

FUN ADVENTURES. Outdoor Experience. FRIENDSHIP. GROWTH.

There are many ways for parents to participate in the Scouting experience!

WELCOME TO THE CANADIAN PATH

You may be wondering, what is The Canadian Path? It's the name for Scouts Canada's new program: great Adventures, youth leadership, new experiences and learning new things! It's about being outside, and it is Scouting.

We began introducing The Canadian Path in 2014 and details will continue to be rolled out leading up to a full launch in September of 2016. It's the next natural step in delivering on Scouts Canada's unique Mission: to develop well-rounded youth, better prepared for success in the world. And it's about having fun Adventures while we're doing it!

THE FOUR ELEMENTS

The Four Elements are at the heart of the Canadian Path program. The Four Elements represent an opportunity for youth and Scouters to quickly and easily enhance their Scouting experience. **Youth-led, Plan-Do-Review, Adventure** and **SPICES** are all equally important, and work together to create a great Scouting program that is unlike any other youth activity:

The Canadian Path is **Youth-led**, from Beaver Scouts through to Rover Scouts. The responsibility for the planning and direction of the program and its activities, rests progressively more with the youth themselves, with adult Volunteers providing guidance and support.

Plan-Do-Review is the 3-step process that youth and Scouters in all Sections will apply to all Scouting activities. Three words that will help our Youth bring their Adventures to fruition, to guide key discussions that will develop their meetings, camps and events into more meaningful opportunities for learning and fun.

Adventure is about exploring new things, new ideas, learning new skills, and creating new paths. It's about unique opportunities to explore one's self and the world. It is part of every activity, enticing youth to take part in what we do best: learning through the outdoors and seeking ways to personally challenge themselves.



The aim is to engage the whole person: socially, physically, intellectually, character, emotionally and spiritually. We call these dimensions '**SPICES**'. When youth are on the Path, at least one of these dimensions will be reinforced through each activity and adventure.

The Canadian Path is designed to grow and evolve throughout your child's years in Scouting. The longer they participate in Scouting, the more they will learn and benefit from our unique approach.



STEM AND THE CANADIAN PATH

The STEM Program is a perfect complement to The Canadian Path. It allows for the incorporation of Adventures in any field of study that relates to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. STEM has a long history in Scouting, from building a catapult, a Kub Kar or an efficient fire, to figuring out how to stay warm in winter camp. As part of The Canadian Path, Scouts Canada has been making STEM a more prominent part of our program.

For over 100 years, one thing at Scouts Canada has not changed: the fundamental Scouting principle of learning by doing. As your child progresses on the Path, you'll watch them experiment and challenge themselves through hands-on learning. Along the way, they will learn new skills, gain confidence, feel empowered and have fun as they learn.

Got Questions? You can find much more information about The Canadian Path online at CanadianPath.ca. You can also speak to your Scouter or contact the Help Centre.

