



## Introduction

The Boy Scout troop open house allows a troop to swing open its doors and roll out the red carpet to welcome guests. It provides a forum to show off Scouting activities and the troop's accomplishments. It is an effective tool to reach youth who have never tried Scouting.

Hosting a troop open house is a five-step process that has been tried and proven in troops throughout the nation. Each of the following five steps is vital to the event's success:

1. Present a school rally to fifth- and sixth-graders.
2. Mail the parents of interested youth a personal invitation to the troop open house.
3. Follow the invitation with a telephone call to the parents.
4. Host the troop open house for youth and their parents.
5. Organize a troop or district activity to involve new Scouts right away.

Youth join Scouting for the fun and outdoor adventure. Parents want them to join for completely different reasons—character building and leadership training. Following this plan for conducting a troop open house will help you address the wants and needs of both youth and their parents. Use the Troop Open House Planning Sheet in this brochure to track your progress.



The High-Adventure Survey has shown that 30 to 60 percent of non-Scouts would like to join a troop

## Hot Spark Fire Starter

Get sparks fast and easy and help in getting new Boy Scouts to join using the special metal alloy and scraper bar in this kit. Free to each new boy who joins Boy Scouts from Feb 1, 2004 to April 30<sup>th</sup>



[http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/resources/18-706/school\\_rally.html](http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/resources/18-706/school_rally.html)

---

### Troop Open House Sign-Up

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Open House: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Schools Served: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Return to the Service Center  
 LaSalle Council  
 1433 Northside Blvd - South Bend, IN 46615  
 Phone 574-289-0337 – Fax 574-289-0336