

Scoutmaster's Challenge

I want each of you to learn your basic knots, so I am issuing you this two-part challenge.

Part one: The first patrol that can demonstrate that every member can tie the six basic knots without error will get ice cream sundaes for the whole patrol. The six knots are: square knot, clove hitch, two half hitches, tautline hitch, sheetbend, and bowline.

Part two: The first patrol that can demonstrate that every member can tie the following knots will get a trip to a Worcester Tornado baseball game.

1. Tie a clove hitch over a peg and around a post.
2. Tie the six basic knots blindfolded.
3. Tie the following:
 - (a) sheep shank
 - (b) fisherman's knot
 - (c) figure eight
 - (d) bowline on a bight
 - (e) bowline around your waist
 - (f) bowline around a post

Rules:

1. I, or my designate, will judge the test.
2. Every member of the patrol must tie the knots without error.
3. The patrol leader must call (or email) me to arrange a test in advance.
4. Only one test per patrol is allowed per day.
5. No teaching of knots may take place on the night of the challenge.