Implementing HAT Into Your Troop For Youth Leaders

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Goals
• Keep scouts excited
• Retain youth as they get older
• Provide opportunities for advancement
• Have fun!

Planning High Adventure Events

Annual Planning Meeting

- How many events do you want to do?
- How difficult do you want them to be?
- What is a long term goal you would like to accomplish?

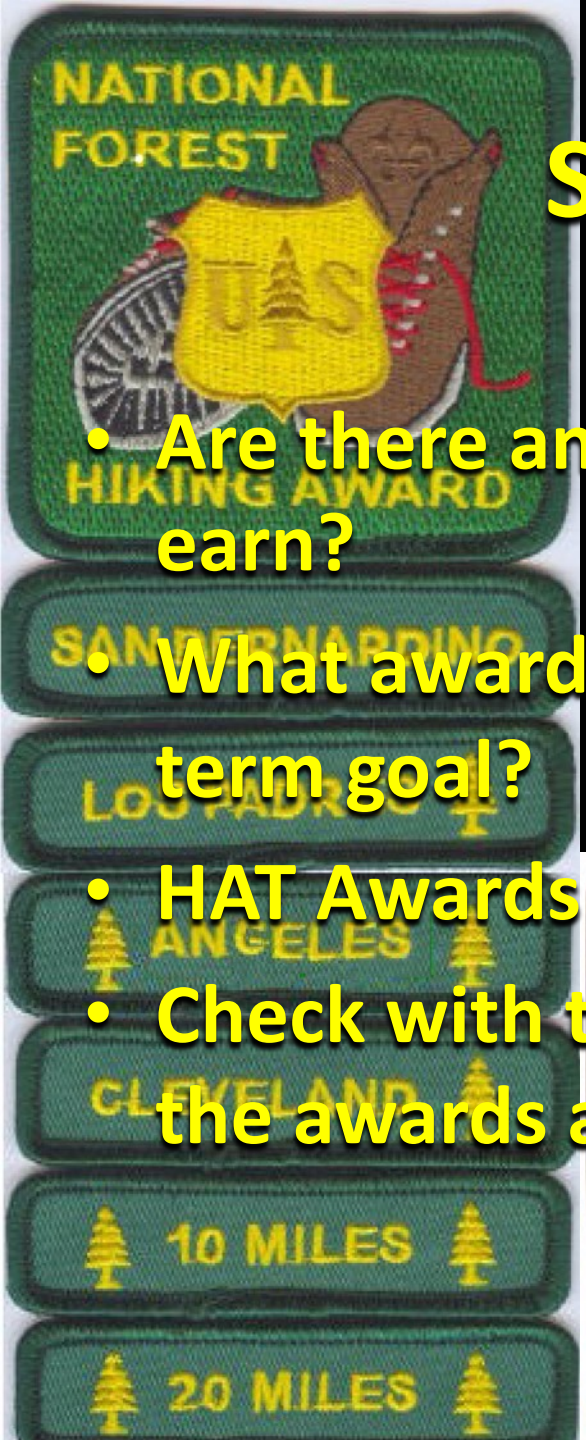
Program Promotion

- Slide shows of prior trips
- Talk to younger Scouts to get them excited
- Special hiking shirts & neckerchiefs
- Patch blanket and displaying awards
- Distributing HAT awards at Courts of Honor

General Activity Level

- How many events you do
- Do you want to go out every weekend or once every two months?
- What trips do you need to go on to accomplish your long term goal?

