

Catch the Swag man

Lord Baden-Powell

Swag men are Australian hobo and are notorious sheep nappers. Aussie patrols are frequently called upon to track down the swag men and bring them back for justice. This is the challenge here.

Equipment: One skein of yarn for each color used, cut into 1 foot lengths. Do not use bright colors.

Set Up: Select enough swag men so there is one per tracking group. Each swag man has one color of yarn and is given a 30 minute head start.

Play: The swag man leaves the start point with his yarn and leaves a piece of yarn about every 20 feet. The swag man should place the yarn on the ground, on bushes, on tree limbs and other places that are visible without having to uncover them.

Each Patrol is assigned to follow the trail, collect the evidence (yarn pieces) to bring back, and try to catch the swag man and bring him back to the start site. The swag man is caught when he is touched by one of the patrol members.

Scoring: First patrol back is the winner.

Options: If the swag men are not caught within the time limit they are the winners.

Newspaper Baseball

Dale Karweik

Equipment: One section of newspaper rolled into a cylinder about 11" long and 1" in diameter and secured with masking or duct tape.
Two soda cans. (Spare newspaper rolls and cans may be needed to replace damaged equipment.)
Four bases

Set Up: Set up a base ball diamond as space permits. Divide Troop into two teams plus an umpire. The umpire stands at home plate. One team takes the field and one is up to bat. The fielding team takes the normal baseball positions, except there is no pitcher and no one may stand inside the base diamond.

Play: The catcher places the rolled up newspaper on the soda cans and steps back. The first batter steps up and kicks the newspaper. A miss is a strike. The game then proceeds as in a standard baseball game with three strikes, a caught "ball" or a tag putting the batter out. There are three outs per inning and nine innings per game. No base stealing is allowed.

Scoring: A runner crossing home plate scores a point for his team. The team with the highest points at the end of the game wins.

Options: A soda can that is tipped over on the kick can be called a foul. The tag can be restricted to touching the arms or legs to minimize contact.

The New Saw

US Scouting Service Project

- Props: None needed.
- Actors: Salesman, Lumberjack, and Announcer (op.)
- Set Up: Announcer in center stage, salesman enters from one side and lumberjack from other.
- (A) The scene is set at a hardware store. (Lumberjack and Salesman enter.)
- (L) My old cross cut saw is completely worn out and I need something that cut more wood or I'm going to go broke.
- (S) Yes, sir! For just 100 bucks I can make you the proud owner of this chain saw. I guarantee it will cut twice as much wood as you old cross cut saw.
- (L) OK!, Great! I'll give it a try. (Both leave the way they came in)
- (A) The next night at the same store. (Both enter as before.)
- (L) There is something wrong with this saw. I worked twice as hard and only cut half as much as wood.
- (S) I don't understand that, but because I stand behind my products. I'll put a new freshly sharpened chain on it and let you give it one more try. I am sure that it will work for you. (Both leave after the new chain is installed.)
- (A) The next day sees our two friends coming together again. (Both enter as before.)
- (L) I worked four times as hard and didn't come close to what I cut with my cross cut saw. I want my money back.
- (S) I just can't believe you have had this much trouble. Give it here and let me try it. (Lumberjack hands over saw, Salesman pulls the cord to start it and then makes sound effects of running saw.)
- (L) (Very Loudly) **What is that noise?** (All leave)

The Measurement Problem

US Scouting Service Project

- Props: None Needed
- Actors: Two Scouts (Minimum, more can be added) and an adult Leader or very young Scout.
- Setup: Two Scouts come on stage and proceed to look up like they are looking at a tall flagpole.
- Skit :
- (S1) There are several ways we could measure the height of this flag pole. Where do you want to start?
- (S2) We can use the stick method.
- (S1) No, we should use triangulation.
- (S2) We could measure the rope, it goes all the way to the top.
- (S1) How are you going to put the rope back? Just estimate it.
- (Each tries his method and they come back with their answers.)
- (S2) I have 8 meters.
- (S1) No that's impossible. I have 16 feet.
- (They argue for a short time and a Leader enters.)
- (L) What's the problem?
- (S1) We're trying to measure the height of the flag pole and we're getting different answers.
- (L) Why not just lay it down on the ground and measure it?
- (Shrugs shoulders and leaves.)
- (S2) Boy that was stupid.
- (S1) Yeah, we want to know how high it is, not how long it is.
- (Walk off disgustedly.)

The Scout Who Never Returned

[Tune: Charlie On The MTA]

Adapted from Delmont version by Dale Karweik

Let me tell you of a story of a Scout named Ralphie,
On that tragic and fateful day;
Put his Scout knife in his pocket; Kissed his dog and family;
Went to hike not far away.

