

Welcome, Chief, to a ‘hands on adventure’ that will be satisfying to both your boys and to you! Your young men will discover new skills that will be useful but also a little more about themselves, that which builds confidence. Take your crew on an exciting journey, making each meeting as special as you can!

Each Kit includes five instructional lessons covering ten knots. Lesson six is a review and the back page contains the “Skill Evaluation” which gives your boys the opportunity to demonstrate they have adequately learned their lessons. The pace is up to you, your boys, and the circumstances of your meetings. Ideally, you will complete in 7 or 8 sessions, though more time is acceptable (perhaps for additional review.) Just do all you can to avoid disruptions to your progress. Church functions and other events may require ‘time-outs’ but encourage your boys to practice their knots often. You may allow them to carry line home with them. But much better is to have them use a shoelace so your rope doesn’t ‘forget’ to come back next meeting!

The illustrations in the boys’ Kits should be adequate for teaching the knots. But additional steps can be found at the following web pages, as well as very useful notes on a variety of things pertaining to rope usage and care that you may study for yourself (The more you know, the more your boys will grow!)

Steps For Tying Lesson Knots: Save this page onto your computer. Then, while connected to the internet, click on each of these knots to see step-by-step instructions on how to tie them.

Lesson 1: [Square \(Reef\) Knot](#)

[Sheet Bend Knot](#)

Lesson 2: [Overhand Knot](#)

[Figure Eight Knot](#)

[Slip Knot](#)

Lesson 3: [Pile Hitch](#)

[Clove Hitch \(top of post\)](#)

Lesson 4: [Two Half Hitch](#)

[Taut Line Hitch](#)

Lesson 5: [Bowline Knot](#)

Knot and Rope Safety: [\[Click Here\]](#)

Knot Terminology: [\[Click Here\]](#)

Rope Care: Though the line handling instructions here are a part of the Journeymen Skill work, you may still benefit from the important instructions on the care of rope. [\[Click Here\]](#)

Most of the above information is for the Chief’s own personal enrichment. Remember, Apprentice boys are just getting started – don’t ‘overload’ them!! Make lessons fun and they will learn! Be prepared before you begin, relaxed to the end, and weekly meetings will always be the highlight of their week!