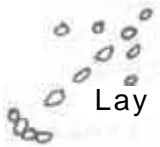
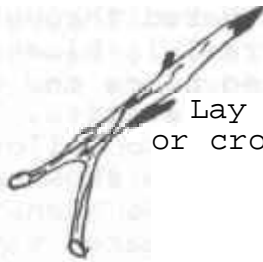


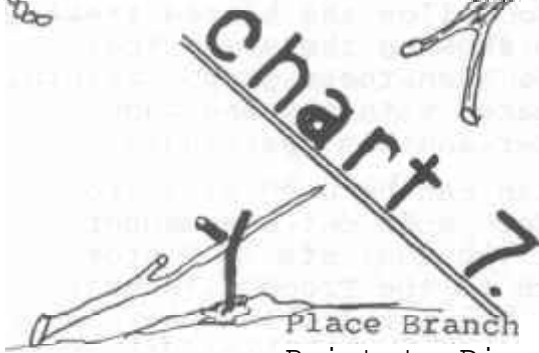
Trail Blazing



Lay stones



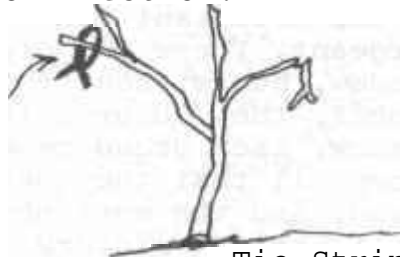
Lay tree branch
or crotch in path



Place Branch in Fork or Crotch,
Point to Direction.



Notch Bark of
Dead. Tree if Necessary.



Tie String
or White Cloth to
Branches as you go,
or
Snap Branch or Twigs

Trail blazing is a lot of fun when you are on a hike, or at camp. Many signs can be made as you travel so that you may return on the same path. If someone is to follow you, this will also help him arrive at the proper location. Do not cut a live tree, except in an emergency.

OBSERVATION HIKE!

By using the previous Charts on Trail Blazing and Maps, a lot of fun can be had when two groups set out on a day's hike, or on a trip from camp. The Leader with his assistants prepare a map of an area that they have covered through the woods and fields. A trail is blazed. They then return to a starting place and divide the group into two or more units. These groups then set out and try to follow the blazed trail, and prepare a map showing the areas that they have covered. When these groups return, the maps are compared with the one made first by the Leader and his assistants.

A similar plan can be used at a Troop meeting. The Leader sends out one member to make a list of the contents in a store window, and return to the Troop with this list. The Leader then permits two patrols to leave the meeting under the leadership of the Assistant Leader and the Senior Sergeant. These two groups go to the same window, but without the help of paper and pencil, they observe the contents of the window. Each group reports back to the Troop all that they have observed or remembered, and the most observant patrol wins. Try to make a picture in your mind of what you are checking, and you will soon learn to be observant.