service and Civil Defense. Whether or not you think a bombing or enemy attack can happen here, such skills and equipment are equally useful in peacetime emergencies. Here are three examples:

1. From the *St. Louis Post Dispatch,* May 6:

"Thirty-nine Explorers . . . helped battle a forest fire for eight and a half hours after they were pressed into service by conservation authorities late Saturday afternoon. Going into camp Friday evening, they had had instruction in several Emergency Service projects, including firemanship. The fire destroyed 430 acres of timber-land . . . but the destruction might have been much greater if the Explorers had not lent an experienced hand."

2. From the *Philadelphia Inquirer,* April 2:

"Five Philadelphia youths were saved from drowning by Sea Explorers yesterday, after their rented boat overturned in the Delaware River a half mile off shore. . . . Four of the youths could swim. The fifth, who could not, shouted for help. His cries were heard by some 25 Sea Explorers at the Dale Sea Explorer Base.

"The Explorers put their boats into the water immediately but had difficulty in reaching the floundering youths because of the strong tide. After a half hour's effort, the five boys were rescued and taken ashore."

3. Quoting a letter from David A. Meyer, Scout Executive at Coshocton, Ohio, regarding the train wreck at West Lafayette in September, 1950, which killed over thirty National Guardsmen and injured many others:

"Our service by 50 Scouts and Explorers was the result of a survey made by our Health and Safety Committee in 1949 as to possible service to the community in case of disaster. . . . One recommendation adopted by the Executive Board was to write the Red Cross headquarters and offer the use of camp beds and equipment if needed.

"Within twenty minutes after the call for help, a truck and Explorers were on the way to camp to bring beds and mattresses to the armory. Just as the first victims were arriving, the beds arrived and were set up to take care of the overflow from the hospital. . . ."

Yes, Emergency Service planning and training are valuable in peace as in war. Your Unit, your District, or your Council should take positive action at once, if it hasn't done so, to gear into the local Civil Defense machinery. Your Explorer Unit or Crew in the Troop is an emergency group. It should be trained and equipped and have a mobilization plan.

DUTY—

Emergency Library

Detailed information on how to train, equip and mobilize Crews and Units is given in these pamphlets, available at Council offices:

Civil Defense Guide (Cat. No. 3198) 10c.
Pattern For Survival (Cat. No. 3197) 20c.
Family "Be Prepared" Plan (Cat. No. 3194) 10c.
Collection, Distribution and Communication Services (Cat. No. 3195) 15c.
First Aid and Rescue Methods (Cat. No. 3196) 15c.
Lost (Cat. No. 3019) 10c.
Explorer Leader Basic Training Notebook, pages 37-51 (Cat. No. 3157) 20c.
Litepac, equipment making, 15c.
Explorer Manual, chapter 11 and pages 314-322, (Cat. No. 3506) 75c.

This list for less than two dollars provides a thoroughgoing Emergency Service and Civil Defense training library.* It contains the requirements for Emergency Service Explorer, methods of training, projects, and ways of integrating emergency training into the regular program.

Week-end Training Camp

One way of getting a lot of training done in a hurry is a three-session overnight camp; for example, Friday evening, Saturday morning and afternoon, or Saturday afternoon and evening and Sunday morning. The latter schedule includes time out for religious services.

All Explorers, Leaders and Committeemen in a Council or District or any group of Units can participate — the more the merrier as long as everyone is willing to concentrate on some concentrated training. Most trainers can handle a large group as well as a small one with some adjustments in their presentations.

To plan the program, call together an Explorer and an adult leader from each Unit likely to participate. The Commissioner or his Civil Defense representative and someone from the Camping and Activities Committee should coordinate the planning. Hold this meeting far enough ahead — about two months — so that Units and Crews may work the preparations for the Civil Defense week-end into their meetings.

Mobilize

Bring the Crews and Units together for the week-end by a practice mobilization. This need not be competitive. Just let every group see how fast they can get from their homes to their headquarters and then to the training site — without breaking speed or traffic laws. Such procedure will require those groups that do not have a mobilization system to set one up.

As part of the registration at the camp site have every participant who has not done so fill out an *Application For Recognition As Emergency Service Explorer* (Cat. No. 4425). This is one definite step toward fulfilling an obligation that every Explorer and leader has.

