



THE ADVENTURE BEGINS

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

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

Section Councils are essential for Rover Scouts to perform checks and balances on the level of engagement, control and direction they have in the program and Section overall.

Rover Scouts are completely autonomous members who are capable of implementing the **plan, do, review** process over their whole program with support from an adult Leader only when required by the Section. Adult Leaders are there to advise rather than guide. It is important that Rover Scouts are allowed to be independent and for their programs to focus on areas designated by the members themselves.

The Section Council should occur regularly (for example, every 4 to 5 weeks) so that all members feel engaged with the creation and implementation of their program. These don't need to occur in a formal setting. Sometimes it can be very beneficial for the Section Council to be held outdoors.

ROVER SCOUTS
SECTION COUNCILS
FACTSHEET

The duties of the Section Council may include:

- Planning and reviewing activities, programs and events. Adult Leaders support with specialist guidance with activities and events etc. Adult Leaders or Mentors can provide advice and guidance if support is needed for a unique or specialised event.
- Ensuring that the Section is following the concept of Youth Leading, Adults Supporting
- Discussing the Rover Scout Section's application of the Scout Method and ensuring there are checks and balances on this
- Working together each year to make a Section Code that all agree to follow
- Solving problems and issues as they arise
- The collaborative coordination of inter-Section events and inter-Group events.
- Supporting all members of the Section in their Scouting journey and their personal life
- Autonomously discussing and approving badgework and endorsing peak awards
- Setting a clear standard of behaviour and supporting all Section members in maintaining it
- Constantly reviewing the performance of all members of the Rover Scout Section and the Section Executive

To help make your Section Council as successful as possible, you could do the following:

- Have clear guidance from a Chairperson
- Prepare and follow an agenda for the meeting (which may depend on the age of the members, and the formality and location of the meeting)
- Ensure there is engagement and participation from all members present
- Record all the creativity, decisions, discussions and reviewing that occurs in our meeting
- Have access to support and advice from adult Leaders and Mentors as needed (but this must not undermine or take over the leadership of the Rovers)



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