

Scouter's Guide Book



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60 DAYS.
8 CHALLENGES.
1 GOAL!



SPRING INTO ADVENTURE CAMPAIGN

It's time to get out and Scout!

This spring we've pulled together a fun and comprehensive campaign to keep our youth and Scouters active and engaged now that the warmer weather is finally here!

We have integrated three separate and parallel streams:

1. The centrepiece of this campaign is the 8-week challenge for youth and sections.
2. Not wanting to leave out our Scouters, we have integrated Scouter Development specific activities to help support the youth while adults can learn by doing along the way.
3. Finally, our Group Commissioner's and Group Support Scouters, often the forgotten support heroes, we have a stream for you. Get together with your peers and benefit from networking and specialist support dedicated for your needs.

The calendar on the following page outlines all the great activities and sessions we've got planned for the next three months. The three streams are colour coded so you know which is a youth activity, which is a Scouter Development activity and which one supports GCs and GSS. It's going to be a lot fun, you won't want to miss it!

MARCH 29-APRIL 4	APRIL 5-11	APRIL 12-18	APRIL 19-25
<p>25: Teaser—Social Media 31: Mass Email to: Lapsed Parents NK3 "Teams" Email</p>	<p>7: Scouter Guide to Great 8 Challenge: CK3s—RMs 8: Great 8 Challenge Launch (w/Les Stroud video) 9: The Great 8 Challenge Info Night 10: Teaser Email (Lapsed & Current Parents) 11: The Great 8 Challenge Info Night</p>	<p>Social Media Promotion: The Great 8 Challenge 13: The Great 8 Challenge Info Night 15: Popcorn Launch 14: Campfire: Discovering new possibilities 15: Skills Night: Cooking 16: Scouters' Mug-Up</p>	<p>Challenge 1: Far-Out Feast 19: Challenge #1 Launch + Video 18: New Volunteer Page on Scouts.ca VOLUNTEER WEEK 20: Skills Night: Shelter Building 21: Top 10 Things: Being a Super Scouter 22: Scouters' Mug-Up</p>
APRIL 26-MAY 2	MAY 3-9	MAY 10-16	MAY 17-23
<p>Challenge #2: Tarp Troubles 26: Challenge #2 Launch + Video + Leaderboard update 26-May 1: SPRING SCOUTCON 26: Opening Session with Les Stroud 27: Scouter's Survival Skills Night <i>*See Full List of 14 Sessions & Register in the Spring ScoutCon Portal in the David Huestis Learning Centre.</i> 30: Scouters' Mug-Up</p>	<p>Challenge #3: Moose on the Loose 3: Challenge #3 Launch + Video + Leaderboard update 3: Spicing up Adventures: Getting More with SPICES 5: Skills Night: Map & Compass / Epic Geocaching 6: Scouters' Mug-Up 8: Workshop: Building High Performance Team</p>	<p>Challenge #4: Wayfinder Whiz 10: Challenge #4 Launch + Video + Leaderboard update 11: Skills Night: Emergency Skills 12: <i>The Woggle</i> (Summer) 13: There's an App for That! 14: Scouters' Mug-Up 15: AdventureSmart: Hug-a-Tree 15: Workshop: Volunteer Recruitment</p>	<p>Challenge #5: Disaster Master 17: Challenge #5 Launch + Video + Leaderboard update 17: Skills Night: Basic Plant ID & Useful Guides 18: GC Panel—Best Practice Sharing 19: Explore the New Scouts for Sustainability Goals Launched in May 20: Scouters' Mug-Up</p>
MAY 24-30	MAY 31-JUNE 6	JUNE 7-13	JUNE 14-20
<p>Challenge #6: Plant Pursuit 24: Challenge #6 Launch + Video + Leaderboard update 26: Skills Night: Water gathering + solar still + filtering + fire starting 27: Basic STEM Activity Ideas 29: AdventureSmart—Survive Outside 28: Scouters' Mug-Up 29: Workshop: Planning for Success (Fall Focus)</p>	<p>Challenge #7: H2 Oh No! 24: Challenge #7 Launch + Video + Leaderboard update 31: Parachute—Safe Kids Week 31: Skills Night: Signaling & Rescue 1: Fall into Adventures 2: Highlight How to Use: Activity Finder, PAB Portal, Scouts for Sustainability Portal & Great Canadian Scouting Adventures 3: Scouters' Mug-Up 4: Campfire: Did, did, did, do, do, do differently</p>	<p>Challenge #8: SOS Success 24: Challenge #8 Launch + Video + Leaderboard update 10: Duke of Edinburgh—Adventurous Journey 11: Scouters' Mug-Up 12: Workshop: Executing Plans</p>	<p>17: Winner (Grand Prize) Teaser for Fall Campaign 14: Saga Adventures (Challenge Done, Now What?) 15: Campfire—Sustaining Scouting through Summer 17: Scouters' Mug-Up</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">LEGEND</p> <p> Youth Activity Scouter Development Sessions Group Support Sessions </p>			