Have the Crews do their own cooking and set up their own shelter. That will be good experience in the Civil Defense jobs of feeding and sheltering large groups of people. Encourage the use of dehydrated foods and other emergency rations such as Explorers would carry while on Civil Defense duty.

Skill Stations

Run the training by the "county fair" method — a series of stations, each manned by an expert who both trains and examines the Explorers and leaders as they circulate from one station to another. The activity at the various stations must be organized to occupy roughly the same period of time so that all participants will be ready to shift to the next station at the same signal.

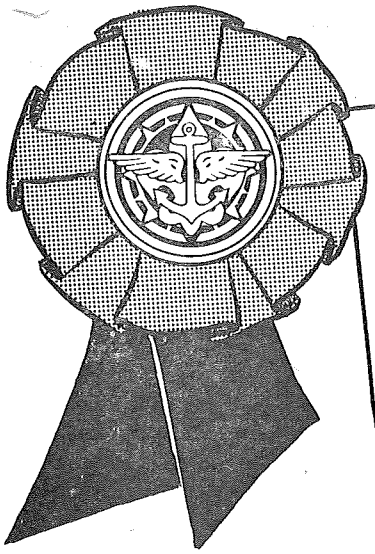
The Sabine Area Council set up 15 stations in this manner for its "Operation Stimulation" that was held to stimulate interest and progress in Emergency Service: *

1. Fill out Emergency Service Explorer application.
2. Run a mile in 7½ minutes or less.
3. Whip a rope and tie knots and hitches required for Emergency Service.
4. Climb 18-foot rope in 25 seconds or less.
5. Observation trail.
6. Safety Merit Badge — axe handling.
7. Personal Health Merit Badge — explain five ways of keeping warm outdoors.
8. Surprise event — set up organization for finding a lost person. (See *Lost.*)
9. First Aid Merit Badge — field problem on the spot (see *First Aid and Rescue Methods,* p. 2-8).
10. Pathfinding Merit Badge — follow prescribed compass course.
11. Public Health Merit Badge — filter and purify lake water.
12. Rowing Merit Badge — launch and land a row boat.
13. Life Saving Merit Badge — pineapple rope rescue method on land (see *Sea Explorer Manual,* p. 44-45).
14. Firemanship Merit Badge — show two ways of saving a person whose clothes are on fire.
15. Canoeing Merit Badge — Launch, enter, turn, and land a canoe.

A week-end like this will go a long way to start or continue Explorers' interest in qualifying as Emergency Service Explorers. It takes training. It's up to you, the Advisor, to see that the training opportunity is presented in an appealing challenging way. Now is the time to get your Explorers to acquire the skills and equipment that do double duty.

*These Merit Badge pamphlets are also especially helpful: *Camping, Canoeing, Cooking, Cycling, Fingerprinting, Firemanship, First Aid, First Aid To Animals, Forestry, Hiking, Life Saving, Pathfinding, Pioneering, Personal Health, Physical Development, Public Health, Radio, Rowing, Stalking.*

*See *Explorer Manual,* p. 220, or *Sea Explorer Manual* p. 50 for Emergency Service Explorer requirements.



BLUE RIBBON EVENTS

Blue Ribbon Events have been tried and judged to be the best by the leaders who submit them. We present an attractive certificate for each one contributed. Let us have yours! By "us" we mean not the editors but the thousands of Explorer leaders. We especially want contributions from Crews in Troops. However, practically every event published can be adapted for any Troop Crew, Post, Ship, or Squadron, regardless of which type of group submitted it.

Photo by Don Peters

Explorers receiving their Emergency Service Ratings and armbands from San Francisco's Mayor Elmer Robinson.

Fire Mobilization

By Daniel M. Kreider, Advisor
Post 62, Summit, N. J.

A Blue Ribbon Event, although not planned, required over a year of training in Emergency Service skills. Our Post joined the Red Cross Chapter in the community Civil Defense organization. A mobilization plan was developed, and the Explorers are continually being trained in first aid, safety, pathfinding, and especially communications. The following quotation from a newspaper story tells of the event that put this training to use:

"*Be Prepared* has long been an Explorer by-word . . . and Summit Explorers are alert and trained for emergencies. When the alarm sounded for the recent downtown fire, a telephone call from the Red Cross Disaster Chairman found the Advisor of Explorer Post 62 just sitting down to breakfast. . . . Within seven minutes all Explorers assigned to the Red Cross Rescue Unit had been mobilized and were at work loading the rescue wagons. At the fire a few moments later they were ready for duty . . . an example of the sort of preparedness which justifies the community's confidence in this great Red Feather Service."

