



Patrol Logs

Scouter's Edition

The Crean Award:

Discovery:

Scouting Knowledge
Patrol Activity

Terra Nova:

Task/Role in Patrol
Patrol Activity
Skills

Endurance:

Patrol Responsibility
Patrol activity

Polar:

Self Awareness
Patrol Work

SPICES

Intellectual
Character
Emotional

Adventure Skills

Special Interest Badges

Chief Scout Award

Helmsman Badges

The Activity:

Objective:

To make a patrol log

Activity Type:

Patrol Activity

Roles:

Activity Leaders

Scribes

Photographer/Illustrator





Plan...Patrol Log



A log book is a great way to record your activities. Using this record you can review not only the activity, but also how the patrol worked and how you worked towards your Crean Award. In a log, you can look at personal challenges and report on the progress and issues.

A Logbook is a simple account of activities which can be told using words, images, drawings, clippings or anything else you can think of! It should be creative and imaginative, with as few words as possible, but lots of ideas and stories told in different ways. Logs can take different forms, including: hand written logbook, photo/video logbook or an online log book (secure blog)

Your patrol should keep simple regular logs, it helps keep track of things and also makes it easier.

Remember: Logs should be fun, creative and tell the story of your patrol.

The creative aspects of logs should be emphasised, there should be little writing, relying more on imaginative ways to tell the stories and record events. Also, be aware that writing may not be easy for some Scouts for different reasons. If you are using digital or online formats consult SI guidelines regarding online activities and social media.



Do...Patrol Log

What should be included in a logbook

- Main details: dates, location, weather
- A patrol log should list all the participating patrols
- Overview of the Programme
- Simple and illustrated accounts of the activity
- Parts of Crean Award being worked towards
- Details of Special Interest Badges and Adventure Skills being covered
- For a hike, details of route with sketch maps and route cards Details of achievements and challenges
- Daily Menu
- Daily Budget
- Gear List – personal & patrol equipment
- Other interesting facts or pieces of information

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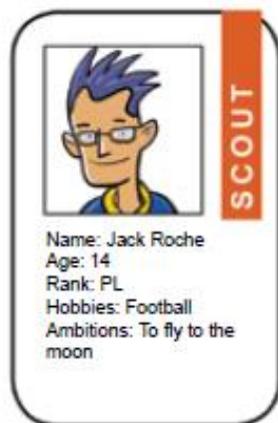


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Introducing the Patrol

In the opening page introduce the patrol and its members:

- Drawing of the Patrol Logo or Symbol
- Patrol photo
- Short profiles of each patrol member
- Areas of Crean Wards being worked towards
- Adventure Skills or Special Interest Badges that you are completing on the activity



Crean Award

The log is a very good way of showing how your programme links back to the Crean Award. Look at the main learning objects which are worked towards during the activity. For example:

Patrol Environmental Project:

Roise	Organiser	Community in Polar
Cuan	Organiser	Patrol Responsibility in Endurance
Joram	Quartermaster	Community in Terra Nova
Alex	Photographer	Patrol Activity in Discovery
Magda	Chef	Patrol Involvement in Terra Nova
MJ	First Aider	Community in Endurance





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Daily Log

Write out the programme and give a brief account of each day's activities, and remember that this account is not just about words, drawings, sketches, and photos etc are usually much better than words.

8.00	Breakfast	MJ & Alex
8.30	Clean up & Wash	All
9.00	Hike Prep	Cuan & Magda
9.30	Hike	All
12.00	Backwoods Cooking	Joram & Alex
14.00	Hike	All
17.30	Dinner	All
19.00	Clean Up	Roise & Joram
20.00	Rounders with Otter Patrol	All



Make sure **everyone** in the patrol contributes to the log, sharing the work makes it much easier. A different person should be responsible for each day with one or two scouts acting as scribe for an activity who are responsible for the overall log.

Always be careful of other people's feelings as what you find funny someone else may not. **Ensure that noting private, sensitive or inappropriate is included in a log.**





Do...Patrol Log

Menu

The menu shows not only what you eat, but how you have planned a balanced diet. You can also explain how the menu is linked to the programme; for example a packed lunch with high energy foods for a hillwalk or a big dinner when you share a meal with another patrol.



Sample Menu

Breakfast – bananas, bread rolls, fruit juice.

Lunch – tinned tuna, tomatoes, lettuce, cheese, and crackers.

Dinner – wholemeal pasta, vegetable sauce, cheese, and oranges.

Snacks – cereal bars, apples, cheese.

Drinks – water, fruit juice, diluted water

Budget

Details of the Budget and how the money was spent is essential for the running of an activity. Even for short activities or those with little cost it is still a good idea.

Gear Lists

Both personal and patrol gear lists show how the Patrol have planned for the activity. It is also a good way of ensure you bring all the troop equipment back and check it back into to your stores.

Personal Gear List

- > Rucksack
- > Sleeping bag
- > Ground Mat
- > Cup, Bowl, Plate & Cutlery
- > Head torch
- > Change of clothes
- > Socks
- > Hiking boots / runners
- > Wash Gear – toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, towels etc
- > Tea Towel
- > Day Bag
- > Uniform





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Interesting Bits

Research the area the Patrol is going to beforehand and during the activity.

Flora & Fauna

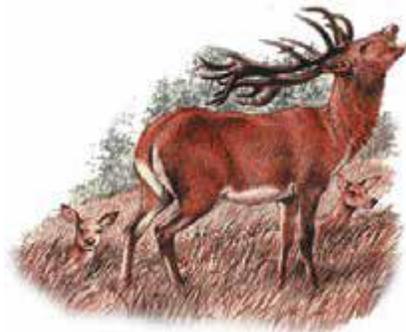
Find out what plants and animals are in the area, write a bit about this and draw pictures.

History/Geography

Find out about some of the history/geography of the area, include a piece about this and pictures, clippings from magazines/internet etc

Culture

Find out about local customs, traditions, society, sports, music etc of the area, include facts and again pictures, clipping etc



Doing the Log

Items to bring to help with compiling the logbook:

- Pens & Pencils
- Colour Pencils
- Glue & Sticky tape
- Ruler
- Pencil sharpener
- Scissors
- Plastic cover
- Something to lean on
- Glitter / Stickers (stars, smileys etc)
- Newspapers / magazines.
- Camera (be careful on activities with it and makes sure to print the photos and stick them into the log)





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
- Creativity & Imagination
- 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 Summary

Although the log itself can be used as a tool in the review process of an activity, it also be reviewed, especially if one or two scouts have a greater responsibility for it; although, all scouts should be involved in the writing.

Learning Objectives to do with communication and creativity have been highlight as being suitable for writing the log. The log may give some patrol members an opportunity to express themselves in a different way.

Social: Did I improve my communications skills?

Consider the different ways in which the ideas and events were conveyed in the log. Remember very little of the log should be about words, it is the way the story of the patrol is told using images, photos, clippings etc.

Intellectual: Did I develop creativity, imagination, innovation and try new ideas?

Similarly, look at the creativity and imagination used, how the idea was adapted to the patrol and their skills.

Character: Did I ensure fairness to everyone?

Make sure the logs are simple accounts, and do not go into personal or private areas. When reviewing logs, watch out for these elements and discuss them if necessary.

Character: Did I live the Scouting Spirit?

Was the workload shared out evenly? Did the PL or activity leader ensure everyone took their turn?

Emotional: Did I show my individuality by developing my talents?

A log can be a great place for scouts to practice drawing or writing creatively, skills which are not developed in other aspects of scouting. Some scouts can really take to the log, and considerations of this should be part of the review.

