



Terra Nova: Presentation

The Crean Award:

Terra Nova:

Give a presentation to your Patrol about a personal interest of yours using different types of communications skills.

SPICES

Social
Intellectual

The Activity:

Objective:

To communicate to your patrol an interest of yours.

Activity Type:

Patrol Activity

Scouter's Edition





Plan...Presentation

As part of the Terra Nova award, each scout has to complete a presentation for their patrol on a personal interest of theirs. This is a good chance to show your patrol what you are interested in outside of Scouts and maybe introduce people to an area. However, part of the challenge is also to use different communication methods in your presentation. For example, to show your interest in a sport you could bring in some magazines about it, talk the patrol through the rules and then demonstrate some skills.

It is important to prepare carefully for your presentation. Think carefully about **what** you are going to present and **how** you are going to present it.

Ensure the scout is presenting on a suitable topic that they can present and discuss with their patrol.

The most important thing is the exercise, rather than having very complicated presentation on specialised topics!

Presentation Checklist	
What interest can you explain to your patrol?	
Can you name 3 methods of communication you will use?	
How will you capture everyone's attention?	
How can you ensure that everyone will understand your interest?	
What equipment will you need?	
How long will you present for?	
Can you demonstrate your interest? What's the best way to do this?	





Do... "Scrap Booking and Demonstrating"

During one of the Patrol Meetings, Alex presents on a selection of interests using a scrapbook, a blog and a demonstration. Alex is all about Environmental Issues, especially with an Environmental Special Interest Badge already on the uniform!

After taking to Joram, the PL, Alex came up with a plan to show the patrol why the Environment is so important and is something of interest. Alex both collected interesting environmental stories from newspapers and magazines and everyday green tips, and put them into a notebook to make a scrapbook. Also, Alex made an online collection of videos and interesting articles in a simple blog. Finally, the patrol plant some herb seeds in small pots, which they could then use later in the patrol cooking challenge.

After the presentation, the other scouts asked questions and helped Alex review the presentation. They are now planning a Patrol Environmental Project.



Topic: The Environment

Communication Methods: Scrapbook, blog & Planting Demonstration

Equipment: (Recycled) Notebook, with drawings and magazine clippings, (borrowed) laptop, blog, potting plants, herb seeds, soil, gloves.

Scouts may wish to bring particular, and potentially delicate and expensive equipment, please advise them carefully and ensure the family members understand what is involved.





Do...“Stories and Challenges”

Topic: Comics and Superheroes

Communication Methods: Storytelling, showing and running an activity (explaining and directing)

Equipment: Comics, firewood, buckets, bottles, balls and rope.



Cuan wants to show the Patrol his large collection of different comics. It is discussed with Flor, the PL and Sam, a Scouter, and they decide on an outdoor venue (once it's dry!).

Cuan will do the presentation as part of a Patrol activity. It will begin with them lighting a fire and Cuan telling the patrol some stories of Superheroes. Also, comics will be handed out, and treated with care, as Cuan goes through some of the main characters and themes found in them. Finally, with the help of Flor, Cuan will run a Superhero obstacle course to test 'superpowers' like speed, strength and intellect.

Later, the other scouts can explain to Cuan how their opinions on Superheroes and comics have been changed by the presentation. Also, they are planning a cinema trip for the next superhero movie.





Do... "Show and Tell + Pictionary"

TJ is the arty one in the Patrol, always the scout who draws for the logs and helps with designing campsites.

TJ and PL Oslo thought it would best for TJ to bring in some examples of drawings and paints to discuss with the Patrol during Patrol corners at the weekly troop meeting. TJ will hand them out and talk about what inspired them and how they were drawn or painted. The patrol will also play Pictionary to explore how images can be a form of communication. Then, for their next patrol meeting, TJ would help the other scouts paint a new sign for their patrol to take on camp.

Later, the Patrol can talk through how TJ helped them understand the art pieces and how the patrol sign worked out.

Topic: Art

Communication Methods: Showing, explaining and demonstrating

Equipment: Drawings, paper, designs, acrylic paints, brushes, jars.





Review "SPICES"

Social

- Relationships
- Communication Skills
- Other Cultures
- Community Involvement
- Promise & Law

Physical

- Eat Well
- Personal Hygiene
- Balanced Lifestyle
- How Body works
- Physical Limitations
- Health Choices
- Access Help

Intellectual

- Achieving Goals
- New Ideas
- Learn from Decisions
- Team Member

Character

- Promise & Law
- Friends & Friendships
- Plan before do
- Ensuring Fairness
- Respect
- Differences & Views
- Following Dreams
- Live the Scouting Spirit

Emotional

- Aware of feelings
- Asking/Giving Help
- Responsibility for Emotions
- Controlling Emotions
- Going Further
- Beliefs & Values
- Developing Talents

Spiritual

- Promise & Law
- Impact on Environment
- Reflection
- Changing Beliefs





Review

Individual Review

What worked well?

What could have gone better?

Patrol Review

What do we feel worked well?

What advice would the patrol give other scouts who will present?

What will we do next?





Review Summary

This activity is to help the *Scouts completing their Terra Award* to do the Your Interests part of Section 1 (page 57 in the Spirit of Adventure Book). The review should focus on the how the presentation went and how were the main ideas communicated. The tasks is to present on an interest using different communication methods.

The scouts doing their Terra Nova have been invested but will probably still be in their first year in the troop. So this is one of the ways they can share something about themselves with their patrol, which helps build patrol spirit and teamwork.

As suggested in the descriptions, the Scouter and PL should work with the Scout in developing their ideas and presentation. It should be a participative and dynamic presentation that gets everyone interested. Then, the PL can work with the Scout in reviewing it.

They should look at how things went and how the different forms of communication worked. The rest of the patrol can be brought in for this. Did they learn something new? Do they now look on the interest differently than before? What worked about the communications?

However, ensure this is a constructive exercise, as any criticism could be taken personally by the scout. It would be better to focus on the positives, but then draw up some advice for other scouts who will present in the future.

Also, as suggested in the descriptions, the patrol should consider completing an activity based on that interest. This will allow that scout to further share their interest, as well as develop a special interest badge.

