



PLANNING TO FULFILL THE PROMISE

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Young people join a pack, troop, crew or ship because Scouting provides the excitement and adventure of camping or sailing in the great outdoors. They want to share that excitement with friends. In order to have the best outdoor program possible in your unit, it takes plenty of planning. But what tools does the BSA provide to help make well-planned programs a reality?

Great BSA Tool

The BSA has given us a tool to TAP into recourses and trainings needed for great adventures. *The Adventure Plan (TAP)* provides a one-stop set of tools to help adult and youth leaders envision, plan, prepare and conduct safe, exciting and successful outdoor *Adventures*. Your unit *Adventure* may be as simple as an overnight backpacking trip or bike ride, or maybe it is a week-long or longer activity. This online planning guide is encouraged for all levels of Scouting from Cub Scouts to Venturing. Not all the steps outlined in this guide will apply to your unit's *Adventure*. Knowing which steps apply will depend on what type of *Outdoor Adventure* your unit selects.

Useful Online Information

As you progress through the guide, you will find links to BSA guidelines, forms and on-line training sites essential for planning and conducting safe and exciting unit adventures. On the BSA's TAP Resource webpage, you will find a comprehensive listing of all such links, plus additional references you may find helpful as you build your unit's next outdoor *Adventure*.

For a ton of great information visit <http://bsatap.org/resources/> and plan you best adventure yet.