



Great ShakeOut Scout Meeting Outline

We hope that your group will be able to use this meeting outline to better prepare for future earthquakes. Before the meeting please review this outline with instructors. Also please print out a copy of the "Earthquake Preparedness Worksheet" for each participant. To run the meeting you can either keep the group together or split them into smaller groups depending on the overall number of participants. The meeting should last for approximately one hour. Now get ready to ShakeOut!

1. Introduction (5 min)

Introduce the participants to the day's meeting. Tell them about the ShakeOut drill in and let them know the purpose of preparing now for future earthquakes. (ie. "Earthquakes are an inevitable part of our future; therefore it is important to take steps to prepare now. Emergency preparedness should be an important element in a young person's life. And knowing what to do and having a plan before can reduce many injuries and even save lives. Because of this we are going to devote today's meeting to earthquake preparedness.") Let the participants know that if they complete all the requirements they can earn a "Great ShakeOut" patch. Also tell your group that at some point during the meeting, you will call out "EARTHQUAKE!" and they should do what they would do if it were real. Don't tell them what to do at this point.

2. Discuss what you can do to prepare for an earthquake (5 min)

Have the participants brainstorm their own ideas before going into any instruction.

3. Earthquake Drill (10 minutes)

Call out "EARTHQUAKE" and drop, cover, and hold on with the group (observe what they do). After about 30 seconds, bring the group together to discuss what they did right and what was potentially dangerous. Have the youth point out items in the meeting room that might have fallen.

3. Go through the "Earthquake Preparedness Worksheet" (30 min)

Have the scouts go through this worksheet together. Read the worksheet over in advance and think of questions you can ask while you are going through it. (ie. "Do any of you have an earthquake emergency plan for your home?" "How many of you have an earthquake kit?" or "During an earthquake what objects may fall or fly that can hurt you or a family member?")

4. Conclude with a discussion with the scouts (10 min)

Some issues you can discuss are what was learned, what the scouts still need to do to prepare, their reaction and thoughts about earthquake preparedness. End by encouraging them to share what they learned with their families. Ask them to encourage their family and school to register to participate in the ShakeOut Drill.

Please feel free to customize your meeting as well, by adding content or activities. Be creative and have fun!

