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Crop Scouts: Guardians of the Fields

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may vary but could include steps like documenting the pest's presence and location, providing recommendations for pest control methods, and discussing preventive measures with the farmer.
2. Crop scouts may face challenges such as rain affecting field visits. They can adapt by scheduling inspections during dry periods or using waterproof equipment.
3. Crop scouts help farmers optimize yields by identifying issues early, reducing the need for excessive pesticide use, and implementing sustainable pest management practices.
4. Personal qualities such as attention to detail, patience, perseverance, and a strong work ethic can help crop scouts excel in their profession, apart from their technical skills.

