

Blind Compass Walk

Set up half as many numbered stakes as there are participants in the ground about 2 yards apart in a north/south line. Give each Scout an orienteering compass and a paper bag, and stand him beside one of the stakes. Scouts on the east side of the line set their compasses between 45 degrees and 135 degrees, while those on the opposite side set theirs between 225 degrees and 315 degrees. The boys then put the bags over their heads so that all they can see is the ground and their compasses.

On signal, Scouts spin around three times then follow the bearings on their compasses for 50 steps. They turn and follow a back bearing (arrow pointing towards instead of away from them) for 45 steps. Only Scouts who finish within 10 steps of their marker score. The winning patrol has the highest average score.