



THE ADVENTURE BEGINS

The Joey Scout program is fundamental to the success or failure of the Section. The program must reflect the interests, goals and inspirations of the Joey Scouts who participate.

Joey Scouts must be involved in the planning and review of their program if it is to be relevant and engaging to them.

In the Joey Scout Section, the Section Council is an essential way for youth to be engaged and provide input into the development and review of their program in an age-appropriate manner.

Support from Leaders will certainly be required, however Joey Scouts (with guidance) can develop themes, ideas, activities and games for their program.

Programming and the review of activities and events can be done in a youthful and game-like environment, so that the Joeys are engaged and understand what they are both reviewing and planning. Working as a small team or Mob the group can support each other to develop engaging programming ideas.

JOEY SCOUTS SECTION COUNCILS FACTSHEET

The Section Council should occur regularly (at least once a term) so that all members feel engaged with the creation and implementation of their program.

Joey Scout Section Council Meetings could:

- Be held during the last 15 minutes of a Mob meeting
- Include all Joey Scouts
- One week involve reviewing what they liked about the last period of activities
- The next week brainstorming ideas for themes, games, activities and program elements to achieve
- Also consider Branch, District and other events they would like to participate in
- Ideas could be listed on note paper (with leaders scribing where required)
- Then the Mob prioritises what they would like to do
- Parents could join the meeting and offer assistance with relevant activities
- The same process can be used for planning a camp or day activity
- Joeys can volunteer to assist with organizing games or aspects of activities (with leader and parent support)
- Adults will usually coordinate the meeting and keep the Mob on track
- It is not a 'formal' meeting with a Chair, minutes etc

To ensure success, Leaders should:

- Have a plan to follow for the meeting
- Ensure there is engagement and participation from all members present
- Record the creativity, decisions, discussions and reviewing that occur in the meeting
- Then develop a program that reflects the ideas and enthusiasm of the Joey Scouts



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