

GAP 100
Activity Support

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What

School Talks

Why:

- To promote a local group for recruitment or a specific event or activity. This could include Scoutsabout, March break programs or PA Day activities in the community.

What do I Need

- School board permission to approach the schools. Support of the school itself and that of the local group or section.

Who Do I Need

Council Field Executive, Community Development Worker, an enthusiastic group volunteer or a combination of the above.

Preparation

- Script the points you want to cover. Know the time you are to arrive and be early. Have handouts prepared by class and bundled as per the schools preference. Bring Scouts Canada handouts and prizes for the students. This may include a handout craft with contact information on it or stickers and Tattoos. Be sure to dress appropriately in your uniform to show the youth and staff a positive image of scouting.

How do I do it

- Find your story and share with the youth why you are inviting them out. You must be genuine in what you have to say and how you say it; it will be more natural and flow better. You want to begin by introducing yourself to the class and thanking them for the time they have given you. You could then next relate to them with your own youth experiences at their age or as a leader for their age. Once you have told some exciting stories share with the youth the various features of each section. Demonstrate Pet care requirements as a badge they could earn or collectors as everyone has a collection. Conclude your talk by emphasizing the handout and its information (i.e. Parent fun night or section meeting) Have a display board showing badges or group activities or the events one might participate in with the group/section. Have the handouts or event invitations ready to hand out and excite them about its contents. Ie Not a parent talk but a party.

Follow-up:

- Thank the teachers and school for their time that they have given you to share with the students. Drop off or bring popcorn for the staff room. Let the principal know about the turn out with a follow up thank you letter.