Scouts’ Own

West Coast Trail
Beliefs & Values

The Adventure:
As a Patrol, organize a Scouts’ Own for your Troop at its next camp or event. Your Scouts’ Own should be an informal spiritual celebration, and can include readings, discussions and songs. A Scouts’ Own is traditionally brief—about 15 minutes long.

If your Patrol feels inspired to explore a particular theme that’s a good fit for your camp, all the better. For example, if the weather has been crummy, your Scouts’ Own might explore the importance of positivity when overcoming adversity.

Online Resources:
- Scouts’ Own
- Spiritual Fellowship
- Religion in Life Emblem
- Spirituality Award

Safety note:
Scouts Canada is a non-denominational organization. How can you ensure that everyone in the Troop feels welcome and included in your Scouts’ Own?

Plan:
- When and where will you hold your Scouts’ Own?
- Will your Scouts’ Own have a particular theme? How will you decide?
- How will each member of the Patrol contribute?
- What songs and/or readings will you include?
- How will you include members of all faiths?

Do:
- Share your Scouts’ Own with your Troop.

Review:
- What do you know now that you did not know before?
- How was your Scouts’ Own received by others in the Troop?
- How did you make sure everyone in the Troop felt included?
- What might you do differently in the future?

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