

Creative Program Ideas for Venturers

Are you bored of doing a cooking challenge week after week, all because you need more Creative Participants, Assists or Leads? Well, this is your document!

The Victorian Venturer Council has put together guides of some of the activities that your Unit can add to their program. These are a series of documents divided into each of the 4 different challenge areas. Each Challenge Area has also been broken into a number of sub-categories to help you find suitable ideas.

These guides are just foundational ideas for your Unit to build on and change to fit your needs. Remember to make your program Adventurous, Fun, Challenging and Inclusive - Happy Venturing!

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Construction

Activity	Explanation.
Bridge building	Building bridges using limited materials.
Lego night	Building structures using Lego bricks.
Make Something Useful Out of Paddle Pop Sticks	Use paddle pop sticks to create practical items or structures through creativity and ingenuity.
Competition on building tallest tower	Competing to build the tallest tower.
Building furniture	Constructing furniture, perhaps invite a cabinet maker/builder
Construction night - Catapult	Building catapults -Flour bomb a target
Construction night - Lollypop Bridge	Building chariots - Use lollipop sticks to create a bridge and different sized weights to be placed on the bridge.
Model boat night	Building model boats.
Model making night	Building models of various objects.
Building a Billy kart	Constructing furniture or karts for unit use.
Constructive Object Challenge	Task participants with constructing a specific object or thing using any materials they can find, promoting creativity and teamwork.
Electronics Disassembly Night	Take apart old electronics like TVs and DVD players to learn about their inner workings.
Handicraft	Engaging in handicraft activities.
Ice Sculpture	Create sculptures out of ice, exploring creativity and craftsmanship.
Kite Making	Craft kites and fly them in an outdoor setting.
Model aircraft construction night	Building model aircraft.
Pull-Apart Night	Disassemble old equipment using screwdrivers and tools to learn about mechanics and engineering.
Sculpture Night	Get creative with ice cream, glow sticks, and various materials to sculpt unique creations.
Slingshot Making and Target Competition	Craft slingshots from materials and compete in target shooting contests, testing accuracy and craftsmanship.

Cultural

Activity	Explanation.
American evening	An evening celebrating American culture through food, activities, and entertainment.
French Food and Customs	Explore French cuisine and cultural practices.
International Themed Night	Explore different cultures by discussing, dressing up, and cooking food from various countries.
Italian Night	Celebrate Italian culture with Italian cuisine, music, and activities.
Japanese Night	Learn about Japanese culture through activities, food, and traditions.
Scout shows	Showtime or ... Take a look what is on near you
Show and Tell	Share interesting items or stories with the group, encouraging communication and creativity.
Fun Games with Learning	Play games that incorporate educational elements.
Melbourne Festivals – Comedy, Food, and Wine	Attend various festivals in Melbourne, such as comedy, food, and wine festivals.
Pinatas and Mexican Food	Break open pinatas filled with treats and enjoy a Mexican-themed feast.
Chinese Cookery	Learning and cooking Chinese dishes.
Canada night	A night focused on Canadian culture.
Cultural night	Sharing food, dress, and information about different cultures.
Greek Night	A night themed around Greek culture.
International Potluck Dinner	Hosting a potluck dinner featuring dishes from different countries.
Italian cookery night	Learning and cooking Italian dishes.
Lebanese cookery night	Learning and cooking Lebanese dishes.
Qigong night	Engaging in qigong exercises.
Country Themed Night	A night themed around one country and culture.
Around the world night	Learning about and experiencing different cultures through food, traditions, and costumes from various countries.
Kiddy Party	Host a party with activities and games suitable for younger participants.
Moomba	Attend the Moomba Festival, a vibrant celebration of art, culture, and entertainment in Melbourne.

Educational & Workshops

Activity	Explanation.
Model Airplanes	Build and fly model airplanes, learning about aerodynamics and engineering principles.
Play the recorder	Learning to play the recorder.
Pottery Making	Learning to make pottery.
Sheath Making	Learning to make sheaths for knives.
Spinning Poi	Learning to spin poi.
Steel Band	Learning to play steel drums.
Visit a Fitness Centre	Arrange a trip to a local fitness centre for a workout session or to learn about different exercise routines and equipment.
Web Design	Learning about web design and creating websites.
Night at the Museum	Spending the night in a museum. Build your museum, tell the stories.

