

The Patrol Discussion Program Review> and Planning> Resource Explained



Introduction

- Program planning is a process that actively involves the process of youth leading, adult supporting and will look different for each age Section. The challenge for Leaders is to think about some ways to make the process engaging and inclusive for all youth members in their Section.
- Program Review> and Planning> recognises the role of youth in leading the program process to help develop young people in the areas of personal growth, to develop them as active citizens involved in their local, national and international communities. The Purpose of Scouting.
- When talking about program planning we generally refer to the process of Plan>Do>Review>, an ongoing cycle that reminds us to stop and think, to engage youth members in developing and running an active program that is ultimately adventurous, fun, challenging and inclusive.

The Process – In conjunction with the Patrol Discussion – Program Review> and Planning> resource

In general, the process of Plan>Do>Review> for program planning will follow this basic model: -

Step 1 – Reviewing (using Patrols)

- In their Patrols, youth members review the last program cycle, reflecting on their own personal progression, the SPICES and which elements of the Scout Method were used where.
- Youth members will ask themselves, “what worked well, what didn’t work and what could we do better?” with the objective to make the program the best it can be and fully deliver on the Purpose of Scouting.
- All youth members should actively contribute to the review process.

Step 2 – Gathering Information

- When planning the next cycle’s program information on relevant local, State, National and international events/ activities as well as District and Region events should be taken into account.
- Previous ideas for activities that may have been already discussed should also be gathered.
- Relevant activities and events should be included in the program.

Step 3 – Coming up with new ideas (using Patrols)

- In Patrols, youth members will use the Challenge Areas to come up with a diverse range of new ideas, placing the ideas under the headings of each Challenge Area.
- It may be that the Patrol has more ideas in one of the Challenge Areas, that’s okay.
- The Patrol should consider whether the activity might be run as a Section activity or as a Project Patrol.
- Individual youth members can identify if they want to participate, assist or lead in those activities.

The work of the Patrols in the Program Review> and Planning> process is complete. The next step involves the Unit Council shortlisting the adventurous and fun activity ideas from the Patrols into a program that is diverse across all the Challenge Areas, is engaging and attractive, practical and well-balanced and above all, adventurous, fun, challenging and inclusive.

Our ideas are Adventurous, Fun, Challenging and Inclusive