Selecting Awards



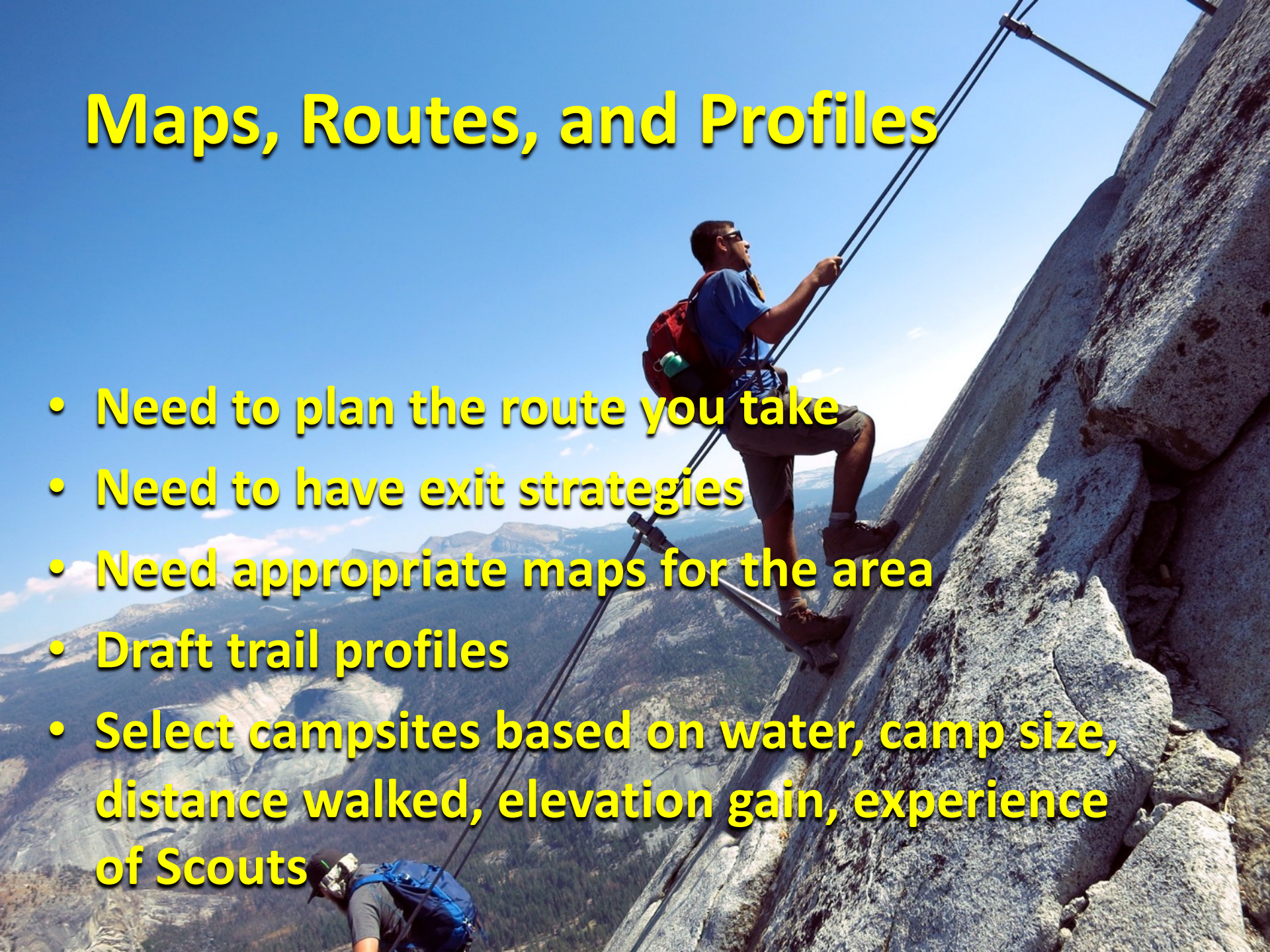
- Are there any HAT awards you really want to earn?
- What awards can you earn with your long term goal?
- HAT Awards Book
- Check with the sponsoring council to see if the awards are available

Long Term Goal

- Can be a 5 day trip, 10 day trip or a 20 day trip
- Need to start planning early and be willing to follow through

Trip Planning

Maps, Routes, and Profiles



- Need to plan the route you take
- Need to have exit strategies
- Need appropriate maps for the area
- Draft trail profiles
- Select campsites based on water, camp size, distance walked, elevation gain, experience of Scouts