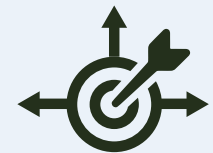
THE GREAT 8 CHALLENGE

Les Stroud, aka **Survivorman** will be hosting this epic 8-week challenge! Councils and Sections will be competing for not only bragging rights, but to accumulate weekly crests and earn a coveted ghost crest! Determine your Council/ Sections "Survivability" with updates to the weekly leaderboard and see who's on top! With the challenges introduced weekly by videos from the Survivorman himself, it's going to be an adventure-filled 8-weeks you won't want to miss!



This **Scouter's Guide** provides you with an exclusive insider's view to all of the challenges, any equipment you may need and to make sure you're prepared each week.

- The **Great 8 Challenge** starts on Monday April 19 with the final week being June 7.
- Each Monday a new video from Les Stroud will be released outlining that week's challenge via Scouts Canada's Facebook page/Youtube channel/website.
- Loosely based on chapters within Les' new book, "*Wild Outside*", challenges will build on skills that youth are already learning and will be age appropriate with 3 different levels: Beavers, Cubs, Senior Sections. Interested in getting your own copy of Les' new book? Use the Scouts Canada exclusive promocode, SCOUTS, [here](#), to get 25% off.
- Earn a composite crest by completing at least 6 of the 8 challenges. The composite crest is made up of individual crests, one for each challenge, that when put together create an 'eight' shape. There are also two bonus crests for the centre of each circle within the '8'.
- Also earn Ghost crests and other prizes—need we say more?
- Submitting your group's weekly challenge via the online form (on Scouts.ca) will add your group's progress to your council's leader-board online. Track how well your Council is doing compared to other Councils. This is a friendly challenge, but sometimes bragging-rights go a long way, so make sure you submit weekly! This is also how participation is tracked and crests are earned.
- Many of the activities and challenges link to the Activity Finder, Sustainable Development Goals and Personal Achievement Badges.
- Keep the involvement of Les Stroud and the actual challenges **under wraps** until they are revealed by Scouts Canada on our website. We are letting you know—but let's build anticipation and fun for our youth!



Remember:

- All activities can be done either at home with parents or in a group, depending on your local Covid-19 restrictions.
- These scenarios are NOT based on reality. We do not expect you to travel into the woods and do a 10 km hike and get stuck in the woods overnight etc. (although we're sure some would love to do that right about now!) These challenges are just 'the inspiration' for that week.

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The Great 8 Challenge activities have designed to be fully compatible with Virtual Scouting. Use the first half of your weekly meeting to review and share pictures from the previous week's challenge. Then, kick-off and plan for the current week's challenge.

