



Planning and Reviewing

One of the best ways to run your troop programme is through 'programme cycles'. During each programme cycle, Scouts will decide and organise their own programme based on a series of adventures, working in their Patrols while being supported by the Scouters. Each programme cycle involves three phases: Plan, Do, Review



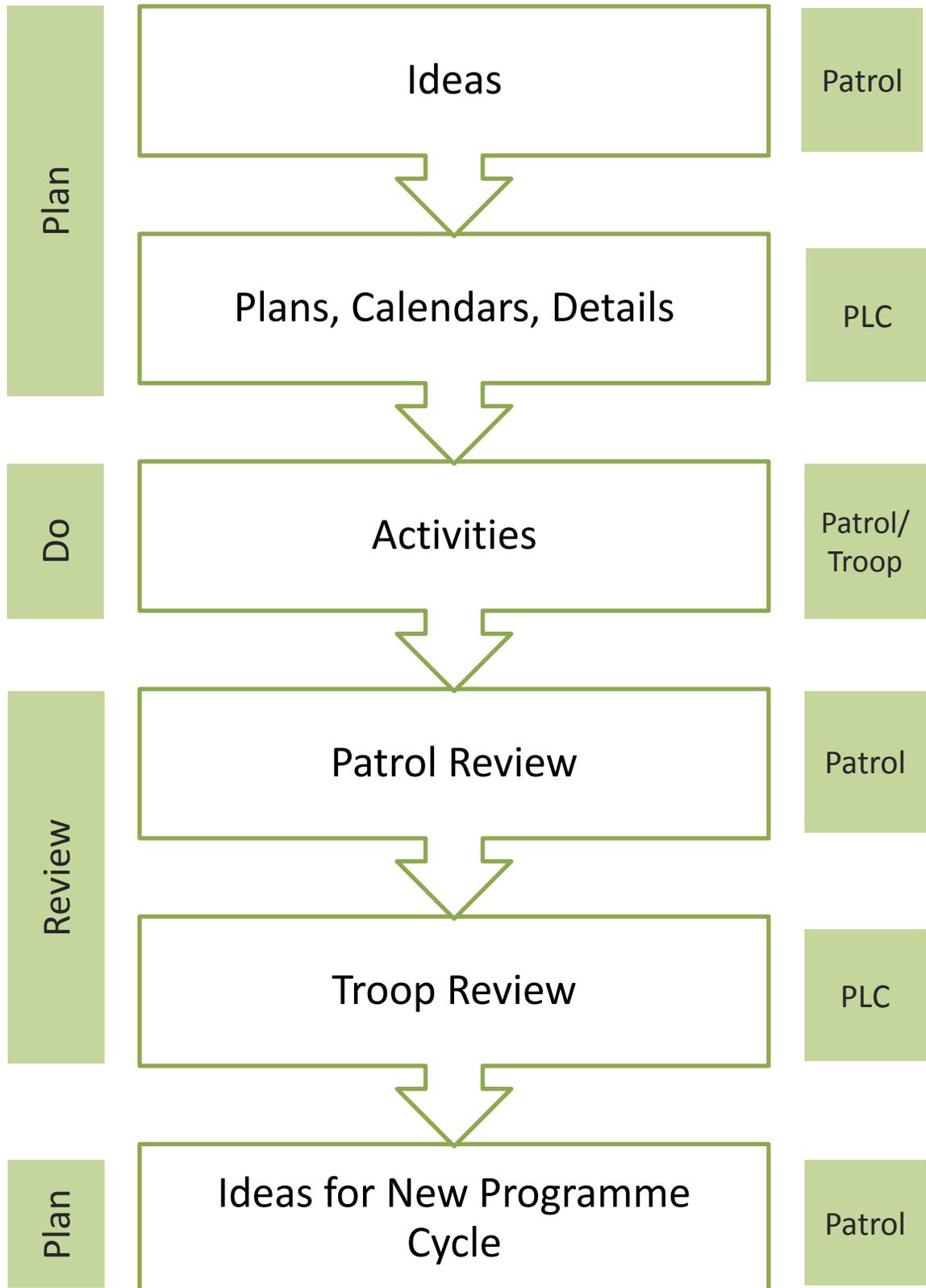
During the planning phases Patrols and the Patrol Leaders' Council decided on the adventures that will be organised during the programme cycle. Then, the activities are run in patrols and in the troop. Afterwards, the Patrols and the PLC review the activities. These reviews help with the planning of the next programme cycle. During each cycle, Scouts evaluate their progress in their Crean Awards and other badges.

In this resource, there are some suggestions about how you can plan and review your activities as part of a Programme Cycle.





Programme Cycles





Planning

Ideas: The Planning of a new Programme Cycle starts with the patrol. During one of your Patrol Corners (short patrol meetings that happen as part of your weekly meetings), scouts review the programme cycle coming to an end and generate ideas for activities for the next cycle. Points to think about during idea generation:

- Each Programme Cycle should build on the success of the previous one, but be different.
- Each Scout should make suggestions based on the progress they want to make in their Crean Awards and other badges.
- The PL and APL should get a general consensus so that the patrol has one or two main ideas everyone is happy with.