Fashion & Beauty.

Activity	Explanation.
Plastic bag dress-up	Making outfits using plastic bags.
Op Shop Fashion Parade	Host a fashion parade featuring outfits sourced from thrift stores, with categories including formal, casual, cool, and bad taste.
Casualty Makeup	Learning how to apply makeup for creating casualty effects.
Hair care and styling	Learning about hair care and styling
Hair dyeing night	Experimenting with hair dye.
Necklace night	Make necklace or Hawaiian Luau
Make up night	Learning about and experimenting with makeup.
Costume making night	Making costumes for various themes.
Fashion Parade	Hosting a fashion show. Combine with costume making if you like
Reverse Dressing Night	Participants dress in clothing typically associated with the opposite gender, challenging gender stereotypes and promoting empathy and understanding.

Film, Media & Photography

Activity	Explanation.
Movie Night Outing	Attend a movie theatre as a unit to watch a film.
Selfie challenge in city:	Selfie challenge in city: E.g. With a policeman, with a statue, Fed square, On city circle tram, With tourists, Human pyramid, With water, With a Street vendor, With a busker, In a lift, With an animal, Doorway to church, Helping a little old lady across the road, Under the clocks at Flinders street, In a small space, With a luxury car.
Cameras	Receiving photography tips from a camera club.
Make a Movie	Collaboratively write, shoot, and edit a short film.
Movie Making	Collaboratively write, shoot, and edit short films.
Photo Scavenger Hunt	Explore the surroundings and capture photos of specific items or locations on a scavenger hunt.
Scavenger Hunt - Photos	Take photos of ... Use a list or restrict by something like the letter of the alphabet or a colour
Zombie Movie Making	Create short films or skits with a zombie theme, allowing Venturers to explore their creativity and filmmaking skills.
Documentary Night	Watch and discuss thought-provoking documentaries on various topics.
Mock TV shows night	Venturers mock or recreate popular television shows, such as "The Bachelor."
Movie Night	Relax and enjoy a movie together as a group, with everyone voting on the film to watch.
Watching a Movie in the Cinemas	Enjoy a movie night at the cinemas, providing an opportunity for relaxation and socializing with fellow Venturers.
Group Photo Shoot	Organizing and participating in a group photo shoot.
Photography Night	Receive tips from a photographer and participate in a photography competition.

Food & Cooking

Activity	Explanation.
Backwards Cooking Master Chef Night	Cooking using unconventional methods without kitchen implements.
Backwoods cooking night	Cooking using outdoor methods without conventional kitchen tools.
Bad taste night	A night focused on activities or themes associated with bad taste.
Cooking Competition - Mystery box	Competing in cooking challenges using mystery boxes or specific ingredients.
Kitchen Wars	Compete in teams to create desserts using limited ingredients, judged on creativity and quality.
MasterChef Night	Emulate the popular cooking show, with some unit members acting as judges.
Mystery Box Cooking Night	Cook dishes using only ingredients provided in mystery boxes, fostering creativity and improvisation in the kitchen.
Mystery Cooking Nights	Prepare meals using mystery ingredients, adding an element of surprise and challenge to cooking sessions.
Pancake Night	Enjoy a variety of pancake-themed activities, including pancake races, sculpting with pancakes, and frisbee tosses to targets.
Parent Dinner	Venturers cook and host a dinner for their parents, showcasing their culinary skills.
Pressure cooker cooking	Cooking meals using a pressure cooker.
Solar oven cooking	Making and cooking using solar ovens.
Group cake decorating	Decorating cakes in teams.
Progressive Dinner	Enjoy a multi-course meal, with each course hosted at a different venturer's house.
Burger Building competition	Competing to create the best burger.
Cake decorating competition	Competing in cake decorating.
Cooking challenge against other sections	Competing in cooking challenges against other groups.
MasterChef mystery box challenge	A cooking challenge where Venturers use only ingredients found in mystery boxes.
Blind food taste tasting	Blindfolded taste testing of various foods.
Cooking Blind	Venturers cook meals without recipes or knowing which ingredients belong to which dish.