VIRTUAL SCOUTING TIPS

Week 1 FAR-OUT FEAST	Week 2 TARP TROUBLES	Week 3 MOOSE ON THE LOOSE	Week 4 WAYFINDER WHIZ
<p>Working in small teams, use your meeting time to help the youth plan their meal and collect ingredients. Meals can then be cooked individually over the course of the week. Remember to send recipes to parents in advance so they can help!</p>	<p>Youth can build shelters independently using only materials they can find around the house. Consider asking younger Sections to construct their shelters indoors, planning for an extended power failure during a cold night.</p>	<p>Challenge youth to take their family on a walk or hike in the local community. Meeting time can be used to help youth think about exciting local spots to visit.</p>	<p>No compass, no problem! Modify the challenge to have youth create a map of their local property, neighbourhood or community. Use your meeting time to talk about and show examples of important symbols and features to have on a map.</p>
Week 5 DISASTER MASTER	Week 6 PLANT PURSUIT	Week 7 H2 OH NO!	Week 8 SOS SUCCESS
<p>Instead of creating live first aid scenarios, use pictures, videos or descriptions to create imaginary scenarios. Have youth write down or draw out how they would handle the scenario using only items found in the room they are sitting in. Who had the most creative solution?</p>	<p>Instead of going on a hike with their Section, get the youth to challenge their families to an invasive species scavenger hunt in their community!</p>	<p>Instead of dirt, add food colouring and cooking oil to tap water to simulate dirty water. Use your meeting time to help youth build filtration systems that will remove as much of the food colouring and oil from the water as possible.</p>	<p>Watch to Hug-a-Tree and Survive video and review as a team. Then challenge youth to create an emergency kit using only items found in their room. Who built the most unique kit?</p>



FAR-OUT FEAST

WEEK 1: APRIL 19–25

Learning Outcome

Cooking/[MasterChef](#)

Challenge

Everything is closed, even the grocery store! You can't leave your house, but you have to eat, so you must use what you have on hand!

Badge Connections

- Chef Beaver
- Cub Hobby
- Scout Hobby
- SDG #3 (Good Health & Well Being)

Resources

- [Outdoor Adventure Skills](#)
- [25 Easy Camping Recipes](#)
- [The Best Gourmet Recipes for Your Camp Stove](#)

BEAVERS

No cooking—make something out of apples, bananas, grapes and chocolate.

SUPPLY LIST:

Per Beaver

- Fruit: apples, bananas, grapes, chocolate (and others if you'd like)
- Bowl
- Cutting board
- Knife (if possible—if you do not think your Beavers can cut fruit safely, feel free to pre-cut it!)

CUBS

You must use some sort of camp stove or fire if local regulations allow.

Cook your favourite meal, add in an unusual ingredient. Eg. Chocolate in pasta sauce

SUPPLY LIST:

Per Cub (for Groups in Stage 1 or 2)

- Simple meal that can be cooked individually, like tin foil dinners or boil in bag meals.
- Camp stove, propane stove, or materials to lay and light a fire (if local regulations allow)

Per Lair (for Groups in Stage 3 or 4)

- Camp stove, propane stove, or materials to lay and light a fire (if local regulations allow)
- Ingredients for a simple meal that the Cubs can construct (like spaghetti and sauce), with an additional "weird" ingredient—like cinnamon! Feel free to involve your Pack in planning your ingredients.

SENIOR SECTIONS

You must use cooking Equipment that you have not used before. Use an unusual ingredient e.g. Cricket flour.

[MasterChef](#)

SUPPLY LIST:

Per Scout (for Groups in Stage 1 or 2)

- Meal that can be cooked individually, like tin foil dinners or boil in bag meals. Don't forget to choose a weird ingredient for everyone to add!
- Materials to lay and light a fire (if regulations allow), materials for a [buddy burner](#) or other stove!

Per Patrol (for Groups in Stage 3 or 4)

- Meal that can be cooked individually, like tin foil dinners or boil in bag meals. Don't forget to choose a weird ingredient for everyone to add!
- Materials to lay and light a fire (if regulations allow), materials for a buddy burner or other stove!) Work as a Troop to determine what your unusual ingredient will be.