Patrol Corner Planning Tools

- Spider Chart: Brainstorm using a theme, such as Zombie Apocalypse, Communication, or Waterworld. As many ideas as possible are gathered; these can be refined after.
- Post-Its: Everyone has post-its and writes down ideas which are sorted according to type and theme.
- Chadburn: Using the Chadburn to generate patrol activities
- Visualising the Future: Have the scouts think about an event you are planning, such as an expedition or a community project. Have them answer questions such as, 'what is involved?', 'what skills do we need?', or 'how do we prepare?'. The answers will give you ideas for activities.
- Personal Progression: Have each scout think about some progress they made in the Crean Awards, how can they develop on this in the next Programme Cycle? Collect the ideas from all the scouts to understand how the patrol can progress together.
- SPICES: Pick out different parts of the SPICES and have the scouts come up with ideas based on them; for example, Working as a Team, Living the Scouting Spirit, or Community Involvement.





Planning

Plans: The Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC) then plans and coordinates the new Programme Cycle. The PLs and APLs bring the ideas and opinions from the Patrol Corners to these meetings where they are developed in a detailed programme. The plan should be realistic and should be based on the ideas generated in Patrol Corners. Points to think about when making these detailed plans:

- The different suggestions from each patrol should be incorporated as much as possible.
- The plan should include Patrol and Troop activities.
- The PLs and APLs should ensure they are also making progress in their Crean Awards and other badges.
- They should be conscious of running a balanced programme with a variety of activities and opportunities for everyone to make progress in each area of the SPICES.

PLC Planning Tools

- Programme Planner Sheets: Using programme planner sheets, the PLC can develop the ideas from the patrols into a plan for the programme cycle. Each patrol should have its own plan, which are all part of the overall troop plan.
 - Patrol Activity Planner: goo.gl/BvqEWB
 - Troop Monthly Programme Planner: goo.gl/7rp8fQ
- SPICES Review Sheet: Keeping track of areas of the SPICES you need to develop to ensure a holistic programme.
 - SPICES Review Sheet: goo.gl/FLkMCN
- Checklists: The PLC should have a checklist for all activities to ensure everything is in place.
 - Checklist: goo.gl/vkTVI3





Reviewing

Patrol Review: This happens in a Patrol Corner. It should look at work well and what didn't; and, this should then inform what you will do in the next programme cycle. It is a practical evaluation.

Patrol Corners Review

- **Rapid Fire Review:** Scouts respond with the first thing that comes to mind when prompted with an activity and category.
- **3 Options:** Each scout should write one or two things down under the headings of "Clearly Worked", "Could be Better" and "Let's Drop It".
- **Discussion Questions:** A quick chat about a programme cycle can help scouts review an activity and understand it in different ways.

Troop Review: This happens at the PLC. Using the Patrol Reviews, the PLs, APLs, and Scouters can take a 'big picture' look in evaluating the programme. These reviews help PLs and APLs understand how the programme works and give ideas for the next programme cycle. The PLC can also assess the over progress of the troop throughout the year, and their preparation for highlights of the year, such as a Community Service Project or annual camp.

PLC Review

- **Discussion of Patrol Reviews:** An aggregated review based on the feedback from the patrols
- **Assessment of Badgework/SPICES Progress:** The PLC keeps track of overall badgework and SPICES progress and areas that need work
- **Achieving Goals:** How is the troop progressing towards specific goals, such as summer camp, or a community service project





Assessing Progress

Progress Scouts make in completing their Crean Awards and other Badgework can be made during Patrol Corners and at PLC meetings. These meetings should be separate to the Planning and Reviewing meetings, to give them proper attention and to avoid confusion.

Patrol Corners: Badgework

During these meetings, the PL and APL help the younger scouts assess their progress in their badgework (Crean Awards, Ad. Skills, etc) and decide on what they need to do next. Also, it is an opportunity for the Scouts to complete specific parts of their Crean Awards.

PLC: Badgework

This is an opportunity for the PLs and APLs to assess and work on their own badgework. Having spent times working with their Patrols it is important that they keep track of their own progress and this is best done with a group of their peers. They can review and plan their Crean Awards and other badges with the input of both other Scouts and Scouters.

Tracking Progress:

Check out the resource on 'Tracking Progress' which will help you assess progress during Patrol Corners and PLC meetings:

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Terra Nova Award

Section	Sub-section	Requirement No.	Start	End
Section 1 Yourself	Your Interests	1	4 th Nov	11 th Nov
	Promise and Law	2		7 th Dec
	Scouting Knowledge	3	20 th Jan	
		4	20 th Jan	
Section 2 Patrol and Troop	Patrol Involvement	5	27 th Jan	
		1	14 th Dec	
		2	25 th Jan	22 nd Feb
	3	25 th Jan	22 nd Feb	
Patrol & Troop Activities	4	3 rd Oct - 26 th Nov	16 th Nov	
	Environment	1	19 th Nov	6 th Dec
Section 3 Citizenship	Community	2	2 nd Apr	2 nd Apr
		3	28 th Jan	28 th Jan
	Adventure Skills	1	16 th Apr - 13 th June	13 th June
Skills	Adventure Skills	2	16 th Aug	13 th Jun
		2	16 th Aug	13 th Jun

