



#POW18: Patrol Online Weekend

Activity Summary

Patrol Online Weekend, or POW, is a locally run Patrol Activity that is facilitated by the Scout Team. It involves Patrols completing a selection of tasks over a weekend, which are then shared online with other Patrols from across Ireland. Each task will be a fun challenge for each patrol to complete by a certain time; no particular skills or expertise will be needed. How you run the rest of the weekend is up to you. POW will work just as well if you want to have it as a weekend away or just use your Scout Hall or another location during the day and sleep at home.

The weekend is a patrol-based challenge, but it is not a competition. In carrying out all the tasks, the primary purpose is to get patrols working together and organising themselves; and then, sharing with patrols across Ireland. It is important that each patrol realises that they are just required to do their best and that everyone's contribution will be different.

Rationale

POW is about

- Patrols working together to complete tasks
- Scouts communicating with other Scouts from across Ireland
- Developing IT and communication skills
- Including social and cultural themes in the Scout Programme
- Facilitating greater participation using online tools

Details

POW runs on the 2nd-4th March 2018. The event starts at 7.30pm on Friday and ends at 1pm on Sunday.

Registration

Register for the event by emailing patrolonlineweekend@gmail.com with your Patrol or Group details, contact information, and the number and name of Patrols participating. The event is free to participate in.

Activity Components

Tasks: On the Friday, patrols will receive a list of tasks that need to be completed during the weekend. Certain tasks must be completed by set times. You show you have completed a task by posting a photo or video on the event Facebook page. To avoid using personal accounts in uploading tasks, we suggest that your troop or patrol sets up its own Facebook page which can be used easily on a computer or through the app.

Two simple tasks are done on Friday evening, while you can also use this time to plan the tasks for the following day. Most of the tasks will be done on Saturday, with a final one to complete on Sunday morning.



The timings for the week, listed below, are generally supposed to be guidelines, you can judge what works best for your patrols and troop. The times listed are considered to be the 'deadlines', but you can send in items any time before then. This may be especially useful if you want to early one evening or on Sunday. Also, technology will probably go wrong at some stage for everyone, so don't worry!

- Friday 7.30pm: Each patrol will be emailed an information pack that contains all the tasks for you to complete over the weekend.
- Friday 7.30-10pm: Online participation through website and social media
- Friday 10pm: Have uploaded photos of the first two tasks (1 & 2).
- Saturday 10am-2pm: Online participation through website and social media
- Saturday 2pm: Have uploaded the next two tasks (3 & 4)
- Saturday 3pm-7pm: Online participation through website and social media
- Saturday 7pm: Have uploaded the next two tasks (5 & 6)
- Sunday 10am-12pm: Online participation through website and social media
- Sunday 12pm (Noon): Have uploaded the final two task (7)

Equipment

- Online access: you will internet access throughout the weekend (enough access to receive and send emails, with media, to participate in social media and to upload photos and videos).
- The easiest way for you to submit your photos and videos is to upload them to the POW Facebook Page (goo.gl/1A28Vi). To avoid using personal accounts in uploading tasks, we suggest that your troop or patrol sets up its own Facebook page which can be used easily on a computer or through the app.
- Camera/camera phone: to take photos and short videos
- Cooking facilities for a patrol dinner
- Access to general scout equipment for small tasks
- First Aid Kit

Environmental Impact & Leave no Trace

While the activity itself will not generate much waste, it is still important that any waste is disposed of correctly from your meeting place. Please remember the principles of Leave No Trace throughout the weekend.

Link to Crean Awards

Participation the POW can help Scouts progress in the *Crean Awards* and SPICES in the following ways:

Terra Nova:

- Patrol Involvement: Take on a task/role in the Patrol given to you by the PL
- Patrol and Troop Activities: Help Prepare for and participate a minimum of 4 activities

Endurance:

- Patrol Responsibility: Develop teamwork in your patrol in a practical way
- Patrol and Troop Activities: Help organise run and review at least three activities



Polar:

- Patrol Work: Take an active role in the planning and running of your troop through the PLS Council

SPICES

- Social: Develop my relationship with those around me
 Improve my communication skills:
- Intellectual: I was open to new ideas and ways of learning
 I worked as a team member
- Character: Did I live the Promise and Law

Points to Note

Safety

The activity requires you share/send photos and videos that will be visible online, please ensure everyone involved (including parents etc) understands what is involved and has given full permission. Please consult all SI documentation relating to online activity and use of images, especially, the Code of Good Practice (goo.gl/Fj6zLN) and the Social Networking Guidelines (goo.gl/5gK2JN). It is advisable to channel all social media posts through Troop or official accounts. In all items submitted and on Troop or Patrol pages, please give only first names. Also avoid images with only one youth member. If in doubt, use your common sense and don't post it. The Scout Team reserve the right to withhold or delete materials, if deemed inappropriate.

Getting Prepared Check List:

1. Update everyone on POW
2. Ensure you have internet access throughout the weekend (enough access to receive and send emails, with media, to participate in social media and to upload photos and videos)
3. Plan your weekend, including cooking facilities. Organise the logistics for your activity: location, accommodation (if you are staying overnight); menu (except for dinner on Saturday); and, equipment lists. One of the activities (Task 6) will be cooking a meal for the patrol, you will need a location to do this.
4. Discuss online safety
5. Set up a Troop or Patrol Facebook page, if you don't already have one.