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TARP TROUBLES

WEEK 2: APRIL 26–MAY 2

Learning Outcome

Shelter Building

Challenge

Hooray! It's finally time for adventure. You decide to head to the mountains for a hike with your Scout group. You're on your adventure—admiring the crisp, mountain breeze around you. It's chilly, and... uh-oh, you realize can't get home before dark. You need to build a shelter to keep you safe and warm overnight! Your mission is to make sure you can be prepared for all of the possible elements—wind, rain, snow, or even animals? What equipment did you bring?

Badge Connections

- Camping (Outdoor Adventure Skill)
- Scoutcraft (Outdoor Adventure Skill)

Resources

- [How to Build a Survival Shelter](#)
- [How to Set Up a Tarp](#)

BEAVERS

You're so smart! You brought a tarp and some rope—just in case. What kind of shelter can you build to keep you safe overnight? Can it still keep you warm? Build a sturdy, safe shelter using the materials you have! Try a [personal tarp shelter](#).

SUPPLY LIST:

Per Lodge

- Tarp
- Rope
- Spars (if you have them on hand)

Doing this challenge in a wooded area is ideal, if possible!

CUBS

You've brought the tarp—but you forgot rope!? How can you build a shelter to keep you safe and warm for the night? What else could help you stay warm in this situation? Build a sturdy, safe shelter using the materials you have! Can you make a [personal tarp shelter](#)?

SUPPLY LIST:

Per Lair

- Tarp
- Spars

Doing this challenge in a wooded area is ideal, if possible!

SENIOR SECTIONS

D'oh! You weren't prepared for this adventure at all... and only brought some granola and 2L of water. Nothing for shelter!? What natural resources can you use to keep you warmest? Build a sturdy, safe shelter using the materials you can find around you!

SUPPLY LIST:

Per Patrol

- Rope or twine

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MOOSE ON THE LOOSE

WEEK 3: MAY 3–9

Learning Outcome

JOTT/ Marathon Hike

Challenge

Good morning! Daylight arrives again, and you think that you can finally make the journey back home. Suddenly, you look ahead on the trail and see a moose—she's as big and strong as a horse and is refusing to move out of the way. Your planned route is now impassible due to the large animal—did you prepare for the unexpected by planning an alternate way home? Time to get creative and re-route your way back to safety on a different trail!

Badge Connections

- Trail Skill (Outdoor Adventure Skill)
- SDG #3 (Good Health & Well Being)

Resources

- [Jamboree on the Trail](#)
- [AdventureSmart—Hiking](#)
- [Leave No Trace](#)
- [AdventureSmart Trip Plan](#)

BEAVERS

Join in on JOTT—go for a hike in a local park, at a nearby hiking trail or around your community. Make sure to plan a hiking route and a back-up hiking route, in case something unexpected happens!

SUPPLY LIST:

Per Lodge

- Map of nearby hiking area

CUBS

Join in on [JOTT](#)—go for a hike in a local park, at a nearby hiking trail or around your community. Plan a hiking route and a back-up hiking route, in case something unexpected happens!

Don't forget to leave a copy of your trip plan with someone at home, like a parent or friend—that way, if you run into trouble, someone knows how to help you!

SUPPLY LIST:

Per Lair

- Map of area you will be hiking

SENIOR SECTIONS

Plan a route that will take you on a journey—a 42 km journey to be precise. As you plan your hiking route, consider planning a series of hikes over the next two months. See if you can [hike the distance of a marathon](#)—42 km.

SUPPLY LIST:

Per Patrol

- Map of local hiking trails
- Notebook to create your plan for your series of hikes



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WAYFINDER WHIZ

WEEK 4: MAY 10–16

Learning Outcome

- Map and Compass
- Orienteering

Challenge

Well, your relaxing hike back home did NOT go as planned... You've somehow ended up in the thick, dark, dense forest! You can't see even an arms-length in front of you—never mind the cloud of mosquitoes and blackflies that add to the challenge! You need to navigate yourself out of the forest and back to camp safely before dark! Did you bring any navigation tools?