Blizzard Rescue Work

By Lowell Brockway, Senior Crew Leader
Post 1, Ashtabula, Ohio

Our small Post has had many activities that we are proud of, but the one we think is a Blue Ribbon Event happened last Thanksgiving time. There was a storm with about 40 inches of snow and then rain that froze.

The first day there was very little movement of any vehicles. The city crews started clearing the streets. There were so many emergency cases that our Post called a special meeting.

A farm implement dealer lent us a tractor which seemed to be the only vehicle that could get around. We started running emergency errands. The second day was a little better. The few cars that were out were always getting stuck and in the way of other drivers. We spent the next three days, because there was no school, pulling people's cars out of the snow.

Although we charged no one, some grateful people donated to the Post treasury, $20 in all. The next month some families had very little money to make their Christmas a happy one, so we put the money into Christmas baskets.

This we think is a real accomplishment, for we almost froze our ears off during those days when our help was needed.

Training For Defense

By Jim Steerman, Deputy Crew Leader
Post 152, Emporia, Kans.

Our Blue Ribbon Event was organizing our Post for Emergency Service. One evening we were notified to meet at the Post room with our emergency packs. The Crew leaders were each given a list of places, such as the telephone company, hospitals, drug stores, and other business places, where we would announce our plans for training for Civil Defense. Each list was divided among the Crew members, and the Crew that finished making its announcements first won the contest. Since that night we have had several Emergency Service meetings, and all of us are working toward our Emergency Service Explorer badges.

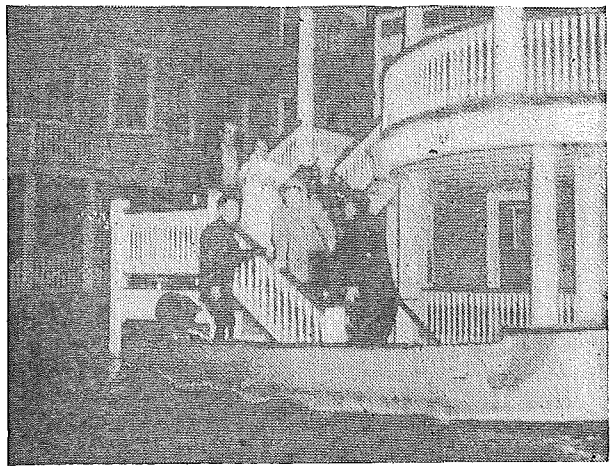


Photo by John B. Tomlin, Jr.

(top) Explorers were on the job in Missouri River floods. Atlantic City Explorers (above) rescue family marooned by hurricane.

Hurricane Rescues

By John B. Tomlin, Jr., Advisor
Post 18, Atlantic City, N. J.

Our Blue Ribbon Event was emergency service work during the hurricane of November 1950. We were supposed to go duck hunting that morning, but by 6 o'clock the wind was blowing 85 miles an hour. By 7 o'clock the water was so high it was impossible to walk around with hipboots.

We took a small boat with 3½ horsepower motor and started to pick up people who were marooned by high water. Boat and motor were not big enough, so we got a larger boat and 7½ horsepower motor. We hauled adults, children, dogs, clothes, and food. At one house where the floors gave way, we rescued six people.

All told, we carried 40 people to higher ground. During this time the wind was blowing 70 to 80 miles an hour, and it was pouring rain. We used the boat until 4:00 in the afternoon when the water subsided. Then we used a car until midnight. Having done all we could, we went to bed.

We had taken pictures, and two full pages were run in the local newspaper. A couple of months later we were cited by the city council for outstanding work during the hurricane.

Defense Hike

By Roy Vezina, Explorer
Post 8, Peterborough, N. H.

In connection with our Emergency Service program we decided to make this hike under conditions as closely related to an emergency as we could. The game was for the defenders to find a party of parachuting invaders. A month ahead we knew we would get a phone call with part of our instructions on Friday, April 13, sometime between 10:30 P.M. and 2 A.M.

