

WEEKLY PROGRAM

WE MADE IT!!!

What a year it's been and thank you to all Scouts and Leaders who conquered challenge-after-challenge, participated in imaginative virtual-world programs, continued their Scouting journey with achievements and awards and most importantly, supported and cared for their fellow Scout. Each one of you lived the Australian Scout Promise and Law.

Now is the time to rebuild and consolidate your Unit and by now all Units should have met face-to-face. Outdoor Scouting provides a blank canvas for wide-ranging activities that are adventurous, fun, challenging and inclusive, and is the ideal environment to reunite Scouts with their friends and Scouting.

We hope the majority of your Scouts have returned to Scouting and that those that didn't are front-of-mind. Do you know who hasn't returned to your Unit and why?

Every Scout contributes to the success of their Unit, the program and the bottom line is Scouts Victoria needs every pre-Covid Scout back participating. Why?

- Scouting offers our youth life skills and leadership like no other youth organisation. Parents understand the benefits of Scouting or they would not include their children
- The success of your Unit and Group requires the active participation of Scouts. Without Scouts you have no Unit nor Group
- Scouting builds youth resilience and coping with the challenges presented by virtual Scouting has demonstrated that resilience in so many of our Scouts. Imagine what our Scouts can achieve.
- Over the next year Scouts will have the opportunity to participate in some of the best Scouting activities such as AJ2022. But to participate you have to be a Scout!

So how do we do we encourage all Scouts to return?

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- A process driven by the Unit Council guided by adults
- Understand why some Scouts haven't returned. In most instances they weren't engaged with a virtual program



Scouts



- Moving forward, we need to convince each Scout that the Unit's program is adventurous, fun, challenging and inclusive. Have that program ready
- Who are the Scouts that haven't returned?
 - Have the Unit Council identify the Scouts that didn't return
 - Ensure the list is complete by checking with the members of each Patrol
- Who will contact the Scout?
 - Options include a Leader, the Unit Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, their mentor or another Scout
 - Ideally the Scout should be contacted by someone who is well known to them and with whom they have a connection
 - Allocate Scouts to be contacted to other Scouts
- How to communicate?
 - The Unit, Patrol or individual Scout could write a personal note
 - A personal call for a chat
 - A visit
- What to say?
 - The bottom line – "we want you back in our Unit because you're a valuable member and all your friends miss you!"
 - Would a script or dot points help Scouts remember what to say?
- When to make contact
 - As soon as possible and within the week
 - With only a few Scouting weeks left we need every Scout contributing to their 2021 program, and excited and enthused to launch 2021 Scouting with a bang!

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- What do you need?
 - Before making contact what might a Scout need?
 - A script
 - Notes to mail out
 - Contact details
 - A pad to record feedback



- Before the contact
 - Practise what you're going to say, be to the point
- Make contact
- Record feedback from the Scout and hopefully they will attend your next Unit meeting
- Provide feedback to the Unit Council

Review>

- Convene a Unit Council
 - To discuss what the contact process has achieved. How many Scouts will be returning?
 - Chat about what worked and what didn't work
 - Plan some next steps
- For Scouts who indicated they may not be returning ...
 - What reason(s) did they provide in not wanting to return to Scouts?
 - Are the reason(s) within the control of the Unit Council?
 - Can they be addressed?
 - What should the Unit Council do next? Another chat or visit by other Scouts?
 - Largely depends on the reasons for not wanting to return
- Work out a next-steps Plan>
 - Consider having the Scout who made the contact call a couple of days before the next meeting thanking them for their decision to return to the Unit and reminding them to check their uniform and scarf for the next meeting

The list of activities and considerations isn't exhaustive and your Unit's environment may provide a totally different set of circumstances compared to another Unit. It's important that the Unit Council follow the Plan>Do>Review> principles.

As we end 2020 with restrictions being relaxed, we still need to be on our guard and you need to visit [COVID 19 update](#) for the latest Scouts Victoria advice. Continue to register your away-from-hall activities on [scOUT & ABOUT](#) and thank you to those Units who now have **scOUT & ABOUT** as part of their outdoor adventure Plan> process.

The final programs for the year should celebrate the year and what a year it's been.

What will your Unit do for its final program for 2020? More importantly, what will your Scouts decide to do in their final program for 2020?



Here's a list of possible suggestions: -

- Ice blocking
- Kite flying
- The biggest party ever!
- A bike hike
- A games night
- A cook out. Have you tried squid and white bait?
- Billy Cart Derby
- A water night
- Penny Hike
- A Community Good Turn
- Visit the local beach for a Sand Construction Competition
- Invite the local Fire Brigade
- An inter-Unit activity
- An end-of-year Showtime performance
- A Spar and Rope Construction night
- Backwards night
- What happens when you mix this with that ...?
- A Disco Night
- Bring your own bean bag (for a movie night)
- I can do that ...
- Cardboard Box Construction and Nerf Night
- Outdoor Rockets

Remember, the best program ideas come from the Scouts themselves!



