

## **TROOP 48 – After-action outline**

Following each major activity (generally, camping), the SPL should conduct a 10-minute (or so) discussion with the entire troop, with emphasis on the participants in the activity. The discussion should be structured in four parts. Each idea should be written on the whiteboard.

### **I. What did we intend to do?**

Ask the scouts for a list of what the activity was intended to accomplish. A camping trip is not only “camping” but also: (1) opportunities for newer scouts completing requirements for advancement in camping and outdoor skills; (2) completing the activity (a hike, a camporee program etc.); (3) opportunities for more experienced scouts to complete merit badge requirements (cooking, leading a campfire ceremony, etc.); (4) a service project (if applicable); and (5) to have fun (never omit this element).

### **II. Did we achieve these goals?**

Briefly review one goal at a time. List achievements (or not) on the whiteboard.

### **III. What went well, and what left room for improvement?**

If the hike achieved its goals, if scouts needing cooking requirements did the cooking, etc., say so and write it on the board.

If some things went poorly, for example, tents that leaked in the rain, failed to bring important items, the campsite was unsuitable etc.

### **IV. What should we keep doing, and what should we improve?**

Address each success and failure. For the former, recommend continuing that practice. For matters that did not go well, discuss how to improve on the next outing.