Each side elected a captain who was instructed by the Advisor or his Assistant. We agreed on a few rules, and everyone obeyed them, so we had more fun than if there had been a lot of arguing. When two enemies met, the one who was tagged first either became a prisoner or was dead. The tagger had the option of deciding which. In either case the one tagged put on a white arm band.

The invaders were called out at 10:30 to have a good head start. They had to find a place most likely where paratroopers would land and hide. Part of their instructions were: "You have just parachuted from a plane. . . . It is so cold you must build a fire. . . . Get all the sleep you can, but there must be a guard of three men at all times. Your agent will contact you between midnight and 3 A.M. with further instructions."

When the invaders located their hideout, they built a fire and posted three men as guards, two stationary and one roving. The three had a password and took turns at the various posts.

The defenders were ordered to report to the railroad station at 1 A.M. Their orders were to search a certain area for suspected paratroopers. Since the area was unfamiliar to most of them, a map proved to be of great help in detouring around a swamp and a hill.

The defenders split in three groups which later met and redivided into two groups. One fellow fell off a log into a brook. Another discovered the enemy fire by climbing a tree on a hill.

About 5:30 A.M. we called off the game and headed for home. We learned that night hiking was more difficult than we expected. Although a game, it was the kind of experience that could happen here.

EXPLORER INDUCTIONS IN THE TROOP

By N. Harold West
Assistant Director, Explorer Service

THE STEP from Boy Scouting to Exploring on a young fellow's fourteenth birthday deserves special attention. Sure, he automatically becomes an Explorer. But this is an opportunity for his Scoutmaster and Explorer Advisor to point out that he is entering young manhood and what Exploring holds for young men.

Most fellows at this age are at a trying stage of their development. They need recognition and encouragement. A simple, dignified Explorer induction* ceremony does the trick. It makes the step into Exploring mean more than a few changes in uniform and insignia.

The ceremony below is conducted by either the Scoutmaster or the Advisor. The only "props" required are a candle on a rough log, an Explorer maroon tie, Explorer membership card, and Explorer universal emblem.

SCOUTMASTER: Johnny, congratulations on your recent fourteenth birthday. You are growing into young manhood. We and the Boy Scouts of America want to give special recognition of your step into Exploring.

As you grow into manhood, several important things are going to happen during the next few years. One is that you will begin to think about your future vocation, what you're going to do in life.

Second — it will be necessary to know more about getting along with other people. We mean social customs. For example, do you know how to use the silver at a banquet table? Do you know how to invite a girl to a party? When to give a corsage? The type of clothes to wear on different occasions?

Third — in the next several years you will want more adventurous, vigorous outdoor activities with fellows your own age. You'll want to get into the wilderness and see new places.

Fourth — while you were a Cub Scout and a Boy Scout, other folks helped you along the way — the Den Chief, Den Mother, Cubmaster, Patrol Leader, and others. Now as a young man you will be giving back service to others more than before.

Doing all these things is part of the Explorer program. Doing them will make you a valuable member of the Explorer Crew in this Troop.

Now let me ask you several questions.

The first one is, What hobbies do you enjoy?

JOHNNY: *Briefly describes his hobbies.*

SCOUTMASTER: Now will you please repeat the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America?

JOHNNY: *Repeats pledge.*

SCOUTMASTER: Do you believe this pledge and intend to live by it?

JOHNNY: *I do.*

SCOUTMASTER: Having known you in our Troop, I know you thoroughly understand the Scout Oath and Law. If you are willing to live the Oath and Law as an Explorer, let us, you and I, recommit ourselves to the Scout Oath and Law here before the other fellows.

Together they repeat the Scout Oath and Law.

SCOUTMASTER: Now, Johnny, the Boy Scouts of America officially recognize your new status as an Explorer. Here is a special Explorer Membership Certificate from the National Council.†

He presents the certificate.

Then there is the Explorer maroon necktie and Explorer Universal Emblem. I know you will wear these with pride and to the honor of the Troop. In the Scouting years ahead, I know you will enjoy the vocational exploration, the outdoor expeditions, the social opportunities, and the service to others, all through the Explorer program.

Congratulations to you, John, for this important step as a young man.

*The term induction is used as having a more adult connotation in these times than the term investiture customarily used in Boy Scouting.

†Obtained from Local Council by sending to Local Council office a *Report of Boy Scout to Explorer within the Troop* (Cat. No. 6196).