

Ideas from the PLs at the PL Training Weekend

PLs at PL Training weekends undertake a number of workshop sessions and came up with the following thoughts which may be helpful to you running your Troop.

What do you like about Scouts?

- Fun
- Adventure
- Activities
- More active
- More daring
- Games
- Camps/outings
- Get lots out of it
- Do things no one outside scouts will ever do
- Get bored otherwise
- Because it makes you part of an organisation
- Lots of things to do
- More challenges
- Good programme
- Not much money for you to go to activities you can't do elsewhere
- To have fun and to learn and try new skills
- Fun and it takes you away from all the gangs
- Meet new people
- New experiences
- Skills
- Friends
- Take your mind off school
- Challenging
- Knots
- Camping
- Jamboree

What would make Scouts better?

- More camps
- Organised more by the Scouts
- PLs more say
- One night a term organised by the PLs/APLs
- More wide games
- PLs badge for organising bits of the programme
- Uniform – polo shirts and hoodies
- No knots
- More expeditions

- Less sitting down
- Less paperwork
- More outdoor activities
- Health and safety
- More common sense
- More County events
- More exciting things such as fencing
- Get more people involved
- Do more games
- Do more practical things (fires)
- Make shelters
- Survival Skills
- More involvement (challenges)
- PL Meetings

What would encourage your friends to join?

- More camps
- Try out day
- Introduction badge
- Scouts advertised at schools etc
- Still thought of as a boys thing
- More flying activities
- The activities they can do
- Be part of organising activities
- Have fun and play games
- Explosions/awesome stuff
- Tuck
- Camps/hikes
- More flexibility (times)
- Talk about it
- Show things done in the past
- Events within the community
- Make it more challenging
- Offer a different night

Balanced Programme ideas

Fit for life

- Keep fit exercises
- Menus
- Fitness Challenge
- Expeditions/Hikes/Bike rides
- Circuit training

- Outdoor activities
- Water activities
- Food diary
- Kayaking/Canoeing/dragon boating/bell boats/topper sailing
- Swimming/water polo/galas
- Rock climbing/abseiling
- Rafting
- Fencing
- Trampolining
- Archery/shooting
- Volleyball/football/basketball/rugby/british bulldog
- Drug awareness
- Nutrition wheel
- Alcohol awareness
- Netball
- Boxing
- Hockey
- Running for charity
- Wii fit
- Dancing
- Gym
- Dodgeball

Community

- Litter pick
- County site maintenance
- Clean roadside
- Charity events
- Fairs
- Bag packing
- Car washing
- Helping cubs
- Painting buildings(village hall)
- Fire station
- Life boat station
- Local conservation
- Sign post cleaning
- Planting trees
- Remembrance Day Parade
- Car boot sale
- Visiting elderly
- Car parking
- Jumble sale

Scoutcraft and adventure

- **Sailing**
- **Woggle making**
- **Fires**
- **Shooting**
- **Cooking**
- **Campfire cooking**
- **Pioneering**
- **Catapults**
- **Hiking**
- **Carving**
- **Archery**
- **Backwoods cooking**
- **Canoes**
- **Kayaking**
- **Rowing**
- **Rafting**
- **Camps**
- **Knife and axe work**
- **Flying lessons**
- **Hill walking**
- **Orienteering**
- **Scuba diving**
- **Caving**
- **Games**
- **Lazer quest**
- **Sleeping in a bivi**
- **First aid**
- **Dragon boating**
- **Buggy racing**
- **Indoor skydiving**
- **Quad bikes/go carts**
- **Cycle expedition**
- **Knots and lashings**
- **Orienteering**
- **Safety equipment**
- **Route planning**
- **Map reading**
- **Mud sliding**
- **Theme park**
- **Water rockets**
- **Crossbows**

Exploring beliefs & attitudes

- **Saying a prayer at the end of the meeting**
- **Grace**
- **St Georges and Remembrance Parades**
- **Make a promise**
- **Charity work**
- **Respect**
- **Learning about other peoples beliefs and attitudes**
- **Be prepared**
- **Set a good example**
- **Go to a synagogue**
- **Go to a church**
- **Learn the Law & Promise**
- **My Faith Badge – visit other churches or places of worship**
- **Writing prayers**
- **Code of conduct**
- **Helping younger Scouts**
- **Scouts Own**
- **PL Council**

