

Troop Council



Program Notes For Leaders

Introduction

As we approach the half way point of term, it's time to pause and reflect. Are your Scouts happy with the program? Would they like to do more of something in particular? Or less of something? This is the Review part of Plan>Do>Review>

You are encouraged to send these Program Notes to your PLs for the running of the program.

Consider if it would be better for PLs to run this program as a Patrol Activity instead of the whole Troop together. If operating with the whole Troop, practise using the breakout spaces beforehand as it will help divide your Troop into Patrols.

The Program

Opening

- Welcome
- Flagbreak (?)
- Roll call – check who's on
- Any news or highlights to share (like birthdays)

Game

Ask a PL to run a game for the Troop or for every PL to run a game for their Patrol. Ideas include Scavenger Hunts, Trivia quiz, any game from the last few weeks or anything that you would usually play that you can replicate online.

Challenge Areas

Give the Scouts a chance to reflect on the programs that have been run for the last four weeks and divide the activities into Challenge Areas: Outdoor, Creative, Community or Personal Growth.

You could ask each Patrol to focus on a particular week and divide that up among the Challenge Areas OR ask each Patrol to pull out the activities in a particular Challenge Area.

Use the shared whiteboard in Zoom to collate the feedback.

Ask the Patrols to return to their breakout rooms and discuss which areas they would like to do more with over the rest of the term.

They could look at these resources: (You could even send them out beforehand!)

- Resources included on the Scouts Victoria website: <https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/age-sections-adults/scouting-at-home/>
- Resources included on the Scouts Australia website

Encourage PLs to include everyone and make sure they all get a say.

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- Are there common ideas across multiple patrols?
- Ask if there is anyone who would like to take the lead on particular programs or weeks.
- Can you fill the rest of your term program with ideas from the youth?
- Will they take the lead for the next few weeks?

Remind them of the support available:

- Leaders in your Troop
- Other Scouts (not only in your Troop)
- scoutingathome@scoutsvictoria.com.au (we're happy to help youth members!)

Use this discussion to promote who will be leading and who will be assisting for each week.

If running this as separate Patrols, encourage Patrols to take over a week each.

Future Planning

In the same way, start to discuss what activities you would like to do when restrictions are lifted.

Would they like to go camping? Hiking? Swimming? What are they interested in?

Get the youth members starting to think about and plan for some exciting activities to celebrate when we can return!



Cooking

After so much discussion, you'll need a quick and fun activity to refresh the Scouts!

Many activities will work here – something engaging and fun. Food is usually a good choice!

Try this quick Chocolate Mug Cake!

They will need adult support for this and the list of ingredients sent to them beforehand.

- 35g (1/3 cup) self-raising flour
 - 1 tablespoon cocoa, plus extra to dust
 - Pinch of salt
 - 1 1/2 tablespoons firmly packed brown sugar
 - 1 egg
 - 2 tablespoons milk
 - 1 tablespoon melted butter
 - 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
1. Sift flour, cocoa powder and salt into a small bowl, stir through the sugar.
 2. In a separate small bowl, whisk the egg, milk, butter and vanilla. Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients and stir with a fork until just combined.
 3. Spoon mixture into a 2 cups capacity (500ml) mug. Microwave on high for 70-90 seconds, or until pudding has risen and top is just set. Do not overcook. Dust with extra cocoa powder, serve immediately.

Help Other People



Week Five: Friends

This week there is no Activity Sheet so this is new:

Scouts of all ages help other people.

In recent weeks we've thought of family, neighbours, health workers and others.

What about our friends? How are they coping?

Is there someone who'd appreciate hearing from you?

Or some shared activity – an online game, help with school, whatever?

Discuss.

Closing

- Badges presented virtually then mailed with a note
- Investitures (repeated later for real)
- Closing reflection by duty PL
- Flagdown?
- Till next week ...

