



Cub Scouts should always be involved in the planning and reviewing of the program, as this is the only way that the program will stay fully relevant and engaging.

The program must reflect the interests, goals and inspirations of all the Cub Scouts that are participating in it.

The Unit Council is the group of Cub Scouts that work together to make the program fun, accessible and inclusive.

To do this, the Unit Council provides input and direction into the program, and ensures that all the Cub Scouts in the Unit are engaging with the program.

The Unit Council should be, if possible, led by a Cub Scout. Adult Leaders should be involved, and should help to coordinate the discussions and meeting.

Adult Leaders are really important in their role of guidance and support as they work with Cub Scouts to plan, do and review their program. Cub Scouts must be able to call their program their own, not one assigned to them by adult Leaders.

The Unit Council should occur regularly so that all members that attend maintain a feeling of engagement and direction with the creation of their program and its implementation. A good suggestion is having a Unit Council at least once per term. Not all Unit Councils need to occur in a formal setting, and sometimes it can be very beneficial for creativity and engagement for the Councils to be held in an outdoors environment or unfamiliar location.

Take time with your Unit Council and adult Leaders to go through the following statements. Are you on the right track?

- We are strongly involved with the planning and reviewing of our program with guidance from adult Leaders
- The whole Unit is following the principles of Youth Leading, Adults Supporting.
- We discuss the Scout Method and how we can see it or cannot see it in our Unit
- We try to solve problems and issues if and/or when they arise, and are supported by adult Leaders if these problems or issues are challenging
- We talk with our adult Leaders about what sort of events we would like to do with other Cub Scout Units and Sections
- We support all the youth members in the Unit in their Scouting Journey through their achievements
- We regularly discuss achievements and challenges we would like to undertake, while being supported by adult Leaders
- We talk with our adult Leaders and Unit what kind of behaviour we want to see in our Unit, and work to maintain it
- We talk with our adult Leaders about how we can do better as Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders.
- We are encouraged to sometimes do activities and nights in Patrols and not always as a whole Unit
- We review our Program with guidance from adult leaders through the Plan>Do>Review> cycle
- We know how we can use resources such as the Plan>Do>Review> ball to make reviews more fun

To help make your Unit Council as successful as possible, you could do the following:

- Have a Cub Scout lead the meeting
- Make sure that adult Leaders are supporting you
- Make sure that when our adult Leaders help us, it is at a level where we are not given all the answers and still work together to come up with a solution
- Have a plan to follow for the meeting and after a meeting
- Make sure there is engagement and participation from all Cub Scouts
- Record all the creativity, decisions, discussions and reviewing that occurs in our meeting

We make the Unit Council interesting and fun by bringing food, doing team building challenges, and switching up where we have our meetings.

For more information about Unit Councils and programming for the Cub Scout Section please refer to the Program Handbook, Youth Leading, Adults Supporting documentation and programming support documentation.