

# Assessing Program Quality

## Program Facilitation

### DESCRIPTION

Scouts Canada has established a process to assist youth and their Scouters as they seek to plan, do and review safe and adventurous Scouting programs. The program quality framework includes objective criteria to aid in the planning process, and to serve as a set of self-assessment tools to assist youth and Scouters in the evaluation and improvement of their programs.

Our Scouting Year can be divided into four program cycles, aligned with the seasons. With each new season, we can imagine great new adventures. Each Section has a series of assessment questions to help evaluate its program.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

#### I can facilitate a Program Quality Assessment with a Patrol (Team) in my Section.

- I can employ the Four Elements when planning and executing Scouting activities.
- I can describe how the Program Quality Assessment process helps improve the Scouting experience for youth.
- I have reviewed the outcomes of a seasonal Program Quality Assessment with my Group Commissioner or Group Committee.
- I have facilitated a Program Quality Assessment with a Patrol (Team) in my Section.
- I have created an environment where youth are fully engaged in planning, doing and reviewing their program cycles.

### SECTION-SPECIFIC NOTES

- Each Section has its own Program Quality goals which are determined and assessed using age-appropriate questions.
- There are recommended goals for your Section. If your Section Leadership Team wants to alter those goals in a way that will still allow for a balanced program, that's okay!

I DON'T  
KNOW...

I KNOW...

I CAN...

I HAVE...

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### PLAN

- What do you think a quality Scouting program looks like?
- What do you think youth are looking for in a quality Scouting program?
- How well did your Section incorporate the Four Elements of The Canadian Path over the past program cycle (season)?

### DO

- Review the Program Quality guide with your Scouter Team and/or Section Leadership Team.
- Conduct a Scouters' assessment with your Scouter Team.
- Facilitate a review of your Section in Patrols (Teams).

- Review the findings with your Section Leadership Team and a member of your Group Committee.
- Use the findings of your Program Quality Assessment to help plan for the next program cycle.

### REVIEW

- How did the Scouters' assessment compare to the youth's assessment?
- Why is reviewing important?
- How can you engage parents in reviewing your program?

### SAFETY NOTE

Remember to respect the Two-Scouter Rule while facilitating the Program Quality Assessments in Patrols (Teams). Engage parents to support your Scouter Team.

### ONLINE RESOURCES

- **The *Scouter Manual* (pages 17–47)**
- eLearning course: How to Use the Program Quality guide
- **Program Quality guide**
- **Program Quality FAQ**
- **Group Committee's Role in the Program Quality guide**