

“Keep Score” Interpatrol Competition Example

Troop 72 Green Bar Bill Competition, Winter 2008-2009

Troop 72's [Green Bar Bill](#) Patrol Competition runs every season. The kick-off event begins December 21st, 2008 at 12:04 AM and ends on March 20th, 2009 at 11:44 AM.

During this competition, each patrol is competing for the honor of being THE “Green Bar Bill Patrol” for Troop 72. The winner of the Winter competition becomes Green Bar Bill Patrol for Spring 2009 and is awarded a ribbon for their [patrol flag](#). For the kick-off competition, each patrol is also competing for a Grand Prize of their own choice and there is a prize that every patrol can earn if they reach a certain number of points.

Points can be earned many different ways. At each troop meeting, each Patrol Leader will announce to the Senior Patrol Leader what points they have earned since the last meeting and what points they have earned at that meeting. The Scoutmaster will, from time to time, offer additional point challenges. These rules may be amended at any time by majority vote of the Patrol Leader's Council with the approval of the Scoutmaster.

Earning points at troop meetings

Each patrol signifies their participation in the contest by having their Patrol Flag present and having a patrol member carry the flag throughout the meeting. If their Patrol Flag is not present, no points will be awarded for that meeting.

- 10 Every patrol member present at start of meeting.
- 10 At least 75% of patrol members in full uniform, including [patrol emblem](#).
- 10 Patrol Leader presents up-to-date Patrol Record Book to Assistant Scoutmaster.
- 10 Win the weekly inter-patrol competition.
- 10 Display the most Scout Spirit during the meeting. (Judged by PLC.)
- 5 Have a patrol member earn the Good Turn coin.
- 5 Be the service patrol.

Earning points between troop meetings

- 50 Hold a patrol meeting with at least 75% of patrol members in attendance. (You can earn these points twice per month.)
- 50 Complete a Good Turn or service project pre-approved by the Patrol Leader's Council. (You can earn these points once per month.)
- 50 Take part in a patrol hike, outdoor activity or other Scouting event with at least 75% of patrol members in attendance. (You can earn these points once per month.)
- 25 Have a guest who is eligible to join Boy Scouts visit a troop meeting. (You can earn these points twice during the competition.)
- 25 Recruit a new member to your patrol. (You can earn these points twice during the competition.)
- 25 Help a patrol member advance in rank, Tenderfoot or higher. (You can earn these points twice during the competition.)

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- 15 Have a patrol member fill an empty troop leadership position. (You can earn these points once per patrol member who doesn't already have a troop leadership position during the competition.)
- 15 Help a patrol member earn a merit badge. (You can earn these points once per patrol member during the competition.)

Earning points at troop overnight activities

- 50 Every patrol member present on-time.
- 50 At least 75% of patrol members in full uniform while traveling.
- 25 Patrol camping and dining areas pass inspection. (Judged by PLC.)
- 25 Complete a one hour service project pre- approved by the Patrol Leader's Council. (You can earn these points once per troop activity. This does not count toward other service project point challenge.)
- 10 Introduce troop to a NEW Scout Game, Song or Skit. (You can earn these points three times per troop activity.)
- 25 Display the most Scout Spirit during the entire activity. (Judged by PLC.)
- 25 Best meal prepared. (Judged by PLC.)
- 15 Best/most fun instruction of outdoor skills. (Judged by PLC.)
- 15 Patrol or patrol member organizes a campfire program.
- 15 Patrol or patrol member leads [Scout's Own service](#).

Earning points at troop fundraisers

- 50 At least 75% of patrol members participate.
- 50 Patrol achieves earnings goal. (Assigned by PLC.)
- 25 For individual sales fundraisers, patrol has the highest average sales per person.
- 25 For individual sales fundraisers, a patrol member has the highest overall sales.

Remember the Scoutmaster will offer additional challenges throughout the competition!

Each patrol **must** choose their Grand Prize before the competition begins. Check the following list for ideas or submit your own idea to the Patrol Leader's Council.

Florida Aquarium	Celebration Station	Pizza & Games Lock-In
Clearwater Marine Aquarium	Game Works	Wonder Works in Orlando
Lowry Park Zoo	Bowling Night	Wild Waters in Ocala
MOSI	Lightning Hockey Game	Horseback Riding
Malibu Grand Prix	Night at the Movies	Pool & Ice Cream Party
Beach Trip	Vans Skate Park in Orlando	

Every patrol is eligible to win [patrol t-shirts](#) if your patrol earns at least 1,500 points during the competition! Your patrol gets to design the shirt and each member gets one!

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