Cooking Blind	Cooking meals in small groups with ingredients but without recipes while blindfolded.
Dinner at the hall	For you or cook for your parents
Formal Fast-Food Dining	Experience a formal dining atmosphere at a fast-food restaurant. Bring along a nice tablecloth, candles, flowers in a vase, anything to make the table look fancy
Noodle Making	Learning to make noodles from scratch.
Pasta Making	Learning to make pasta from scratch.
Sweet Making	Learn to make various sweets and treats, exploring different cooking techniques and recipes.
Gingerbread House Building	Competing to build the best gingerbread house.
Cake decorating night	A night dedicated to cake decorating.
Campfire cooking night	Cooking meals over a campfire.
Cheesy bacon night	Cooking dishes featuring cheese and bacon.
Cooking night	Cooking meals together as a group. You can choose them/twist like must have Apples/etc. or everyone brings an ingredient, cook for leaders/parents, 3 course meal, on a (\$15) budget ...
Cooking night - Burgers	Everyone loves burgers! Otherwise think of other things like Tacos
Dessert night	each make favourite dessert to share
MasterChef - Choose a Theme	Select a specific theme for a MasterChef-style cooking competition, encouraging creativity and culinary skills. E.g. a country or \$5 challenge, ... The dish should be as interesting and creative as possible, as well as edible. A panel of judges decides the best judge.
Homemade Pizza night	Making homemade pizzas.
Hot dog night	Enjoying hot dogs together.
Mystery Food Night	Sample obscure edible items collected by leaders for a unique culinary experience.
Pasta night	Cooking and enjoying pasta together.
Pizza Baking Night	Either make pizzas from scratch or buy and chill, enjoying delicious slices together.
Rice Bubbles treats night	Making and enjoying Rice Bubbles/cornflakes treats.
Spider night	Making and enjoying spider floats - lemonade and ice-cream, now what ...
Sandwich night	Making and enjoying sandwiches together.

Taco night	Cooking and enjoying tacos together.
Thai cookery night	Learning and cooking Thai dishes.
Chocolate Tasting	Participating in a chocolate tasting session.
Food challenges night	Participating in food-related challenges.
Ice Cream Sculptures	Sculpt imaginative shapes and figures using ice cream.
MasterChef with a Can of Baked Beans	Challenge participants to create gourmet dishes using only canned baked beans.
Pancake Art Competition	Decorate pancakes with creative designs and toppings in a friendly competition.
Simple Pancake Challenge	Challenge participants to make the best pancake using only a limited number of ingredients, promoting creativity and culinary skills.
Trangia Cooking Night	Host a night where participants use Trangia stoves to prepare meals, encouraging outdoor cooking skills and creativity.

Games & Competitions

Activity	Explanation.
Angry Birds' night	Activities inspired by the Angry Birds game.
Blindfold night	An evening of activities conducted while blindfolded.
Glow stick night	Conducting activities using glow sticks.
Jousting	Engaging in jousting activities.
Live Cluedo	Playing a live-action version of the board game Cluedo.
Messy Night	Engage in messy challenges like finding gummy candies in whipped cream using only your mouth.
Minute to Win It Night	Compete in a series of mini games that must be completed in under one minute, with each chair member leading a different activity.
Soft Drink Pong	Play a version of beer pong using soft drinks instead, adding a fun and non-alcoholic twist to the game.
Blindfolded group Jenga	Playing Jenga while blindfolded.
Glowstick Hockey	Play hockey in a darkened area with glowstick-equipped equipment.
Scrabble	Playing Scrabble.
Sack races	Racing while inside sleeping bags.
Slip 'n' slide	Setting up a slip 'n' slide.

