

Rover Program Quality Standards and Awards Application

Scouts Canada is committed to quality programs. This checklist will help you meet program standards. Upon successful completion, forward this form to your Group Commissioner (GC) for submission to your Area Commissioner (AC). Your Section will be recognized with the Program Quality Award.

Program Planning

The Crew has:

- Short-range (one month)
- Medium-range (three months)
- Long-range (one year) program plans which reflect the program goals as outlined in B.P.&P.
- Programs that are typically conducted as described in the Rover Handbook and the WOSM "Empowering Young Adults – Rover Scout Programme," and incorporate appropriate safety precautions
- Programs that promote healthy active living
- Programs that emphasize service and community involvement.

Community Service

Opportunities are provided for Rovers to participate in community service projects/events.

- Minimum standard: three held annually.

Environmental Awareness

Opportunities are provided, as often as possible, for Rovers to participate in activities which increase their understanding and awareness of their role in preserving the environment.

- Minimum standard: one project annually
 - o All activities are conducted in a manner that reflects appropriate environmental awareness and "leave no trace" principles.

Outdoors

Opportunities are provided for Rovers to participate in outdoor activities as often as possible. All activities follow Policies and Accepted Practices, as outlined by Camping/Outdoor Activities, Section 10000, B.P.&P.

Rover minimum standards require:

- One regular meeting per month outdoors
- Two weekend outings per year
- Six nights at camp annually.

Spiritual Emphasis

Spiritual emphasis is regularly incorporated throughout the program. Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Use of Promise, Law and Motto, Scouts Own and Scouter's Five, Religion in Life Award or Spirituality Award programs.

Youth Input

- Rovers actively plan and operate the Crew program
- The interests, skills and abilities of all youth members are polled and considered
- The youth seek the Advisor's input when appropriate
- Youth are actively engaged in the creation of their Crew's Code of Conduct and Bylaws.

Badge/Award Program

- The program provides individual Rovers with regular opportunities to engage in and complete requirements of the Scouts of the World, Rover Rambler, Gifts for Peace, Quest and the Duke of Edinburgh Award.



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Family/Parent Involvement

Opportunities are provided for family/parent involvement with adherence to National Screening Guidelines for Parental Involvement.

- Minimum standard: one event annually
- Regular communication occurs to inform parents of program plans through contacts such as meetings, phone calls, emails, calendars and newsletters, etc.

Membership/Retention/Growth

- No youth who is willing to subscribe to the Promise and Law is denied membership (i.e. Scouts Canada does not want any waiting lists or youth turned away due to financial constraints)
- The Rover Mate (or designate) personally invites Rovers back at the beginning of each year
- Those not returning at any time of the year are contacted by the Rover Mate (or designate) to determine the reasons why
- One activity per year focuses on increasing membership.

Linking

Unless distance/isolation prohibits, opportunities are provided for Rovers to interact with Venturers and other Sections, with the minimum standard being:

- One regular meeting and one other activity with a Venturer Crew annually
- One regular meeting and one other activity with another Rover Crew annually
- Senior Venturers of advancement age have at least one other opportunity to interact with the Rover Crew and be appointed a sponsor from the Crew
- Rovers will provide a leadership role at a minimum of two Section meetings, youth training events or other linking events.

Training/Leadership

- All Advisors to achieve Wood Badge Part I level during the first year.
- At least one Advisor to have Wood Badge Part II or equivalent leadership training
- Scouts Canada expects at least one member of the leadership team or the Rover Crew to hold a current, recognized first aid qualification and be present at meetings/events
- The leadership team or Rover Crew members has the necessary attitude, skills, knowledge and/or training required to conduct programs, or has recruited a skilled resource person(s) with such knowledge to attend the outing/activity
- The Rover Crew, in consultation with the Advisors, actively identifies and recruits new potential Advisors.

Administration

The following are performed to administer the Crew:

- Maintain current and accurate Crew records, including attendance and Rover progress records
- Submit a plan and related budget to the Group Committee for a year's activities
- Maintain appropriate financial records, and submit proper financial statements to the Group Committee
- Provide an annual inventory of all equipment and property controlled by the Crew to the Group Committee
- Ensure a representative from the section leadership team attends at least 90 percent of Group Committee meetings
- Participate in Scouts Canada's official fundraisers.

Name of Group _____

Area _____

Date _____

Leader Signature _____

GC Signature _____

AC Signature _____