



Joey Scouts MC4 (Mob Council Four)

Effective mob councils

Mob councils provide an opportunity for greater youth involvement in the program. Based on troop and Pack councils Joey Scouts will run Mob Councils. Joey Scouts can often find it hard to think of ideas on the spot, so it is suggested, that the week before the intended Mob Council, you ask the Joey Scouts to have a think at home about what they would like to do at Joey Scouts. It might help them remember if they write it down and bring it in the next week.

What is a Mob Council?

A Mob Council is an informal meeting of all members of the mob, it should only last 10 minutes or so.

It is a discussion on what they have done at Joey Scouts the past term (REVIEW).

It is about what they want to do at Joey Scouts (PLAN).

It is about empowering Joey Scouts by enabling them to have a say and take charge of a game or activity that they want to do (DO).

Requirements:

- Hold at least one a term.
- Write down all ideas with Joey Scouts name next to it.
- Use as many ideas and activities as you can for the next terms program anything not used carries over. For example kayaking is better done in warmer weather so if given as an idea in June best left till November- December.
- Make sure all Joey Scouts opinions and ideas are heard and supported.
- The Joey Scout whose idea it is for a game, activity or theme for that night should be displayed on the nightly program and term program.
- The term program should be displayed in the hall, with Joey Scout Names attributed to each program, so Joey Scouts can see that you have used their ideas.
- Mob Council Ideas and names should also become part of the long term programming.
- Make sure it's fun!

Notes for Leaders:

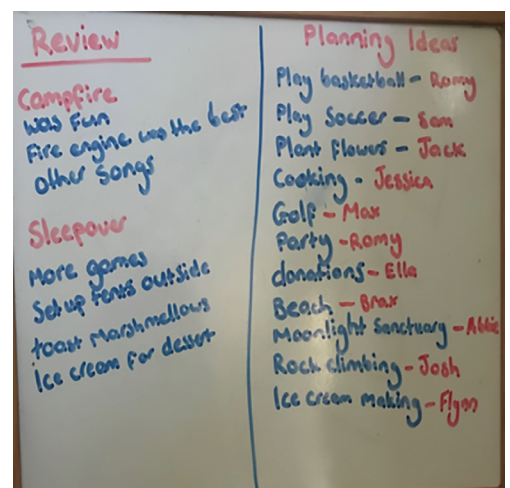
- PLAN to hold a Mob Council – when, where, what to bring, notify parents.
- DO – run the Mob Council.
- REVIEW the Mob Council – did it happen, were Joey Scouts engaged.
- PLAN how to make the next one better – timing, note taking.
- DO – again.

This document can be found on the Scouts Victoria web page.

Example of a mob council

We started with a discussion on the activities of the previous term. The Joey Scouts were very vocal about what they liked about the activities and how they could make it better. We put these on the white board as review.

We then moved on to what they want to do next year at Joey Scouts, this brought a flurry of discussion and all wanting to do the same things and getting very excited about some of the activities. Ice cream became a common theme and was added to every event in the discussion so it then became a night of its own. A night we will make our own ice cream then add items 'Cold Rock' style.





Each Joey Scout came with ideas of what they wanted to do; this however changed and evolved into greater ideas through the discussion. We jotted down the themes of the nights on a white board with the Joey Scouts name next to it for easy reference. I also wrote down in a note book in more detail, the awesome ideas and where and what they wanted to do. For instance soccer that Sam wanted to play was discussed by the group and evolved into an indoor sports night where they could play lots of different sports. The party that Romy wants, we will program that as our 22nd birthday of our Mob opening. I will take all the ideas given to us and put them into my long term program. When writing our long term program this year I will leave blank spaces each term to add new ideas that the Joey Scouts give me at future Mob Councils. If I get more new ideas for nights at a Mob Council, than nights available, I can always swap or remove something else, or add it to the term after. Our long term program is a guide for the year ahead it should not be set in stone. We should allow our programs to be guided by what the Mob wants to do.

1st TERM PROGRAM

Example:

DATE	EVENT/Joey scouts idea		LOCATION	PARENTS ON DUTY
5/2/18	Beach night	Brax	Beach	Abbie/ Brax
12/2/18	Balls, Balls, Balls	Mini Golf- Max Soccer games - Sam	Hall	Max/Sam