

Blaze Your Trail THE TROOP PLANNING GUIDE

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Bruce Trail Active & Healthy Living

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Red Coat Trail





It starts with Scouts

SCOUTS CAN

SET YOUR TROOP'S GOALS!

Think of the Possibilities!

Talk with the Scouts in the Troop about the goals with which they would like to challenge themselves this year.

Write your Troop's goals (as numbers) in the squares.



Our Scouting Year can be divided into four cycles, which align with the four seasons. Plan, do and review your program each season, and the quality of your adventures will improve in no time!



Write the number your Troop would like to set as a goal.

PER MONTH



PER PROGRAM CYCLE (SEASON)



PER SCOUTING YEAR



The goal-setting template is also included in the Program Quality Guide.

BIG IDEAS AT A GLANCE

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Plan

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Do

- Learn new skills.
- Take part in your adventure.

EVENTS

Plan

Investiture

Halloween

Fall camp

Remembrance Day

Apple Day / Scout Popcorn

WHICH AREAS ON THE CANADIAN TRAILS MAP WILL YOU VISIT THIS PROGRAM CYCLE?



CABOT TRAIL Creative Expression

MACKENZIE RIVER Environment & Outdoors



RED COAT TRAIL Leadership

RIDEAU TRAIL

Beliefs & Values

WEST COAST TRAIL

Citizenship





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PROGRAM QUALITY ASSESSMENT

At the START: The Troop Leader should take the time to introduce the approach to Program Quality to the Troop Leadership Team.







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What activities did we do as a Patrol?

• How am I contributing to the Troop?

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- Does our Troop Leadership Team meet regularly and make decisions for the Troop?
- What leadership abilities am I developing this year?





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PROGRAM QUALITY ASSESSMENT

- Is our Patrol working well as a team?
- What was my favourite experience in Scouts this season?
- What is something that I would like to accomplish before Scouts is over?
- Has our Troop spent enough nights camping?
- Do we use the Canadian Trails Map regularly and try different types of new experiences?





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What am I looking forward to doing in Scouts next year? (Trailblazers) What am I looking forward to doing in Venturers next year?

• How have I developed in the SPICES?

PROGRAM QUALITY ASSESSMENT

• What are three things I have done that were new from last year?

• Did we go outdoors enough?



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