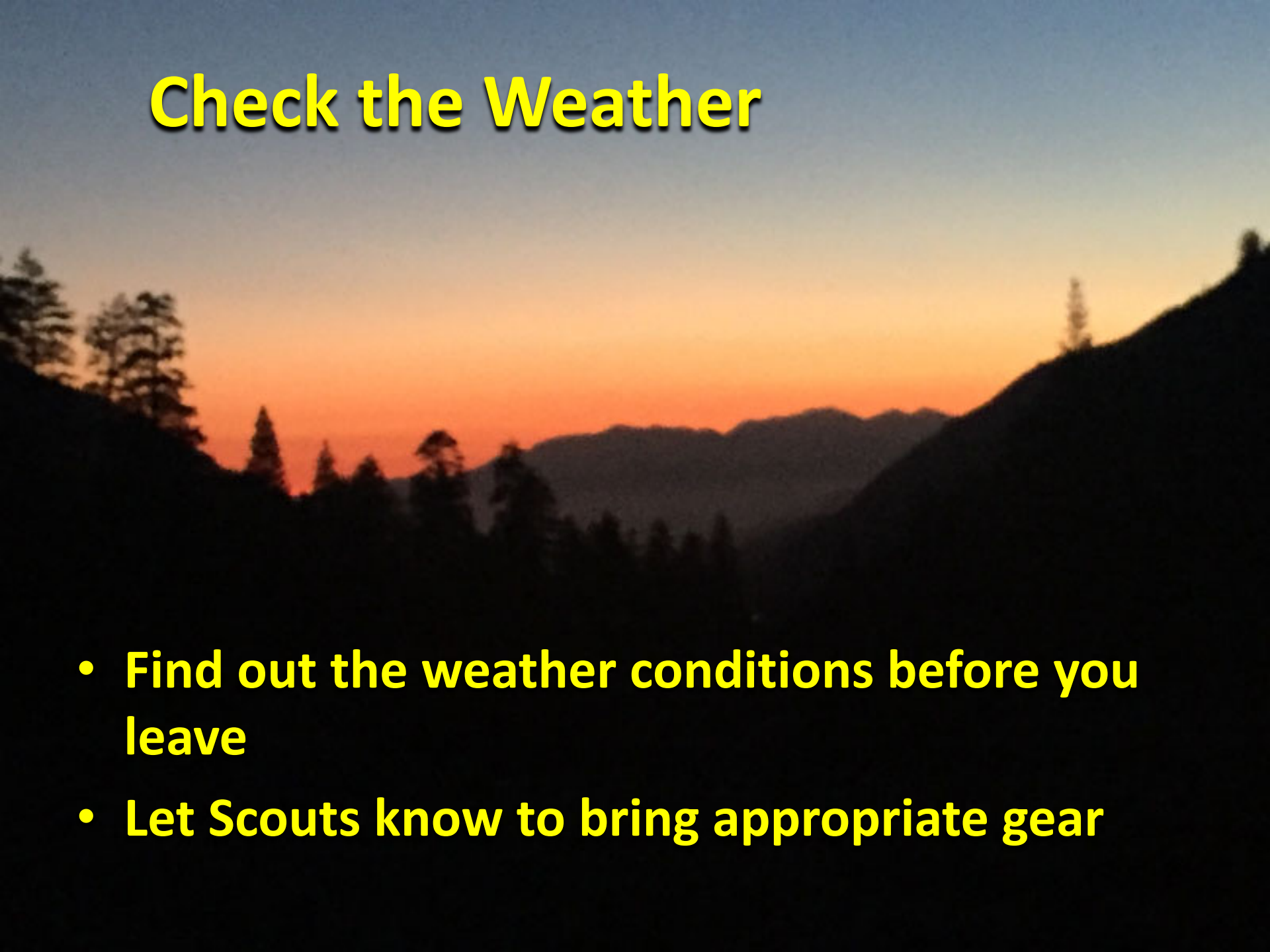
Approval

- Committee Approval
  - Parent support
  - Financial support
- Scoutmaster Approval

Permits

- Need to obtain early on
- Required to go on a trip

Check the Weather



- Find out the weather conditions before you leave
- Let Scouts know to bring appropriate gear

Teaching Other
Scouts

Training

Leading High Adventure Trips

Pack Check
• Before you leave
• 10 Essentials
• Trip specific gear
• Set an example

Keep the Group Together

- Let the slowest lead
- Help support the younger scouts
- Stop at junctions and have them find out your location on the map
- Stop at water crossings, unitl entire group crossed and safe

GLAAC Trip Planning Form

Planning HAT Outings
Courtesy of Steve Dodson, GLAAC
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Training

1. Has the Outing Leader read and does s/he agree to abide by the Guide to Safe Scouting? (https://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx)
2. Has the applicable High Adventure Training appropriate for the outing been completed? (See Local Council's HAT website)
3. Have the applicable supplemental trainings been taken? (Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Weather Hazards, Climb on Safely, Trek Safely) (*with link to scouting.0rg)
4. Have Venturing co-ed outing rules been explained and understood if applicable?
5. Does outing leader or other adult on trip have as a minimum BSA approved First Aid/CPR/AED training and/or Wilderness and Remote First Aid?

Planning

6. Are reservations confirmed or special permits obtained? (including fire, parking permits and Adventure Pass). Is the group size within the parameters of the reservations or permit?
7. Has the Unit Committee approved the route/itinerary?
8. Is there adequate transportation to and from the outing?
9. Do all drivers meet minimum requirements according to GTSS?
10. Are signed permission slips required for the outing?
11. Does the Outing leader know whom to contact for help?
    a. Sheriff's dept. Phone #_____
    b. Highway Patrol Phone #_____
    c. Ranger Station Phone #_____
    d. Mountain Rescue Phone #_____
    e. Hospital or Emergency center Phone #_____
    f. Other_____
12. Has careful consideration been given for the ability to communicate in the event of an emergency? (Cell or Satellite phone, Spot, Ham radio, family band, CB)
13. Is the itinerary written out, so a copy can be given to;
    a. Single point of contact (someone at home)?
    b. Ranger?
    c. Filed with award application if required?
14. Has the outing leader checked the weather forecast for the duration of the outing?
15. Are there a minimum of 2 adults, one at least 21 and a BSA Trained Leader for the group (including the appropriate High Adventure training page)? **(Recommended one adult for each 10 youths)**
16. Is there a roster with name, address, phone number of each youth and adult going on trip with both the outing leader and single point of contact?
17. Do all participants have a completed http://www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx parts A and B? (And C if more than 72 hours)

Questions?