

Challenge Areas



There is no Activity Sheet for youth members this week. Just these Program Notes.

Last week was Plan>Do>Review>

- What did your youth members come up with?
- Which Challenge Areas do they want to work on?
- Which of your Scouts could lead or assist on an activity?

We've collected program ideas from across the State. No matter which Challenge Area you're looking at, here are some ideas and activities that other Troops have used. Hopefully, your youth members are having more involvement in designing your program. These suggestions are designed to help anyone create an engaging program. Programs could be built around a single idea or a challenge area. There are also plenty of ideas for games on the Scouts Victoria website as well.

As always, more help is available at scoutingathome@scoutsvictoria.com.au

For even more ideas, please see the Scouts Victoria and Scouts Australia websites.

Creative



Hold a Lego Masters competition.

Scouts have a time frame to create a specific gadget, using whatever equipment they have on hand. Vote on the most creative gadget.

A harder challenge would be to challenge Patrols to come up with gadgets that work together for a common theme.

Photography

Using a phone camera and split into Patrols, take a series of photos that represent different ideas. Award prizes for

- The most Scouting like image
- The most colourful photo
- The most abstract etc

Could issue this challenge and ask them to return to the Troop in 30 minutes.

Outdoor



Hike Food Challenge

Scouts are challenged to head into the kitchen and plan a hike camp dinner with just the dry ingredients from the pantry, they can only add water. Best recipe as voted by the leader has to be cooked by the leader sometime in the next week with results reported to the troop.

Patrol Day walk

Use Google Maps and the internet to plan a day walk for your Patrol. Include what equipment you would need to take and what risks you need to be aware of.

Personal Growth



Collector activity

Each Scout has one minute to show off their personal collection and explain why it's meaningful to them. Larger Troops might need to do this in Patrols.

Languages

Ask the members of your Troop who speak another language to teach everyone some basic phrases. By the end of the night, you could have your Scouts saying "Hello, how are you?" in five different languages.

An extension of this challenge could be to ask a Guest Speaker from a local cultural community to share their language, culture and experience with the Troop.

Community



Guest Speaker

Invite a member of your local community to speak to the Troop. Creative suggestions would be local business owners, emergency services, Councillors. Think about the resources you have access to – does a Leader in your Group have an interesting job? What about a parent? Guest speakers are easier than ever on Zoom.



Scouts Own

Hold a virtual Scouts Own where each Patrol contributes an activity or an idea centred around gratitude. Patrols could write songs or poems. They could write thank you cards to community workers, create a gratitude tree or discuss ways to show gratitude to those around them.

#Scouts4SDGs

Scouts for Sustainable Development Goals gives activities ideas for how Scout Troops can better understand community development. We suggest starting with the activity card for #17 Community Outreach. More information can be found here: <https://scouts.com.au/blog/2019/05/29/scouts4sdgs/>. Click through until you find the activity cards.

Help Other People

Week Six: Pets

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



Scouts of all ages help other people.

And pets are people too!

Some pets are loving the extra company, but will need to adjust when we go to back to school. Some pets are stressed because their home has been taken over all day by people!

What can we do to help an animal friend?

And if we don't have our own pet, maybe we could take a neighbour's dog for a walk, or make a delicious treat.

Discuss.