Creative Expression

- **Candle making**
- **Cooking**
- **Pumpkin carving**
- **DIY night**
- **Natural art**
- **Seasonal baking**
- **Gardening**
- **Making eco friendly machines**
- **Animal show**
- **Sketches**
- **Food towers**
- **Make boats**
- **Planting**
- **Woodcraft/whittling**
- **Raps/chanting/singing**
- **Tell stories**
- **Art/drawing**
- **Model making**
- **Christmas cards**
- **Sewing**
- **Photography**
- **Circus skills**
- **Pancakes**
- **Wayerfight**

- **Creating games**
- **Crazy gold course**
- **Music show and performance**
- **Painting**
- **Codes**
- **Phonetic alphabet**
- **Sign language**

Global

- **Jamboree**
- **Presentation on poverty and fair-trade**
- **Pen pal**
- **Following other troops**
- **Global issues**
- **Cooking global food**
- **Joti**
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- **Presentations on global countries**
- **Research world issues**
- **Tree planting**
- **Fairtrade evening**
- **World cup posters**
- **Dressing up in other countries traditional clothes**
- **Trips abroad**
- **Other cultures, languages, food, themed evening, visitors**
- **Cyber jamboree**
- **Zoo**
- **Refugess**
- **Water purification**
- **Operation Christmas child**
- **Being a Scout**
- **Meeting other Scout troops**
- **Chinese New Year**
- **The World Restaurant**
- **Tasting fair trade food**
- **Homelessness**
- **Deforestation**
- **Animal extinction**
- **Remembrance**

What is poor Behaviour?

- **Disrespect**

- Time wasting
- Showing off
- Distracting
- Refuse to take part
- Lateness/poor timekeeping
- Not listening
- Messing about
- One up manship
- Bad attitude
- Not accepting help
- Annoying
- Don't shut up
- Don't turn up
- Bored
- Unprepared

Ideas for solving Challenging Behaviour

Pro-active positive ideas to encourage buy in from the Scouts

- Ask them to leave early enough to get to Scouts on time
- Active programme without gaps
- Reward good behaviour
- Set expectations
- Establish a code of conduct
- Inspection of uniform
- Rethink whats happening
- Try different methods of instruction
- Monthly Patrol competition

Discipline ideas

- Point out what they are doing wrong
- Exclusion
- Naughty corner
- Take away privileges
- Deduct points
- Warn
- Points card system
- Severe talking to

What is not enjoyable about being a PL?

- Scouts that don't shut up
- Scouts who refuse to do something
- Distractions
- Bullying
- Irritating leaders
- Disrespect
- Bad behaviour

Ideas for a Code of Conduct

- Turn up to meetings on time
- Always come prepared for meetings (ie uniform, equipment)
- Respect and follow Scout Laws
- Always listen
- Follow instructions first time without question
- Always look on the bright side of life/be positive
- Always try your hardest
- Be polite
- Always tell the truth
- Do your best
- Share your opinions in a positive way
- Think of others before yourself
- Pay attention
- Be quiet when instructed
- Treat everyone fairly
- You should always take part to the best of your ability
- You should come to Scouts with a positive attitude

Ideas to reinforce the Code of Conduct

- Add points for doing extra jobs, being on time and for good behaviour
- Input to the programme

What does Teamwork need?

- Leadership
- Communication
- Practice
- Commitment
- Skills
- Trust
- Clear roles

What is good leadership?

- Listens to ideas/instructions
- Gives clear instructions
- Shows commitment
- Sets a good example
- Gives clear responsibilities
- Does not do it all themselves
- Encourages others/ is supportive
- Gives praise/criticism
- Steps back
- Plans
- Learns
- Is positive
- Get everyone involved
- Joins in
- Is happy
- Is quiet/loud as necessary

Example Risk Assessment – Fire safety

Risks

- Tripping
- Dropping logs
- Flames
- Splinters from wood
- Sparks from the fire

Controlling the risk

- No running, keep things away so you don't fall
- Carry things that are the right size for you
- Keep well back so if you slipped you would not end up in the fire
- Wear gloves to pick up wood
- Don't get too close to the fire