

QUALITY CHAPTER MEETING
Number 15—Birds of Prey

Background: Boy Scouts are naturalists, naturally! Youth and adults alike appreciate the beauty of nature and will find a birds of prey demonstration fascinating!

Meeting resources: The two most important resources for this kind of meeting are: 1) a trained falconer or birds of prey demonstrator, and 2) advertising! The chapter's job is to support the demonstrator by having tables, chairs, food, drinks, and other necessary items. Have a large outdoor field, if possible. The demonstrator can detail the exact resources needed.

Where can you find a demonstrator? A great place to look is the Internet! There might be a group right in your area that performs on a regular basis. Otherwise, contact your local U.S. Forestry Service Ranger, nature conservatory, or zoo and ask for suggestions. Don't forget to mention you're Boy Scouts; a demonstrator loves an interested audience!

Meeting Content: For a birds of prey demonstration, the demonstrator will assume the responsibility of the demonstration. Be there to support the demonstrator, and advertise the event ahead of time:

- ♦ Use the lodge and council newsletters to advertise the event after securing the demonstrator's commitment.
- ♦ Provide directions to the site.
- ♦ Use the lodge and council website or email distribution lists to advertise. Don't forget about Facebook!
- ♦ Photos and a description of what will take place will encourage people to come.
- ♦ Put up a posterboard advertisement at the next council or lodge event.
- ♦ Invite other chapters to attend. The more the merrier!