Squash	Playing squash.
Table Tennis	Playing table tennis.
Card-Hiding Game	Hide cards around a room, with each card representing a different prize or reward. Venturers search for cards, and the one who finds the highest-ranking card gets to choose their prize.
Ghost Game	Play a game where players must detect the presence of others in the dark.
Giant Board Games	Construct and play oversized versions of classic board games for added fun.
Hobbies Competition	Showcase and compete in various hobbies and interests.
Human Hungry Hippo	Play a life-sized version of the Hungry Hungry Hippos game.
M & M Chopstick Game	Use chopsticks to move M&M candies from one bowl to another in a timed challenge.
Make Up New Games for Younger Members	Invent and play new games suitable for younger scouting members, such as Joeys and Cubs.
Natural Board Games	Making board games out of leaves, sticks and branches from outside with only few members in each group and are then pressured to be doing it on time of about 10min. Later can be presented to judges to pick a final winner.
Play Dough Competition	Mold and sculpt creative masterpieces with play dough in a timed competition. You can also make Play Dough
The Can Challenges	Turn canned goods into a creative culinary experience by removing labels and creating a three-course meal with the mystery ingredients.
Twister	Playing the game Twister.
Pancakes on the Move	Create a mobile pancake station with a BBQ setup to make pancakes while exploring different locations.
Water rocket building	Building water rockets and launching them.
Board games night	Board games night
Box Fort Night	Building and playing in box forts.
Card game night	A night dedicated to playing various card games.
Chip appreciation night	Judging chips based on various criteria.
Dungeons and Dragons night	Play Dungeons and Dragons night
Floor is Lava Night	Construct elevated platforms and spend the night without touching the ground.
Gaming night	Playing video games.

Jigsaw night	Completing jigsaw puzzles.
Mini Games Night	Enjoy a variety of mini-games and challenges, including marshmallow towers and target ball.
Paper airplane night	Making and flying paper airplanes.
Puzzle night	Completing various puzzles.
Arm Sling Duct Tape Challenge	Use duct tape to create makeshift arm slings, testing participants' resourcefulness and problem-solving skills.
Duct Tape Challenge	Completing challenges using only duct tape.
LAN Party	Gather for a local area network (LAN) gaming session, playing multiplayer video games.
Paint Twister	Play the classic game of Twister with paint as the dots, creating colorful masterpieces as you twist and contort.
Paper Clip Night	Challenge participants to creatively use paper clips in various activities and challenges.
Paper Night	Engage in paper-related activities such as making paper planes, quizzes, and crafting newspaper outfits.
Pub Games Night	Host a night of traditional pub games like darts, pool, and cards for some friendly competition.
Quiz night	Participating in quizzes on various topics.
Treasure Hunt Around the Hall	Organize an indoor treasure hunt with clues and puzzles, promoting teamwork and problem-solving skills.

Literature & Writing

Activity	Explanation.
Run a Night, Write a Book	Collaboratively write a story or book during a themed night activity, fostering creativity and teamwork.
Extra, extra, read all about it	Producing a newsletter or newspaper.
Shakespeare Night	Reimagine Shakespearean plays in modern settings, providing a contemporary twist on classic literature.
Lettering and Calligraphy	Learn the art of lettering and calligraphy, practicing different styles and techniques.
Map making	Learning and practicing map making techniques.
Picnic	Having a picnic outdoors.
Pinewood Derby	Build and race miniature cars in a Pinewood Derby competition.
Cycle Treasure Hunt	Participating in a treasure hunt while cycling.
Great Victorian Bike Ride	Participate in a multi-day bike ride event during summer.

Scout Skills

Activity	Explanation.
Practical night	Learning practical skills relevant to Venturing.
Trangia Cooking Challenge	Compete to cook the most exciting and creative meal using Trangia stoves, showcasing culinary skills and teamwork.
Badge sewing night	A night dedicated to sewing badges onto uniforms or sashes.

