

# Scout Survivor

## A TROOP 1018 Skit

for 6 to 10 scouts

This skit is a parody of the TV show “Survivor.” The Scouts vote one at a time at a simulated tribal council. The punch line is that, instead of being voted off an island, the loser has to perform latrine duty. The punch line can be altered for special occasions.

The skit is simple to perform and has more action and movement than words. It offers a chance for participation by many Scouts, including the shy ones who want to take part but prefer not to have any lines.

There are two principle roles. The HOST, who tallies the votes, and the losing SCOUT who gets selected for the latrine duty. (His cry of “Oh, no!” and subsequent frustration need to come through.)

To make the skit as success as possible, the Scouts need to replicate the serious overall mood of the tribal council as seen on “Survivor.” Also, the initial moments of the skit need to move a steady pace. If rehearsals seem too slow, you can speed up the skit by having the next voter get out of his chair and being approaching the table while the previous voter is walking back to his chair.

### Setup / Props:

- Bucket sitting on small table front and center.
- Mop leaning against table.
- Second bucket on ground next to table.
- A magic marker and several large strips of paper \_ i.e., the ballots sitting on the table behind bucket, out of view as much as possible from the audience. (A cut-up paper bag works well for the strips of paper.) On each ballot, write the

name of a Scout in large print so that the audience can read it when displayed.

- SCOUTS (preferably at least 5, no more than 9) in Class A uniforms sitting on camping chairs to one side and well back from the table. The losing SCOUT should have a torch (a walking stick works fine) lying beside his chair.
- HOST, standing a few feet away from table on other side.

When skit begins, the SCOUTS approach the table one at a time. Each will pick up the magic marker and pantomime writing another scout's name on one of the ballots. The SCOUT may hold the paper up so the audience can see the name. He then folds the paper and puts it in the bucket on the table.

When the SCOUT holds up his ballot for the audience to see, he may say one of the following lines, filling in the blank with the name of the scout he voted for:

SCOUT: "\_\_\_\_\_ voted for me last time, so I'm voting for him this time."

SCOUT: "\_\_\_\_\_, you're going down!"

SCOUT (shaking his head): "\_\_\_\_\_, I know you're my best friend, but I've got to do it."

SCOUT: "My vote is based on the third root of the nth-integer of pi, which I have calculated as 3.14159265358979..." (By this time, the NEXT SCOUT has walked up to the table).

NEXT SCOUT: "Hey, will you cut it out and just vote?" (The SCOUT deposits his vote, then NEXT SCOUT proceeds with his voting.)

Of course, there are many variations of these lines.

Other SCOUTS can simply vote without saying anything, or can make facial expressions to show deviousness, secrecy, etc. Not every SCOUT needs to reveal his vote to the audience.

NOTE: It is best not to have all the SCOUTS cast votes, especially if there are 9 or more SCOUTS and if the time is limited for the skit. The SCOUTS not seen voting will be assumed to have voted before the skit began.

NOTE II: Obviously, the strips of paper must be arranged ahead of time so that each SCOUT holds up the correct ballot.

Alternatively, you can leave the ballots blank and have each SCOUT actually write the name with the magic marker -- just make sure he writes large enough for the audience to read it.

After all scouts have voted, the HOST says: "I will now tally the votes."

The HOST picks a ballot out of the bucket, shows it to the audience and announces the name. He continues to do this, occasionally stopping to update the tally, i.e.: "That makes two votes John, two votes for Chaz, and one vote for Julio."

The ballots should be arranged so that the final vote breaks a tie and determines the loser. When the HOST announces the final name, the loser yells: "Oh, no!"

HOST: "(Name of scout receiving most votes), bring me your torch!"

SCOUT picks up his torch and walks dejectedly toward HOST.

HOST: "(Name of scout receiving most votes), the troop has spoken." HOST pantomimes putting out SCOUT's torch. "Here is your bucket." (Hands SCOUT the bucket on the ground beside the table) "Here is your mop." (Hands SCOUT the mop) "Now, go!"

SCOUT (turning his Class A cap backward and addressing audience): "I can't believe I got selected for latrine duty again!"

## FINAL NOTES

This was Troop 1018's first true original script. When performed as above, it gets a decent, good laugh at the end.

When we performed this skit on the Fourth of July at Summer Camp, we had the HOST give the losing SCOUT a book and a flashlight. The SCOUT then took two steps forward, turned on the light, held it up and said: "I can't believe they're making me play the Statue of Liberty again!" The losing SCOUT then froze in his position, even as we took all the props offstage. Finally, two of the bigger Scouts had to come back on and carry the losing Scout off. This brought a huge round of laughs and applause.

ORIGINAL TROOP 1018 CAST:

HOST: ENRIQUE L-C

LOSING SCOUT: JOHN D (CHAZ A played the role in the Fourth of July edition.)

SCOUT reciting pi: HARRY W

SCOUT who interrupts pi Scout: GARY R