

Term 4

Regardless of where you are: your first night back has to be fun!

It's a great chance to conduct a review of last term, plan the next term or re-run a past activity you know they enjoyed.

Regional Victoria

You can undertake face-to-face outdoor Scouting in small groups.

Before undertaking any outdoor activities please remind yourself of the latest Scouts Victoria Covid-19 update <https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/covid-19-lockdown-faq/>

This is the time for the patrol system to show off!

Get the patrol together and let them create a small-group outdoor program.

(For example, maybe Patrol A plans a bushwalk and patrol B plans a small wide game style challenge etc. Let the patrols decide what they want to plan.)

If each patrol plans an activity, you have a series of small group outdoor activities to rotate through for the next few weeks.

You could come together over Zoom at the end of the night to share the different activities that each patrol has come up with.

Don't take this first week too seriously, let the youth members be outdoors, laugh and have fun! What games could you plan as a small group outside?

An alternative suggestion could be the Scout Quest Outdoor Challenge – how far, how fast or how funky can you go?!

Remember, the next few weeks of Scouting is all about reinforcing why the Scouts participate in Scouting. To experience a program that is adventurous, fun, challenging and inclusive.

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Metropolitan Melbourne

For our Units in Metropolitan Melbourne in Step 2, unfortunately there is no face-to-face Scouting yet.

Just because you are meeting remotely, doesn't mean you can't do the same concept though!

This is the time for the patrol system to show off.



Get the patrols together (either organised separately by the PL or in break out rooms) and ask them to reflect on their favourite activities. Then ask them to create a virtual program for the Unit. Depending on how your patrols go, you might end up with a few weeks of programming ready to go. At the very least, you have a set of activities that the youth have already expressed interest in!

Maybe you could take the opportunity to re-run one of the easier activities this week. An easy demonstration for the Scouts of Plan>Do>Review>!

An alternative suggestion could be to host a "watch party" on Tuesday October 6. Steve Baxter (from Shark Tank) will be sharing his entrepreneurial journey.

Some reminders:

- There are heaps of resources on our website. Activities, old programs and Scout Quest events.
- There's also guides to Zoom, to Child Safe Scouting and to supporting mental health.
- Use the Scout Quest events to help with your programming. It's the easiest bring a friend activity ever!
- The programs don't have to go for a full 90 – 120 minutes. It's more important that they are fun and engaging!
- Build in plenty of opportunities that include the Scouts doing something, as opposed to passively viewing the event. Activities like answering a live poll or participating in a light-hearted quiz or at least using the reactions tools.

