

# CHALLENGE AREA SCENARIOS



We now understand that Scouting's diverse program of activities can be categorised in one or more of the four Challenge Areas and that there is no right or wrong answer when it comes to deciding where an activity may fit. If you are able to recognise more than one Challenge Area in an activity, then well done!

To help consolidate your skill in recognising which Challenge Area or Areas are appropriate for an activity we've prepared some examples of activities for you to work through. Whilst some scenarios may relate to an unfamiliar Section you should be able to complete the activity because you will be focussing on the type of activity undertaken, the environment and the interaction of the youth member.

We want you to decide which Challenge Areas may fit the activity. If you decide that there is more than one Challenge Area evident, then we want you to take your assessment one step further by deciding if one of the Challenge Areas is more dominant than another.

Remember, there are no right or wrong answers!

## SCENARIO 1

Peter has decided that he will complete his Grey Wolf Hike in 6 weeks' time and writes a list of the things he must do in preparation.

Amongst the tasks is planning the location of his hike, determining the duration and timing for the hike, presenting his hike plan to the Pack Council, inviting Cub Scouts and leaders to his hike, walking the hike location to make sure it is suitable and preparing information notes and maps.

Which of the Challenge Areas apply to Peter's planning stage and why?

Is there any one Challenge Area that is more dominant?

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## SCENARIO 2

The Venturer Unit is halfway through their bike hike along the local gold rush track when one of the Venturers falls from their bike and is injured. The Unit needs to evacuate the Venturer for medical attention as soon as possible.

What are some of the activities within this bike hike?

Which of the Challenge Areas may apply to this scenario and why?

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## SCENARIO 3

The Mob is on a Mob Holiday with their Cub Scout Pack and have been split into Patrols with a mix of Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts. One of the activities is a low ropes course however a number of the Joey Scouts aren't confident with some of the challenges so the Cub Scouts offer them a guiding hand.

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## SCENARIO 4

A Patrol is formed from Scouts with your Scout Troop to attend the annual Stradbroke Cup. Over the course of the camp all members of the Patrol contribute and the Patrol becomes a Gold co-holder of the Stradbroke Cup.

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## SCENARIO 5

The Rover Crew decide to enter the annual Mud Bash competition however there are differing opinions as to the design of the car's paintwork. In the end, two proposals are submitted for the Crew to vote on. One design is accepted and the Crew sets about repainting its car.

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## SCENARIO 6

The Troop has an opportunity to participate in the District rope bridge construction competition however not everyone in the Troop wants to be involved. What makes this competition difficult is the requirement to design a rope bridge based on the shape of a gum tree. A Patrol of 6 Scouts is formed and they set about designing their rope bridge.

This is the first time the Scouts have worked together as a Patrol and are proudly announced the winners of the competition.

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## SCENARIO 7

The Pack Council has suggested a rotating base activity that requires the Sixes to solve a problem before moving onto the next activity base. The Sixer running the activity found it difficult to explain the activity however with the support of their leader the activity got under way. The Pack particular enjoyed the activity where they had to redesign a spar and rope stretcher using the same amount of equipment.

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## SCENARIO 8

The Joey Scout Mob are enjoying a canoeing activity in a small dam. The Joey Scouts are wearing floatation devices and helmets and even though the water is flat and not moving, two Joey Scouts are reluctant to join in because they haven't canoed before. Their leader suggests that they firstly put on their safety gear and sit in a canoe that's on the grass to build up their confidence. Later that afternoon the two Joey Scouts were seen having a great time canoeing in the dam.

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## SCENARIO 9

The Venturer Unit decides to assist with a new local initiative to clear and re-plant a large section of parkland beside a children's playground. The Venturers have met with the organisers and have committed to 3 hours of assistance every second Saturday for 4 months and will ultimately plant 200 new trees and shrubs.

Before the Venturers can start they need to complete an introductory course on power tool safety and management and submit a re-design of the parkland to attract native birds to the location.

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## SCENARIO 10

The Forester Rover Crew is making the 6 hour journey to Surfmoor in 5 months' time however as the numbers increase the Crew realises that alternate travel arrangements will need to be considered and the Crew may need to fund raise to pay for the new travel expense. A Fundraising Patrol is formed to provide suggestions.

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## SCENARIO 11

Badger Patrol has arranged a visit to the Police Air Wing at Essendon Airport. The Scouts are provided with a history of the Police Air Wing, the types of aircraft it presently manages, an understanding of air traffic regulations and shown some interesting footage of police work they have been involved with.

The scouts are later taken for a walk through the Air Wing hangers to view helicopters being serviced. The Visit ends with a question-and-answer session.

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## SCENARIO 12

Whilst on a hike within a local National Park, the Joey Scout Leaders decide to have a scavenger hunt and after setting the boundaries challenge the Joey Scouts to find something in the bush that is hard, something round, something brown, something thin, something soft and something green. One Joey Scout soon becomes upset because he can't find anything at all. The Joey Scout Leader asks the Joey Scout the meaning of hard and together they look for something hard. The Joey Scout Leader offers to discuss something that might be thin however the Joey Scout says that they can now do it on their own.

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## SCENARIO 13

A Patrol of Venturers is on a caving activity with the Caving Team and have had to hike for 30 minutes to reach the entrance to the caving system. Along the way they learnt about the eco system of the area and the impact of extensive farming over the decades. Upon arrival the Venturers were provided with all the necessary safety gear and not long after arriving entered the cave. For some of the Venturers this was the first time that they had ventured into a cave and some Venturers were confident whilst others expressed different emotions.

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## SCENARIO 14

The Pack is going on a bike hike from their Scout Hall to the Scout Heritage Centre. After securing their bikes they are taken on a guided tour of the museum discovering a range of themes from past and present Scouting eras. One of the most enjoyable activities was an exhibit quiz where the Cub Scouts had to answer questions by searching for details in the various displays. They later found out that the activity was a part of their Award Scheme.

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## SCENARIO 15

The Rover Crew are planning a canoe expedition in the Northern Territory and the youngest Crew Member has volunteered to complete all the planning and organisation. The Crew have asked that the trip be themed with a limited budget. This is the first time the Rover has taken on such a large project but they are confident in their abilities.

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