Well, did he ever return?
No, he never returned.
And his fate is still unlearned:
He may roam forever in the woods and mountains,
He's the Scout who never returned.

Ralphie roamed and rambled the hills and valleys,
But a landmark he never discerned,
So he kept on walking, Right into these verses.
A fate he should have spurned.

Well, did he ever return?
No, he never returned.
And his fate is still unlearned:
He may roam forever in the woods and mountains,
He's the Scout who never returned.

Now you Scouts of Buckeye, Don't you think it's a scandal
How ol' Ralphie got lost that day?
Take the right equipment and TAKE ALONG A BUDDY,
When you hike those hills today.

Or else you'll never return,
No, you'll never return.
And your fate will be unlearned: *Just like Ralphie,*
You may roam forever without your map and compass,
Like the Scout who never returned.

MY DOG ROVER

Delmont Scout Reservation Song Book
(Tune: I'm Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover)

Version 1.

I'm looking over my dead dog Rover,
That I overran with the mower.
One leg is missing, another is gone,
One leg is scattered all over the lawn.
No need explaining, the one remaining,
Is stuck in the kitchen door.
I'm looking over my dead dog Rover
That I overran with the mower.

Version 2.

I'm looking over my dead dog Rover
Who died on the kitchen floor.
One leg is broken, the other is lame,
The third leg is missing, the fourth needs a cane.
No need explaining, the tail remaining
Was caught in the oven door.
I'm looking over my dead dog Rover
Who died on the kitchen floor.

Rod's BBQ Chicken
BSA Troop 12

- 6 Skinless, Boneless Chicken Breasts
- 1 24 oz. Bottle Zesty Italian Salad Dressing
- Seasoned salt
- Black Pepper
- 1 18 oz. Bottle BBQ Sauce
- 1 #12 Dutch Oven

1. Line Dutch Oven (DO) with aluminum foil, using a single piece of foil if possible.
2. Pepper and salt chicken breasts to taste and cover with Zesty Italian Dressing in DO.
3. Bring to a boil and cook with lid on until the chicken is done - white all the way through using coals on bottom side only.
4. Drain chicken, reserving 1 cup of dressing. Pour the reserved Italian dressing back over chicken and cover chicken with BBQ sauce.
5. Cover and cook with half coals above and half below at low heat for about 15 minutes.
6. Serve with bread or rice.

Serves 6.

Fantastic Fall Cobbler
Incredible Edibles
c/o Eric Karweik

- 1 PKG Yellow Cake Mix
- ½ tsp Ground Cinnamon
- ½ tsp Ground Nutmeg
- 1 C Butter, cut into small pieces
- ½ C Chopped Walnuts
- 1 21 oz. Can Peach Pie Filling
- 1 16 oz. Can Whole Cranberry Sauce
- 1 #12 Dutch Oven

1. Line Dutch Oven (DO) with aluminum foil.
2. Preheat oven to about 350°.
3. Combine dry ingredients, cake mix and spices, in a bowl and mix well.
4. Cut butter pieces into the dry ingredients with a knife or fork until the mixture is crumbly and well mixed.
5. Stir in nuts and mix well.
6. In the DO combine the peaches and cranberry sauce. Heat and lightly stir together until mixed well and evenly spread over the bottom of the DO.
7. Sprinkle evenly the cake, spices, butter and nuts mixture over the top of the fruit without stirring.
8. Bake for 45 to 50 minutes or until golden brown.
9. Serve warm.

Serves 6 to 8.

The King's Highway
Dave Hills
Greater Pittsburgh Council

PLANTING SEEDS
SM Minute

Once a king had a great highway built for the people of his kingdom. After it was completed, but before it was opened to the public, the King decided to have a contest. He invited all who desired to participate. Their challenge was to see who could travel the highway the BEST.

On the day of the contest many people came. Some had fine chariots, beautiful clothing, fine hairdos, or delicious food to eat. Some people came in running clothes and ran along the highway. People traveled the highway all day; but each one, when they arrived at the end, complained to the King that there was a large pile of rocks and debris left on the road at one spot. This got in their way and it hindered their travel.

At the end of the day, as the sun was setting, a lone traveler crossed the finish line and walked wearily to the King. He was tired and dirty.... but he addressed the King with great respect, thanked him for the new highway and handed him a bag of gold.

He explained, "I stopped along the way to clear away a pile of rocks and debris that was blocking the road. This bag of gold was underneath it all, and I want you to return it to it's rightful owner."

The King replied, "YOU are the rightful owner." The traveler said, "Oh no, this is not mine.... I've never known such money."

