

GAP 100
Activity Support

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What

Fun Nights (Special Events)

Why:

- Groups hold fun nights to recruit new youth into the program. The fun night would be held following a school talk or a flyer promotion out to new youth. You could flyer blitz your neighborhood inviting all youth between appropriate ages out to an evening of fun with the Scout Group. Parents must accompany their kids.

What do I Need

- You will need a flyer to go out to the youth – ask your CFE for a sample

Who Do I Need

- Possible assistance from CFE/CDW, Area Commissioner or Area Service Team with planning/running your Fun Night
- Willing leaders – Invite your Group Commissioner!

Preparation

- Plan your activities and make sure you have everything you need in advance.
- Have applications right there for parents to complete
- Average time of a fun night – 1 hour

How do I do it

- Have fun!
- Greet everyone at the door.
- Have an activity there for them to start right away.
- Prepare a brief talk to parents while the kids are engaged in an activity. See sample below

Sample Parents Agenda – 10-20 minutes

- Welcome and Introductions
- Vision and Mission of Scouts Canada Program
- Introduction of the Beaver, Cub and Scout Program
- Explanation of program- how the Scouting year runs, mottos, activities, laws etc of core programs
- How to register a youth for Scouting-- cost of registering a youth
- Questions from the audience
- Opportunity for Leadership roles
- Screening and Training with Leadership Roles
- Group committee/ business side of program
- Questions from the audience
- Coffee, discussion, signing forms

Follow-up:

- Invite back to complete registration and a first meeting of the section. If not a new section invite out to next meeting.