Performance Arts

Activity	Explanation.
Acting	Engaging in acting exercises or performances.
Ballroom Dancing	Learning and practicing ballroom dance moves.
Barn Dance	A dance event with a barn dance theme.
Bringing instruments and playing them	Sharing and playing musical instruments.
Comedy night	Engaging in various comedy-themed activities.
Disney themed night	A night themed around Disney characters and movies.
Drama night	Engaging in various drama activities.
Dress up night	Dressing up according to a theme ('70's, Drag, Aliens, Famous people, ...).
Film night	Watching and discussing films.
Formal night	Dressing up formally for a night of dining and dancing.
Improvisation Night	Learn and perform improvisational skits with the guidance of a teacher.
Jive Night	Learning and practicing jive dance moves.
Lip Sync Challenge	Compete in lip-syncing performances to popular songs.
Line Dancing	Learning and practicing line dance moves.
Make a band/pop group night	Forming a band/pop groups and creating performances.
Music Night	Learn to play simple instruments and perform a song together as a group.
Music performance	An evening dedicated to musical performances by Venturers.

Musical Evening	Enjoy performances of music, songs, and instrumental pieces by unit members.
Puppet Making and Performing	Create puppets and put on entertaining performances for fellow venturers.
Sing a Song Guessing Game	Sing a song and challenge others to guess its name, adding a musical twist to the night.
Singing night	Singing together.
Stop Motion Movie Making	Create stop motion animations using figures and objects, fostering creativity and storytelling skills.
Talent Competition	Showcase various talents such as singing, dancing, or comedy in a friendly competition format, encouraging self-expression and creativity.
Tap Dancing	Learning and practicing tap dance moves.
Theatre Sports	Engage in improvisational theatre games like "In-a/With-a/While-a" and "One-Word Story" to promote creativity and teamwork in storytelling.
Ventriloquism	Learning and practicing ventriloquism techniques.
Talent show	Hosting a talent show.
Charades	Playing charades. Mime a book/movie/etc
Theatre Games	Emulate the style of improv comedy shows like "Thank God You're Here" with spontaneous scenes and games, fostering creativity and quick thinking.
Drumming workshop	
Song writing	Learning to write songs.
Mock Casino Night	Create a mock casino atmosphere with games like poker, roulette, and blackjack.
Choirs	Participating in choir singing sessions.
Hip hop dance class	Participating in a hip hop dance class.
Karaoke Night	Sing your heart out with friends during a karaoke session.
Music Trivia	Test your knowledge of music with a trivia game featuring questions about different genres, artists, and songs.
Square Dancing	Learn square dancing steps and participate in traditional dance routines, promoting social interaction and cultural appreciation.
Talent Show/Quest	Host a talent show where participants can demonstrate their skills and entertain the audience, fostering confidence and camaraderie.

Theme Events

Activity	Explanation.
Market Night	Earn "Monopoly money" by completing various activities, with the person or group accumulating the most money declared the winner.
Star Wars	Explore the Star Wars universe through themed activities, games, and discussions.
Christmas in July	Celebrating Christmas in July.
Escape room	You go into a room and have to follow clues to get out. Make your own or go to a business
Xmas in July	Celebrating Christmas in August.
Harry Potter themed night	A night themed around the Harry Potter series.
Medieval Night	A night themed around medieval times.
Science Fiction Night	A night themed around science fiction.
Thong Night	A night themed around thongs
Alphabet night.	All games, food and costumes to start with a letter, e.g. "P"
Disco	Hosting a disco party.
Dress up disco night	A disco night where participants dress up in costumes.
Ghost Night	Sharing ghost stories and participating in spooky activities.
Gymnastics Session	Participate in gymnastics activities and exercises.
Halloween Celebration	Celebrate Halloween with themed activities and costumes.
LARP (Live Action Role Playing)	Participating in live-action role-playing games.
Magic the Gathering tournament	Participating in a Magic: The Gathering tournament.
Murder Mystery Night	Assume fictional characters' identities and solve a mystery together, with awards for best costume, character portrayal, and solving.
Party Night	Host a fun-filled party with games, music, and favourite party foods to unwind and destress.
Superheroes	Explore the world of superheroes through discussions, games, and costume contests.