"Oh yes!" said the King, "You've earned this gold, for you have won my contest! He who travels the road best is he who makes the road smoother for those who follow."

(Have an apple and a plate with a few apple seeds)

If I gave you a choice, which would you rather have, the apple or the seeds?

I guess most of us would choose the apple.

A long time ago there was a guy who would have taken the seeds. He was a nut about apple seeds - so much so that people called him Johnny Apple Seed.

For many years he walked across hundreds of miles of our country, back when most of it was frontier land, and everywhere he went he planted apple seeds. The trees from those seeds fed many thousands of people in later generations. That's real public service!

Maybe you don't want to go around planting apple seeds like he did. But there's another kind of seed you should be planting every day - the seeds of good feelings between you and your fellow man.

You can plant these seeds by living our slogan, "Do a Good Turn daily.

Every time you do a Good Turn , you are planting a seed of good feeling. That seed may start the growth of a tree of Good Turns in each person you help.

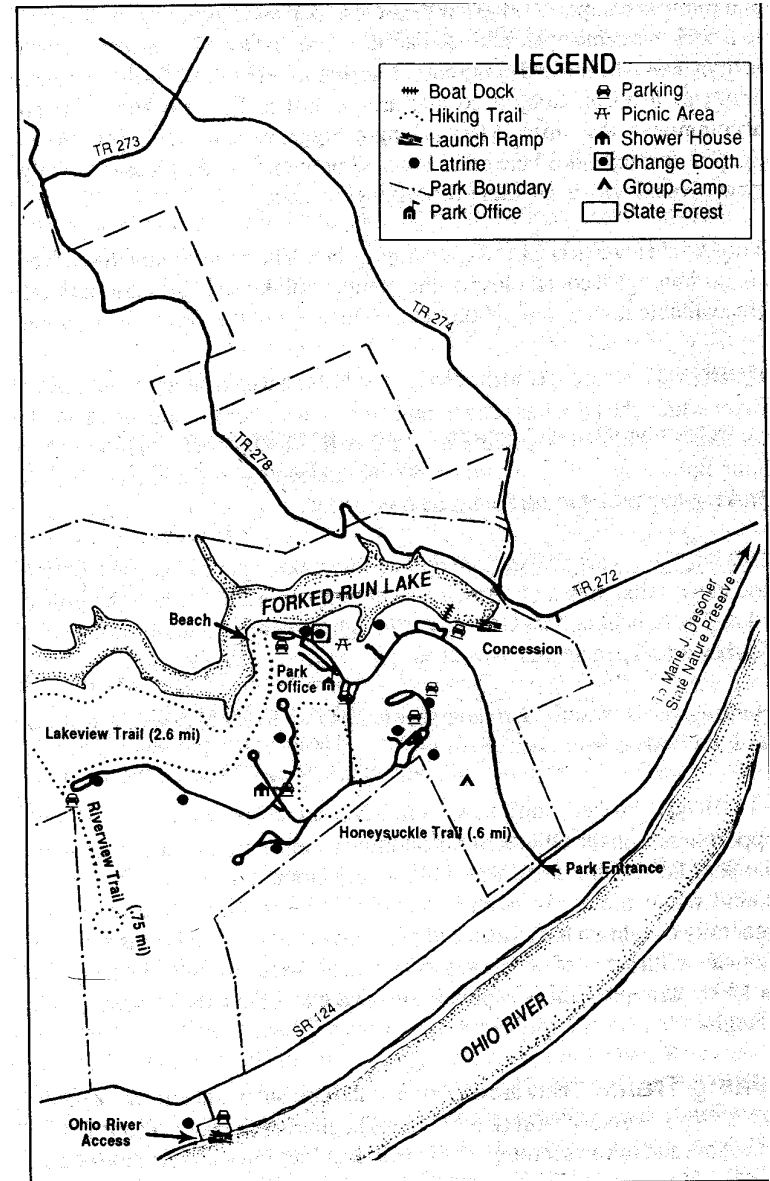
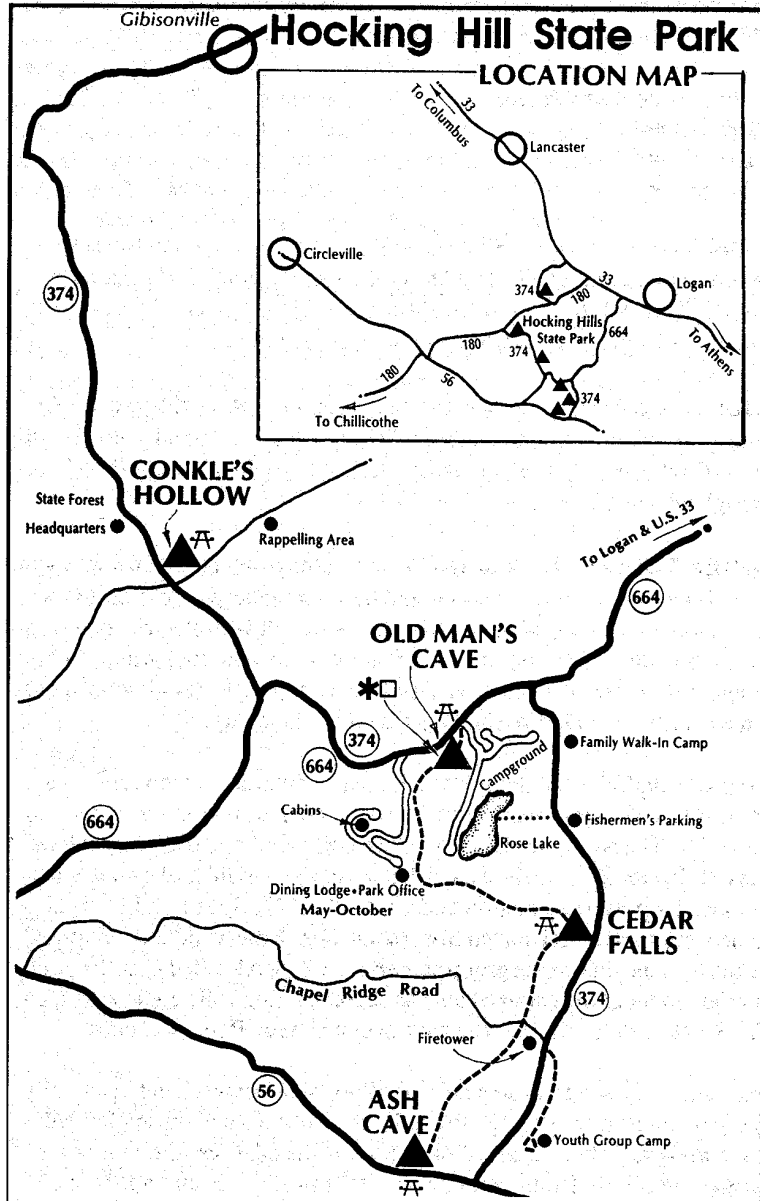
One Good Turn may lead to many other Good Turns through the years, affecting the lives of hundreds of people. By my definition, that is real public service.

