



Hooked on Scouting

Introduction

Leader Resource Sheet

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Themes inspire creativity and fun – and that is the reason for having a recruiting theme. The Hooked on Scouting activities are designed to:

- Showcase important program elements like scout skills (knots), nature (fish species), and character (Scout Law).
- Provide new, exciting things for existing scouts which makes the recruiting activities engaging for them. If they are having fun, that shows scouting at work!
- Give leaders several options to use in their recruiting meeting based on the age of their scouts.

New for this year are specifically designed materials you can order such as fish fabric! The materials are durable, relatively inexpensive, and sourced from US vendors or small crafters who have designed the materials specifically for us. These original fish art fabrics available by permission from Spoonflower and the Montana Freshwater Fish poster by Lane Eubanks are not intended for commercial use but enjoy them for all your Scouting activities!

Summary of Activities

Please also view the Hooked on Scouting Introduction Video in Screen Boosted Scouting for more information.

Title	Summary	Materials	Recruiting Ideas
Catch and Release	Indoor fishing games to learn Scout Law or fish species. Scouts try and catch different Scout law fish and identify them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catch & Release Instruction Video & Leader Resource Sheet • Magnetic fish • Magnetic stream debris • Fishing poles • Montana Freshwater fish poster • Kiddie Pool Optional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community event activity • Showcase Scout Law and character benefits. Have QR Code to Tuft Study for parents to read
Knots - Canoe Game	Board game played on a canvas canoe. Object is to collect rope, tie the pieces together with a square knot, and be the first to return to camp.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knots - Canoe Game & Rope Drop Instruction Video & Leader Resource Sheet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have older Scouts play with guests. • Invite parents to play too!

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe game (board, rope, dice, markers) • Canoe Game Instructions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity for Scouts/youth when leaders are talking to parents
Knots - Rope Drop Game with Tie Dye Rope Option	Rope Drop is a knot competition game to learn basic scout knots with three levels to suit every age and ability. Instructions also include an easy method for Scouts to “tie dye” their own rope and a resource for a Fish Tag to store the rope or help with tying it. Instructions for the Knot Drop game are provided in two sizes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knots - Canoe Game & Rope Drop Instruction Video & Leader Resource Sheet • Rope Drop Game Fish Tags • Carabiner (Optional) • Cotton Rope (3 ft/scout) • Sharpie Markers • Alcohol in dropper bottles • Rope Drop Game Cards • Dice (1 or 2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have older Scouts play with guests • Activity for Scouts/youth when leaders are talking to parents •
Bean Bag Fish Toss Games	Use Fish Scout Law Bean Bags to play a variety of games including Zulu Toss, Row, Row, Row Your Boat Fish Toss or Net Catch Fist Team Game.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bean Bag Fish Video & Leader Resource Sheet • Scout Law Bean Bags • Shark Bucket (or another container) • Fishing Nets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good gathering activity for learning names
Magnetic Fish Bookmark	This is a creative activity to make a bookmark for their Scout Handbook that is fish themed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magnetic Bookmark & Zipper Pull Video & Leader Resource Sheet • Fish Stamp Set (or other stamps) • Stamp Pads • Coloring pencils • Magnetic stick-on squares • Washers (3/8 in) • Super Glue • Instructions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity to have near Scout Handbooks
Fish Zipper Pull	Fast, easy craft that helps scouts “be prepared” by having a safety pin ready when needed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magnetic Bookmark & Zipper Pull Video & Leader Resource Sheet • Safety Pins • Beads (fish and other) • Instructions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gathering activity • Activity by uniform information
Big Fish Fun	What can you do with stuffed fish? Scouts will enjoy everything from Fish Football to Fish Simon says. These	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Fish Fun Video & Leader Resource Sheet • Large stuffed fish • Optional Tote Bag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole group game to play during the parent meeting.

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	whoppers add pizzazz to your recruiting.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use in place of talking stick at closing circle
Popcorn Fishing	<p>This is a wonderful game to play over snacks, but it also shows how popcorn can fund the scouting adventure.</p> <p>(Snack idea: goldfish crackers, gummy worms, and Swedish Fish candy).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Popcorn Fishing Video & Leader Resource Sheet Popcorn Fishing poles with fishhooks Clear Cups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Game to have by registration and fees information – talk about how Scouts earn money through Popcorn.

Fish Creatives

Several activities use special materials created just for the Hooked on Scouting recruiting drive. Here is a bit of background about these commissioned resources.

Fish Fabric & Game Graphics – Artist Lane Eubanks

Lane was commissioned to design the fish fabrics, fish poster, and the rope drop game sheet. He is a graduated Venture Scout (Silver Award), EMT, and active in Wilderness First Aid as Moulage Director.

Fabric:

Two fabrics are part of the Hooked on Scouting materials. The **Scout Law Fabric** is used to make the bean bags and the magnetic fish for the Catch and Release game. Each yard of fabric has two sets of fish, so you can make one set of bean bags and one of magnetic fish for about \$22/yard depending on the choice of fabric. We used the cotton. The **Big Fish Fabric** has our five favorite fish (Brook Trout, Kokanee Salmon, Northern Pike, Chanel Catfish, Cutthroat Trout) suitable for stuffing. As shown in the Big Fish Fun instruction video, you can print this yardage on cotton or Minky.

Spoonflower is a company that prints fabric on demand. You order exactly the type of fabric and pattern you want, and the fabric is printed. This will take about 10 days. The directions for ordering the fabric and the images of the two available yardages are in [this share drive](#). No artist fee is attached to the fabric, so you are only paying the direct print cost to Spoonflower.

Montana Freshwater Fish Poster:

You can print this poster on a 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper OR send the image to a service to print a larger version. The image is [in the share drive](#).

Rope Drop Game Directions:

Two sizes of the Rope Drop Game directions are available. The smaller one is front/back and intended to print on a card stock or laminate so Scouts can clip them to their Rope Game Tag. These images are [in the share drive](#).

*For the fish creatives, please respect the use for this art which is for **Scouting only** (not intended for commercial use) unless you receive additional permissions from the artist.*

Fish Stamps & Rope Tags – 3D Designer James Baldwin

James is a computer programmer and 3D printing enthusiast on the side and enjoys providing one-off materials for meetings or other functions. He designed the Montana Fish Stamp set and Rope Drop Fish Tags specially for our Hooked on Scouting campaign. print3ddesignstx@gmail.com. The stamp set makes wonderful bookmarks, and your Scouts will use the rope tags for years. To order, simply email James at print3ddesignstx@gmail.com and include how many Montana Fish Stamp Sets or Rope Drop Fish Tags you want. He will invoice you and ship them all the way from Texas!

I hope these activities help your recruiting efforts and make your life just a little easier as a Scout leader. If you have questions about materials or instructions, please contact me!

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