Badge Connections

- Trail Skills ((Outdoor Adventure Skill)
- SDG #3 (Good Health & Well Being)

Resources

- [Ticks You Off](#)
- [How to Use a Compass](#)
- [How to Use a Map and Compass](#)
- [Orienteering Canada](#)

BEAVERS

You've got your [map and compass](#). How did you get here? You were smart and left a few markers for reference! But can you find them? Are they still there? As a Group, challenge yourself to navigate a local park or path by only using a map and compass! Do you know your directions? [North, East, South, West](#).

Make sure not to be bitten by ticks and other yucky bugs.

SUPPLY LIST:

Per Lodge

- Map of local area
- Compass per youth (or at least 2–3 per Lodge and disinfecting wipes to wipe them between uses)

CUBS

You only have your compass, but you dropped it so you're working with a cracked face of the compass. Can you find your way out of the forest? How did you get here? Did you take any extra precautions on your way into the forest? As a Group, challenge yourself to navigate a local park or path by only using a [map and compass](#)! Make sure not to be bitten by ticks and other yucky bugs.

SUPPLY LIST:

Per Lair

- Map of local area
- Compass per youth (or at least 2–3 per Lair and disinfecting wipes to wipe them between uses)

SENIOR SECTIONS

Your compass is broken, but you've got a map! How do you navigate without your compass to find safety and get out of the forest and back to camp via coordinates? What else can you use to get back to safety? As a Group, challenge yourself to navigate a local park, path or forest through [orienteering](#). Stay clear of all the stinging bugs and insects.

SUPPLY LIST:

Per Patrol

- Map of local area (for an added challenge, try different kinds of maps, like topographical maps)

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DISASTER MASTER

WEEK 5: MAY 17-23

Learning Outcome

- Emergency Preparedness
- Natural Disaster Planning
- Limit resources
- First-Aid

Challenge

You've made it to the foothills of the mountains, but you aren't out of the woods just yet—hopefully someone is on their way to find you, but it might be a while. Crouch to miss the spikey branches—and watch out for wildlife! You're stuck until help arrives. How can you stay safe until you're found? You and your team members are a little worse for wear—you might need to do some first aid to patch yourselves up!

Badge Connections

- Emergency Skills (Outdoor Adventure Skill)

Resources

- [Tick Information](#)
- [Lyme Disease](#)
- [Heat Illness](#)

BEAVERS

You've got a few scratches from those pesky branches! Phewf! You remembered your basic first aid and survival kit. How do you take care of yourself? What do you do when you're lost? Practice your basic first-aid skills with [Medics on the Scene!](#), and think about how to properly prepare for an emergency or natural disaster!

SUPPLY LIST:

Per Lodge

- Basic first aid supplies that can be used up by the Beavers (gloves, band aids, triangle bandages etc)

CUBS

Someone on your team is suffering from a bad sunburn—they have blisters on their arms from the sun. Another person has a nosebleed, and a third person has been [bitten by a tick](#). How will you work as a team and make sure everyone gets the help they need? Practice your basic first-aid skills with [Medics on the Scene!](#), and think about how to properly prepare for an emergency or natural disaster!

SUPPLY LIST:

Per Lair

- Basic first aid supplies that can be used up by the Cubs (gloves, band aids, triangle bandages, gauze, tweezers or tick key etc)
- Optional: you can never go wrong with fake blood (but make sure everyone is wearing clothes that can get stained!)

SENIOR SECTIONS

You've got the clothes on your back and a small first aid kit. Someone on your team has a hurt arm, two members have blisters all over their feet and everyone is feeling a little sick from too much time in the sun! Practice your basic first-aid skills with [Medics on the Scene!](#), and think about how to properly prepare for an emergency or natural disaster!

SUPPLY LIST:

Per Patrol

- Small first aid kit (band aids, alcohol swabs)

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PLANT PURSUIT

WEEK 6: MAY 24–30

Learning Outcome

- Gardening
- Plant doctor
- Invasive species

Challenge

You realize that you should probably wait for help to arrive—you don't want to get even more lost, and besides that, some members of your team might have trouble with a long walk. There are many different plants around you, but you aren't sure what they are. Try to identify the plants around you—which plants could hurt you? Are there any you can eat?