Hocking Hills State Park

20160 SR 664
 Logan, OH 43138
 614-385-6841

Forked Run State Park

PO Box 127
 Reedsville, OH 45772
 614-378-6206



Location **Hocking Hills**

County Hocking Gazetteer Page 79-A-5
 Contact Ranger
 Phone 740-385-6841
 Address 20160 SR 664
Logan, OH 43138

Travel Time 1.5 hours Fees \$3 / \$1 (A/Y)
\$2 / \$0.50

Directions

US 33 South to SR 664 at Logan. West on SR -664 to SR-374. Turn left onto SR 374 and travel south 2.5 miles to Group Site Parking area and access road.

Facilities

Water N Toilet Y Shelter N Tables Few
 Other Fire Rings
 Park 2331 acres Lake 17 acres Fishing Y Power N
 River N
 Canoeing - Swimming N Hiking Y Nature Y
 Stores Main Site and Logan Bait - Other Fire Rings

Notes

20 Sites along 1 mile of access road. Sites larger toward the back. Water at family walk-in sites. Dumpsters in parking area. Heavily used for winter ODNR hike.

Location **Forked Run**

County Meigs Gazetteer Page 81-D-4
 Contact Ranger
 Phone 740-378-6206
 Address PO Box 127
Reedsville, OH 45772

Travel Time 3+ Hours Fees \$3 / \$1 (A/Y)
\$2 / \$0.50

Directions

US-33 south to US-50 east at Athens. US-50 to SR-7. South on SR-7 to SR-681 at Tappers Plains. Follow SR-681 to dead end at Reedsville. Take SR-124 west 3 miles to Forked Run.

Facilities

Water Y Toilet 2+2 Shelter Y Tables 16+
 Other Fire Rings
 Park 815 acres Lake 102 acres Fishing Y Power N
 River Y (Ohio)
 Canoeing Y Swimming Y Hiking Y Nature
 Stores Reedsville Bait Reedsville Other Volley ball net

Notes

Group site just inside entrance to camp, shaded, well maintained, but remote from lake. Fishing reported good.