Plan:
• What are the roles in your student union? How can you learn more?
• What position is a good fit for your strengths and interests?
• How might being part of student union benefit your experience in Scouting? Is taking part in school politics part of your personal progression?

Do:
• Put your name forward to be part of your student union.
• Once part of the team, be diligent in your role.

Review:
• What do you know now that you did not know before?
• If you didn’t win the election, what did you learn by running for office?
• If elected, what do you hope to accomplish in your role?
• How do the other students respond to the leadership of the student union?
• How would you measure your performance?
• What would you do differently in the future?

Safety note:
• Determining which students will fill certain roles can be contentious. If running for an elected position, be a dignified candidate, and a gracious winner or loser.

Online Resources:
• Rick and Spread the Net
• University of Victoria Students’ Society
• Simon Fraser Student Society
• Carleton University Students’ Society

The Adventure:
Most colleges and universities in Canada have an important group of students called the student union. This group is a representative body for students. A student union is responsible for ensuring student support, services and facilities are adequate. A student union might also have a role in promoting school spirit, organizing student events and clubs, fundraising for charities and so on.

Being part of your student union is a great opportunity to develop some new skills – skills that can benefit other parts of your life, like Scouting. Investigate the roles on the student union and volunteer for a position you’re interested in.