

Facilitating a Balanced Program

Program Facilitation

DESCRIPTION

The Canadian Path delivers a balanced program to all youth members. During their journey in Scouting, youth members regularly participate in adventures relating to each of the six Program Areas: Environment & Outdoors, Leadership, Active & Healthy Living, Citizenship, Creative Expression and Beliefs & Values.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

I can incorporate the six Program Areas over the course of the year's adventures to ensure that the youth have the opportunity to develop in all of the SPICES.

- I can explain how activities sometimes fit into more than one Program Area and how to prioritize them.

- I can describe the six Program Areas to youth and explain how each dimension applies to personal growth.
- I can explain the Program Quality guide and how to use it when assisting the youth in planning a balanced program.
- I have facilitated one complete program cycle (season) of Scouting that includes at least one adventure in each of the six Program Areas.
- I have facilitated an adventure for each of the six Program Areas.

TIPS AND TRICKS

The six Program Areas apply to each Section, but how you facilitate the incorporation of the Plan-Do-Review process will be specific to the needs of each age group. Ensure that you are incorporating the six Program Areas into your Section in an age-appropriate way.

I DON'T
KNOW...

I KNOW...

I CAN...

I HAVE...

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PLAN

- How can you ensure that the youth share adventures in all of the six Program Areas?
- How can you increase awareness of the six Program Areas during program planning?
- How can you incorporate the six Program Areas into personal progression reviews?

DO

- Read “The Six Program Areas of the Canadian Path” in the *Scouter Manual* (pages 36–41), as well as “What Does a Balanced Program Look Like for Each Section?” (pages 42–44).
- Shadow a program planning session with another Scouter to observe how a well-balanced program incorporates the six Program Areas.

- Shadow a program review with another Scouter to hear examples of age-appropriate review questions and how youth respond to those questions.

REVIEW

- Why is it important to be aware of the six Program Areas in your Section’s program?
- Why is it important to include the six Program Areas as part of personal progression reviews?
- What will you do differently going forward to incorporate the six Program Areas into the planning and review process of your Section’s program?

SAFETY NOTE

- Always consider risk management issues when helping the youth incorporate the six Program Areas into your Section’s plans for the year.
- As a mentor to the youth in your Section, you should always provide guidance that is positive and constructive.
- When conducting a personal progression review, ensure that the questions are age-appropriate.

ONLINE RESOURCES

- The *Scouter Manual* pages 36–41 and 42–44
- eLearning course: Canadian Path Principles: How to Facilitate a Balanced Program
- **Scouters’ Tip: How do I Plan for a Program Cycle?—Junior Sections**
- **Scouters’ Tip: How do I Plan for a Program Cycle—Senior Sections**
- **Program Quality guide**