

# #OutsideIn25

## Discussion guide for program support meetings



Get ready to make more outdoor adventure happen after discussing #OutsideIn25 at your local program/training support meeting! These meetings look different in each state and territory, but this guide can generally be used to help lead the conversation at any gathering that brings together Leaders or young people to support program delivery.

The aim is to equip the Leaders and/or youth members in your area with the information and inspiration they need to share #OutsideIn25 with their Units so that we can support more outdoor adventure in 2025. Through this initiative, we're encouraging every Unit to support its members to build their Outdoor Adventure Skills with fun and challenging activities across the year.

Head to [scouts.com.au/outsidein25](https://scouts.com.au/outsidein25) for more information about #OutsideIn25, resources to guide your Planning>, and inspiration for your Unit's next adventure.

### PART 1 Sharing & swapping ideas

Work together to develop a list of great activities by asking everyone in the meeting to share the best outdoor adventure their Unit enjoyed in 2024. The adventures they share could range from fun challenges completed during a Unit night to memorable camps that became highlights of the year.

This discussion serves as a Review> of the 'greatest hits' of 2024, offering outdoor activity ideas that other Units can pick up for their 2025 programs and #OutsideIn25 bucket list.

Here are some questions you could ask participants when they're sharing:

- What do you think was the key to the activity's success?
- Which Outdoor Adventure Skills stages did that activity cover?
- What did the youth members who were leading and assisting the activity do? Which tasks needed adult support?
- Did you need any support from qualified instructors or adventurous activity teams for that activity? If so, how did you arrange this?
- Do you have a plan, risk assessment, or any other resources you can share?

### PART 2 Explaining #OutsideIn25

Explain that #OutsideIn25 is a campaign being launched in all states and territories to challenge everyone – from Joey Scouts to Rover Scouts – to experience more outdoor adventure in 2025.

Whether it's including more outdoor nights in Unit programs, challenging young people to complete different Outdoor Adventure Skills progressions, or planning big adventures to look forward to, the aim is to inspire our members to try new things in the outdoors in 2025.

Build excitement to support every Unit to participate in #OutsideIn25. Tell meeting participants about the bucket list challenge and direct them to [scouts.com.au/outsidein25](https://scouts.com.au/outsidein25) to download the bucket list template. Encourage everyone to support their Units in filling it with ten exciting outdoor adventures as part of their 2025 Planning>. This involves discussing the opportunity with the Unit Council and gathering ideas from all Unit members to select ten activities that will be fun, adventurous, challenging, and inclusive.



Reinforce that #Outsideln25 isn't something extra to do on top of usual program delivery, but it's here to help drive the existing outdoor elements of the program.

### **PART 3 Identifying the gaps**

Invite participants in the meeting to think about their Unit's recent program cycles and reflect on the Outdoor Adventure Skills that their activities have covered. Ask them if there are any gaps where their Unit currently isn't providing members with opportunities to progress in an area.

Workshop how Units can incorporate activities from different areas of the Outdoor Adventure Skills into their future program planning. These would be great activities for their #Outsideln25 bucket list.

This doesn't mean every Unit has to hold activities in all nine areas of the Outdoor Adventure Skills! Give some suggestions for how Units can access different Outdoor Adventure Skills:

- Leaders can inform their youth members about Outdoor Adventure Skills events and experiences available at a Branch or Region level
- Another Group in the area might be planning an activity and could be open to members from other Groups attending
- Older members in a Unit could attend activities led by the age section above, especially if they're at similar levels in an area of their Outdoor Adventure Skills
- If there's an area multiple Units are missing in their programs, participants in the meeting could work together to organise an activity in that area of the Outdoor Adventure Skills for all local Units

Discuss other opportunities for expanding outdoor experiences through Unit programs. For example, Special Interest Area projects in Adventure & Sport or Environment are also great ways to encourage young people to try new things outdoors.

### **PART 4 Promoting training opportunities**

Explain that, for Leaders, #Outsideln25 is an opportunity to upskill in one of the adventurous activity streams. In every state and territory, training is on offer to give Leaders the knowledge and experience to deliver our specialist Outdoor Adventure Skills safely.

1. If your Branch has a published calendar of adventurous activity courses, share this with the meeting and encourage Leaders to book into the courses that interest them.
2. Remind the meeting about your Branch's process for recognition of proficiency in areas where Leaders have existing skills. Clearly explain the steps required and encourage everyone to get their experience officially recognised.

By making 2025 the year to upskill, Leaders can create and enjoy more outdoor adventures with our young people.

