

Youth Empowerment – Section Coordinating Council Checklist

This is a tool to help sections consider how well they implement the small group system. The small team system is not only about youth members operating in teams, it also includes a coordinating body that runs the section, with age-appropriate scout support. There is a checklist for each programme section focusing on the 'coordinating council' - that is, Log Chews, Sixers Councils, Patrol Leaders Councils, Venture Scout Executives, and Rover Scout Crews.

The checklists help you focus on the practical realities of running coordinating councils. It is a way of self-assessing where your section is at and thinking about ways to develop. Questions are answered by marking one of three boxes: Green (everything is going well), Orange (going okay, but we need to do more work), or Red (we need to work on this/we need support). In Beaver Scout Colonies and Cub Scout Packs, the Scouters can use this tool to work with the youth members. For Scout Troops, the checklist should be used by the young people and adults together. While in Venture Scout Units and Rover Scout Crews, the youth members should take ownership of the assessment and potential actions.

This is one of a series of checklists which the Youth Empowerment team is developing, in conjunction with other programme teams.

Beaver Scouts:

Does the Colony hold Log Chews to plan, do and review on a regular basis?



Is the Log Chew led by Lodge Leaders or by Conn Beaver Scouts, as opposed to Scouters?



Are ideas from the Log Chews recorded to be used and referred to when planning an activity?



Are Lodge Leaders appointed and rotated amongst all members of the Colony on a regular basis?



Do Lodges host Lodge discussions on a regular basis? Is the information from these discussions fed back into the plan-do-review cycle?



Do Conn Beaver Scouts take on responsibilities where appropriate?



Does the Group Leader attend any Log Chew in the year to listen to their ideas for the Group?



Cub Scouts

Do you have a Sixer Council?



Does the Sixer Council meet each term?



Do the Sixers and Seconders share their Sixes programme ideas with the Sixer Council- help plan the programme?



Does the Sixer Council help Sixes pick the best programme ideas from the different Sixes' ideas- help plan the programme?



Do the Sixers and Seconders provide their own and their Sixes feedback on the programme- help review the programme?



Does the Sixer Council talk about how their Sixes and the pack are working and what can be better?



Does the Group Leader attend any Sixer Council in the year to listen to their ideas for the Group?



Scouts – Patrol Leaders Council

Do you have a Patrol Leaders Council (PLC)?



Does the PLC meet at least every two months?



Do the PLs and APLs represent the views of their Patrols at the PLC?



Does the PLC plan, organise, and review the programme?



Does the PLC assess and award badges?



Is the PLC the guardian of the Troop Code of Conduct?



Do some PLs or APLs attend Group Council Meetings?



Venture Scouts:

Do you have a Venture Scout Executive?



Does the Executive meet at least every two months?



Do the members of the Executive represent the views of the Venture Scout Crews/Unit?



Does the Executive plan, organise, and review the programme?



Does the Executive assess and award badges?



Is the venture executive the guardian of the unit code of conduct?



Do members of the venture executive attend group council meetings?



Rover Scouts:

Do you have regular meetings to coordinate the activities of the Crew?



Does the crew ensure that the voices of everyone is heard?



Do you have fair decision-making procedures?



Do the activity leaders plan, organise, and review the programme?



Does the Crew assess and award badges?



Do members of the Crew participate in Group Council meetings?

