

4.4 Programme Ideas



Programme ideas can be found everywhere. Ask your District/County Scouters/Campsite Warden/Section Leaders if they have any projects that you could help with. Browse through your local papers and see what other organisations are doing. You could use the same ideas, or even the organisation itself to help fill a slot in your programme. Check out the lists of local organisations held in the reference library. Attend meetings where you can meet Section Leaders and find out what is needed. And don't forget SCOUTING Magazine - it's packed with good ideas.

Social events can be as important as service as they hold the organisation together and ensure that contact is kept with a pool of helpers who may be able to help in the future if they can't at present.

Don't forget programme opportunities for members to learn new skills or brush up on old ones. Training opportunities will ensure that members are ready to help wherever they are needed in any Section or with the District, Area/County, Region or Nationally.

Below is a list of ideas of ways in which members of your Scout Fellowship might give support.

Service

Support to Youth Programme 6 - 20:

Sections:

- mentor to new leader
- help at meetings
- teach songs
- tell yarns
- badge examiner
- emergency leader
- specialist interests
- help with transport
- organise and run bases
- pitching camps/marquees
- assist on activities
- assist at camp
- assist on trips

Organise events:

- swimming gala
- sports day
- day or night hikes
- gang show
- helping leaders
- provide judges
- first aid
- St George's Day Service

Skills Development :

- skills training courses
- training days

Adult Support

Camp site:

- service crew
- provider
- maintenance
- activities instructor

Caterers:

- training courses
- meetings
- events

Communication:

local newsletter
deliveries
district database
district web page
recruitment
visiting service to (ex) scouters
in hospital
Christmas post delivery
event photographer
Public Relations officer
press releases

Social:

aerobics
amateur radio
antiques evening
archery
astronomy
barbecue
barn dance
beetle drive
bell ringing
bingo
bird watching
board games
book evening
boat trip
Burns Night
caving
camp
canoeing
card games
carpet bowling
car rally
charades
cheese & wine evening
climbing & abseiling
cinema trip
conservation work
cooking
crown bowling
craft evening
cycle ride
dads
disco
family history
festivals & faiths
fete
fishing competition
fundraising
games evenings
garden party

District:

emergency leader scheme
staff the Scout Shop
recycle scheme
secretarial
minute taker

give us a clue
gliding
hand bells
hike
hill walking
horse race evening
horse riding
inter Fellowship challenge
internet
Irish evening
karaoke
kite flying
learn to draw
line dancing
local history
Mexican Train game (dominoes)
murder evening
museum visit
musical evening
mystery tour
orienteering
paragliding
party
pet show
photographic competition
pioneering
pub games evening
quiz night
rafting
ramble
record evening
sailing
scavenger hunt
Scottish evening
shooting
skid pan driving
slide evening
speakers
swimming
ten pin bowling

gardener's question time
theatre trips
watercolour challenge
Welsh evening
whist drive
wood carving

treasure hunt
video evening
video making
visits to places of interest
wine tasting

Build up further programme ideas from ScoutBase, Scouting Magazine and other Scout Fellowships.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme is a personal challenge with a programme based on personal choice, for young people between the ages of 14 and 25. The Award offers opportunities to broaden an individual's horizons and can be gained at three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Ask your ADC or AAC/ACC (Activities) for the details of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme co-ordinator in your locality.