**The Scoutmasters Minute**

**Time Available**

10 minutes.

**Learning Objectives**

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Understand what a Scoutmasters Minute is
- Know the four key elements of the Scoutmasters Minute
- Know why we have a Scoutmasters Minute

**Suggested Presenter(s)**

A Scoutmaster or Roundtable Commissioner

**Presentation Method**

Discussion with the audio visual elements when possible

**BSA Reference Materials**

- ScoutCast: The Scoutmasters Minute
- Troop Program Resource: Leaders Minute
- Sample Scoutmasters Minute with props
- Sample Scoutmasters Minute without props
- Bryan on Scouting: The Four Elements Behind every Scoutmaster’s Minute

**Presentation Content**

The presentation of a good Scoutmaster’s Minute (Leader’s Minute) can contribute nicely to a troop meeting's success. Occurring right before the closing, what’s communicated are thoughts the Scouts can take home with them.

In a boy-run troop, the Scoutmaster’s Minute is the only occasion when the Scoutmaster is right up front and addresses the whole troop. Therefore, it’s an ideal opportunity to convey a special message of inspiration. Many Scoutmaster’s Minutes can be parables—short stories about everyday people and occurrences that illustrate a moral attitude and positive thinking.

**Effective Scoutmaster Minutes Should Be:**

- Well-rehearsed
- Personalized and delivered with good eye contact and expression
- To the point, presenting a single, clear lesson
- Well-paced, not overly-long and drawn out
- Drawn upon events or circumstances that Scout-age boys can relate to
- Applicable for all of us (using “we” instead of “you” while addressing the Scouts)

and contain these four key elements which should come through in the presentation:

1. Relevance – is the topic important to the Scouts?
2. Sincerity – does the speaker truly believe what they are saying?
3. Credibility – does the speaker exemplify what they are saying?
4. Passion – how important is the topic to the speaker?

Play: **ScoutCast: The Scoutmasters Minute**

The many examples listed in **Troop Program Resource: Leaders Minute** can be adapted and used as a point of reference to inspire Scouts, open their eyes, and/or get them thinking. At the same time, the best Scoutmaster’s minutes are those drawn from real life experiences that can be delivered in a way that is genuine and natural. Worthwhile stories and accounts with a positive message can be shared most effectively when they have a personal connection and appeal to the presenter.

View: **Sample Scoutmasters Minute with props**

View: **Sample Scoutmasters Minute without props**