

# Planning for Youth-led Scouting Program Facilitation

## DESCRIPTION

On The Canadian Path, the youth are the leaders. Scouters support and mentor the youth by encouraging leadership in age-appropriate ways. There are leadership roles and opportunities for youth built into the program to support the youth-led approach. The expectation is that the amount of leadership required of the youth increases as they move from Section to Section and develop themselves as leaders.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

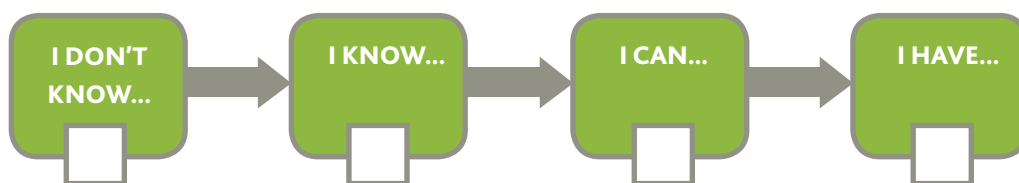
**I can facilitate the planning of a safe program that encourages youth leadership in age-appropriate ways.**

- I can facilitate youth-led planning.
- I can recognize and employ opportunities for linking with other Sections.
- I can involve youth in the budgeting process in an age-appropriate way.
- I can explain how to use the Program Quality guide to facilitate youth-led planning in an age-appropriate way.

## TIPS AND TRICKS

The Section and the experience of the youth will affect your level of involvement in the planning process. Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts will require more guidance when planning, but that doesn't mean that they can't be involved. Try asking Lodges and Lairs to draw murals of all the adventures that they want to have in the coming Scouting Year.

Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts don't always have the skills necessary to plan a twelve-month program without Scouter support. Your role is to apply the right amount of situational leadership to ensure that youth have a robust and balanced Scouting experience.



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## PLAN

- How can you facilitate youth-led planning in an age-appropriate way?
- How can you facilitate planning to employ linking activities with other Sections in youth-led planning?
- How can you involve the youth in the budgeting process in an age-appropriate way?
- How can you incorporate risk management in an age-appropriate way during youth-led planning?
- How can you incorporate the Program Quality guide in an age-appropriate way during youth-led planning?

## DO

- Review the eLearning course “How to Plan for Youth-led”.
- Read the Section-specific linking activities in the *Scouter Manual*.

- Review “Risk Management”, section 13000, *BP&P*.
- Shadow a youth-led planning meeting with another Scouter to observe how he or she facilitates youth-led planning.
- Complete one cycle of youth-led planning with your Section.

## REVIEW

- Why is youth-led planning important?
- Why should youth be involved in the budget-planning process?
- Why are linking activities important?
- Why is the Program Quality guide important when facilitating youth-led planning?
- Why is it important to include risk management when facilitating youth-led planning?

## SAFETY NOTE

With youth-led programing, Scouters are responsible for risk management. However, it is important to involve the youth (in all Sections) in assessing risk.

## ONLINE RESOURCES

- eLearning course: How to Plan for Youth-led
- **The *Scouter Manual* pages 63–64**
- **Program Quality guide**
- **Beaver Scout Planning Template**
- **Cub Scout Planning Template**
- **Scout Planning Template**
- **Venturer Scout Planning Template**
- **Rover Scout Personal Development Plan**
- **Myth Slayer: Beavers can’t do Youth-led**
- **Myth Slayer: Youth-led means Scouters don’t plan**
- **Instructional Video: Program Cycles**