



Youth Forum Activity Pack

This activity pack is for section teams to use to help plan Youth Forum sessions for their sections.

Once your Youth Forum session or sessions have taken place you can pass your feedback to Katie and Chris on dyl@bandhscouts.org.uk

The idea of delivering sessions around a Youth Forum are to get the thoughts and opinions of our young people as well as making sure their voices are heard to deliver truly youth shaped Scouts!

Through doing this work during your sessions you'll also be able to get a better idea of what the young people enjoy about Scouts and what they would like to do more of! Be sure to record the feedback you get so you can use it for planning your programme but also so you can pass it to the District Youth Team.

Katie and Chris are more than happy to come along to your Youth Forum sessions, so feel free to invite them. The sooner they have the date the better so once the programme is planned share the dates with the team.

We look forward to hearing all the amazing things the young people have to say, so we can deliver Scouts for all young people to enjoy.

So what does the feedback look like?

The feedback can be in the form of an email, or a document. We are happy with pictures of the Young Peoples work but we need to be able to read it and understand the context.

Where possible please send in your feedback to the Youth Lead team no later than 29th September 2024.

What sort of things could you ask?

- What do you enjoy most about Scouts?
- What would you like to do more of?
- Are there any activities you'd like to do?
- Why do you think doing Scouts is good for you?
- Are there things you don't enjoy that much?

When to plan your sessions?

Your sessions ideally could be planned when you plan the terms activities. Plan them before the Youth Forum event on 5th October so your feedback can be sent in before 29th September 2024.

What happens with the feedback?

Any feedback sent in will be used to look at what support the district provides, what events the districts put on and where programmes can be planned to fit in with what our Young People would like to do.

What is the Youth Forum event?

For the first time the District Youth Lead team have organised a District Youth Forum event. This will take place on Saturday 5th October 2024 event details will be shared separately.

For this event we are only inviting Cubs and Scouts to take part in person, and as the Youth Forum developments we hope to open out to wider sections.

For Squirrels and Beavers we have produced this activity pack so that section teams can do Youth Forum Sessions on section nights and feedback to the team.

10 Seconds to Make

A fun game that mixes acting with You Shape ideas generation!

1. Have the Young People move around the room (this could just be walking, or you could make it more fun by getting them to move like a specific animal!)
2. Call out a number for the Young people to get into groups of.
3. Ask them a question (For example, What is your favourite activity that you have done in Scouting?). The Young people then need to act out a scene that shows that activity for 10 seconds!
4. Have your Leaders and Young Leaders guess what they are acting out!

Snowball Fight

A slightly more formal activity with a fun ending!

1. Ask all Young People to think about a question (For example, Where would you like to go with Squirrels/Beavers?).
2. Then, ask them all to write on a piece of paper their idea (or get some Leaders and Young Leaders to write their ideas on paper for them).
3. Get them to scrunch the paper into a ball and spread out in the room.
4. They then can throw the paper around and have their own mini snowball fight!
5. At the end of the snowball fight, read and record some of the ideas that they have come up with.

Cool Wall

A classic and more formal way of rating things to do in your section!

1. On a wall in your meeting place, display the titles: Uncool, Cool and Sub Zero/Very Cool!
2. One by one, discuss each of the cards (There are some examples below but feel free to think of your own. These can discuss things they want to do in the district, badges they want to do ect.), and ask the Young People to rate and place the cards in one of the sections of the Cool Wall!

Cards for Discussion

A District Sleepover	A Trip to Gullivers Valley
A District Fun Day	Badge Day
Water Fight Day	Squirrel and Beaver Camp

Would You Rather?

A simple way to think of some interesting ideas for section nights and adventures!

1. Explain to your Young People that you are going to be playing a game of Would You Rather, where they need to choose which of the statements/things they would prefer.
2. Gather all of your Young People in the centre of your meeting place and read out a Would You Rather question, see some examples below:
 - Would you rather shoot a bow and arrow or a nerf gun
 - Would you rather go to a trampoline park or a soft play
 - Would you rather climb a mountain or go to the rainforest (For this one you could challenge your Young Leaders to run a night for the thing that they choose!)
3. After reading each statement, the Young People should move to whichever side they prefer.
4. At the end, have a look at what is the most popular and note it down!

Edible Democracy

A tasty way of looking back on what your Young People love about Scouts!

1. At the start of the activity, have a small discussion about what you have done in the past with your section (Get someone to write some of these down for future reference)
2. After the small discussion, give each Young Person a plain biscuit and put some coloured icing out on the tables.
3. Ask the Young People to draw something that they love about being in Scouts, on their biscuit. This could be their friends, an activity they have enjoyed! - Make sure to take pictures of these before they eat them as they can be part of your Represent You Shape Badge!

Idea Chain

An easy activity to earn the Central You Shape Badge

1. As a group, have a think about something you would like to improve/learn in your sections.
2. Depending on the ability of your Young People, either get them to write one of these ideas on a short strip of paper, or get an Adult or Young Leader to write these.
3. Have fun decorating these paper strips and then after they are all decorated, assist the Young People into making a paper chain. This can then be displayed in your meeting place and you can look back on it when you have completed the You Shape Award!

Badge Run

A fun obstacle course to see what your Young People have enjoyed in the past!

1. Have all of your Young People stand at one end of the hall while some Adults/Young Leaders set out an obstacle course. In these obstacle courses, there should be pictures of badges that your section has completed, pictures of events that you have been to or even pictures of specific activities that you have completed in the past (this works best with multiple of each picture).
2. At the opposite end of the room, set up 3 buckets, one with a smiley face on, one with a neutral face on and one with a sad face on.
3. As your Young People make their way through the obstacle course, they could be trying to find 1 of the pictures hidden. They should only collect one if they have completed/taken part in themselves.
4. When they make it to the end, they should place this picture in one of the 3 buckets at the end of the room.
 - Smiley Face - if they really enjoyed it
 - Neutral Face - if they found it ok
 - Sad Face - if they didn't really like it
5. At the end, collect all the buckets together and have a look to see what your Young People have enjoyed!