

AP 100
Activity Support

GAP 100 Reference #

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What

Linking Activities – Retention Opportunity

Why:

To ensure all youth who are eligible to move up to the next section are invited to partake in activities of that section, thereby increasing retention rates.

Youth members who are in the last year of their respective section may experience anxiety (not familiar with leadership team) OR youth members in the last year of their respective section may grow bored in that section and decide not to rejoin the senior section thinking that it will be redundant.

Remember – Linking is a key element of all of Scouts Canada programs and is paramount towards the continued life of a group. **INCLUDE PARENTS**)

What do I Need

- Program activities
- Location
- Resource materials

Who Do I Need

- Registered adults/volunteers from each section to plan and run the activities
- Youth from senior sections to help plan the activities

Preparation

- Early planning is important – COMPARE SECTION CALENDARS FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO LINK.
- A mid Spring activity will give the senior section a chance to “show off” some of their awesome outdoor activities.

How do I do it

- Utilize a keeo/kim in your section
- Incorporate linking opportunities within your regular meeting
- Plan an all-sections camp
- Refer to your Section Leader Handbook for ideas

Follow-up:

- Have youth fill out evaluation form at end of linking event – what they liked best, what they liked least.
- Have Section Leaders from the senior section invite the youth back to their section in the fall? IF NOT WHY?