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Orienteering

Recommended Products:

[Compass With Lid \(#512a\)](#)

[Traveling Compass \(#512b\)](#)

[Make Your Own Compass Activity Kit \(#142\)](#)

1. Skill Builders (2)
 - a. "Obtain a USGS topographical map or an orienteering map. Show you can explain map symbols and map scale. Draw a map with scale and legend,"
 - b. Be able to identify parts of a protractor compass. Be able to take a bearing from a map and walk to your destination.
 - c. "Using a USGS topographical map of your community, learn how to orient the map to magnetic north. Practice the orienteering skill of "thumbing the map"."
 - d. Learn the proper clothing and footwear to participate in an orienteering meet. Know what to do if you become lost.
 - e. Complete a white or yellow level course in an orienteering meet. Compare your route choices with others.
2. Technology (1)
 - a. "Use a computer program to create a map of your neighborhood, schoolyard, or local park -- include scale & legend."
 - b. "Explore the Internet for topics related to maps, compasses, and orienteering."
 - c. Find out how a compass is constructed and the different features to consider when purchasing one.
 - d. Learn about the U.S. Geological Survey National Mapping program.
 - e. Find out how a Global Positioning System works.
3. Service Projects (1)
 - a. Prepare an orienteering map of one acre or more. Field check for accuracy.
 - b. Work with an orienteering club to organize an orienteering meet in your community.
 - c. Set up a string orienteering course for Daisy or Brownie Girl Scouts.
 - d. Organize an orienteering meet for Girl Scouts in your area.
4. Career Exploration (1)
 - a. Learn about people who use maps or orienteering in their jobs. Interview 2 people.
 - b. Discuss career possibilities with outfitters or high adventure trip leaders.
 - c. Join an orienteering club and participate in at least 3 club activities.
 - d. Be the route finder on a wilderness trip with your troop or group.