



## New Scouting Year

September is usually the month when most troops start a new Scouting Year, this resource has some tips and information to help you with this process.

Item	Description	Links
<b>Patrols</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start forming patrols (groups of 6-8 scouts, ideally)</li> <li>Agree on PLs and APLs</li> <li>Assign new Scouts to different patrols, try to use existing friendships</li> <li>Assign roles to all patrol members</li> <li>Centre your troop programme on the patrols</li> </ul>	Forming Patrols <a href="http://goo.gl/yhX7mX">goo.gl/yhX7mX</a>  Patrol Corners <a href="http://goo.gl/gCO2Rp">goo.gl/gCO2Rp</a>
<b>PLC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get a Patrol Leaders' Council up and running.</li> <li>Have monthly meetings with PLs and APLs, perhaps after the main meeting.</li> </ul>	Running a PLC <a href="http://goo.gl/AfuM8b">goo.gl/AfuM8b</a>
<b>Crean Awards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scouts should begin planning how they will progress in their Crean Awards</li> <li>New Scouts should begin their Discovery and Terra Nova Awards</li> </ul>	Crean Award Resources <a href="http://scoutteam.org">scoutteam.org</a>
<b>Programme Ideas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Scout Team has a range of resources to help with your patrol and troop programme</li> <li>These include Scout Adventures, Skills Cards, and advice on completing the Crean Awards</li> </ul>	Resources Guide: <a href="http://goo.gl/lkArQ3">goo.gl/lkArQ3</a> List of Resources <a href="http://goo.gl/ULISem">goo.gl/ULISem</a>





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<b>Programme Cycle</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begin planning your Programme Cycles.</li> <li>• Divide the year into 4-8 week cycles.</li> <li>• Think about the high points of the year which you will work towards</li> <li>• Plan your first programme cycle</li> </ul>	Plan, Do, Review Posters <a href="http://goo.gl/4n5rBz">goo.gl/4n5rBz</a> Activity Planning <a href="http://goo.gl/yU3Gk9">goo.gl/yU3Gk9</a> Troop Planner <a href="http://goo.gl/NEFTGU">goo.gl/NEFTGU</a>
<b>Code of Conduct</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A simple guide to how you would like your patrols and troop to run</li> <li>• A general set of principles</li> <li>• Begin making a new Code for a new Scouting Year</li> </ul>	Making a Code of Conduct <a href="http://goo.gl/hXDMNb">goo.gl/hXDMNb</a>
<b>New Members</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on helping the new Scouts integrate into the patrols and troop</li> <li>• Have the PLs explain all about the troop and how it works</li> <li>• Consider ways of recruiting new members</li> </ul>	
<b>Records</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each Scout Troop should have a system of record keeping</li> <li>• Roll 'Book' to keep records of attendance</li> <li>• Programme 'Book' to outline your activities</li> <li>• Personal Records/Consent forms (to be kept confidential and secure)</li> <li>• Log Book</li> </ul>	Roll Book <a href="http://goo.gl/cK9PmV">goo.gl/cK9PmV</a> Names Sheets <a href="http://goo.gl/DegTAe">goo.gl/DegTAe</a> Crean Awards Journey Record Sheets <a href="http://goo.gl/AvnxCY">goo.gl/AvnxCY</a>





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<b>Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a night and format for your weekly troop meetings</li> <li>• Explain to everyone what is involved</li> <li>• Run Patrol Corners (short patrol meetings) during Troop Meetings</li> </ul>	Patrol Planner <a href="http://goo.gl/f5cx Cp">goo.gl/f5cx Cp</a> Checklist <a href="http://goo.gl/VkOq8p">goo.gl/VkOq8p</a> Games <a href="http://goo.gl/3wJSaU">goo.gl/3wJSaU</a>
<b>Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gather and clean all equipment used during the summer correctly in preparation for the new year</li> <li>• Repair or replace items, as required</li> <li>• Store equipment safely</li> <li>• Appoint patrols Quartermasters</li> </ul>	
<b>Books</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each scout should have a copy of the 'Spirit of Adventure' Scout Book</li> <li>• Scouts should also have access to the Adventure Skills Book</li> </ul>	
<b>Uniforms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a culture of wearing uniforms</li> <li>• Facilitate members getting uniforms</li> <li>• Ensure all scouts get the badges they deserve</li> </ul>	
<b>Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check out what County and National Events are happening</li> <li>• Plan to participate in some of them throughout the year</li> </ul>	National Events <a href="http://goo.gl/DxmMzE">goo.gl/DxmMzE</a>