Badge Connections

- Earth Personal Achievement Badge
- SDG #13 (Climate Action)
- SDG #15 (Life on Land)

Resources

- [Poison Ivy and Other Hazardous Plants](#)
- [CFIA Plant Pest Cards](#)
- [iNaturalist](#)
- Community Science Tree Check Form

BEAVERS

You are going to need to find food really soon. What food do you like to eat? Plant some seeds and try to grow a full meal. How are you going to keep your plants safe as they grow? Try [Vertical Garden](#).

SUPPLY LIST:

Per Beaver

- Plastic Bottle (ex: 2L soda bottles)
- Rope/ string/ twine
- Scissors
- Soil
- Seeds

CUBS

Oh No! You have come upon some Poison Oak / Ivy. It itches like mad. What other invasive/ poisonous plants can be found? What plants do you need to avoid and are there any home remedies to help you if you touch something you shouldn't?

Do a survey of the plants you see and try to determine what they are. Survey trees and log them using the [community tree check form](#) so that people can know what trees are in the area, and how healthy they are. How many trees can Scouts Canada survey during this week? Check out the In [My Backyard Activity](#).

SUPPLY LIST:

Per Lair

- Access to tree check forms (using a device, or printed forms)
- Pens or pencils
- Paper to write observations
- iNaturalist app (on a phone or other device), or something to take photos

SENIOR SECTIONS

While you're surveying the plants near you, you notice that some of them look a bit... off. Check out the trees and plants in your area and check for evidence of illness, damage or pests. Keep track of tree health using the [community tree check form!](#)

Check out these two activities on the Activity Finder: [Camp Plant Hunt](#) and [Be An Entomologist](#).

How many trees can Scouts Canada survey during this week?

SUPPLY LIST:

Per Patrol

- Access to tree check forms (using a device, or printed forms)
- Pens or pencils
- Paper to write observations
- iNaturalist app (on a phone or other device), or something to take photos

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H2 OH NO!

WEEK 7: MAY 30–JUNE 6

Learning Outcome

- Water gathering
- Solar still
- Filtering
- Fire Starting

Challenge

You realize that help might be coming soon, but you'll need to spend another night out here before they get to you. You're starting to run out of water, and it's getting cold at night. It's time to gather and clean some water to drink and start a fire to keep you warm.

Badge Connections

- Water Personal Achievement Badge
- SDG #6 (Clean Water and Sanitation)

Resources

- [Water Treatment Safety Tips](#)
- [Water Filtering](#)

BEAVERS

You have found a creek but how do you know if it is safe to drink? What can you do to make it clean?

[Water Filter](#)

It is starting to get cold; how do you make a simple fire to keep you warm?

SUPPLY LIST:

Per Lodge

- Dirty water (or clean water and some dirt)
- Funnel
- Coffee filter/paper towel/muslin
- Sand
- Small stones
- An empty bottle or other container

If local regulations allow you to light a fire, you can also use basic fire lighting supplies (tinder, kindling, etc) and matches or other fire starters to light a fire together.

CUBS

You have found a creek but how do you know if it is safe to drink? What can you do to make it clean?

[Water Filter](#)

It is starting to get cold, try three different campfires and see which one keeps you the warmest?

SUPPLY LIST:

Per Lair

- Dirty water (or clean water and some dirt)
- Funnel
- Coffee filter/paper towel/muslin
- Sand
- Small stones
- An empty bottle or other container

If local regulations allow you to light a fire, you can also use basic fire lighting supplies (tinder, kindling, etc) and matches or other fire starters to light a fire together. You can print off some instructions about different kinds of fires (star fire, log cabin, lean-to, etc) and try making different styles.

SENIOR SECTIONS

Help is not going to be able to get to you for a number of days. You need water!

Build a Solar Still and try filtering water. Try out different chemical purifiers.

To keep busy while you are waiting try out some Magic Campfire lighting.

SUPPLY LIST:

Per Patrol

- Water
- Chemical or mechanical purifiers (water pump, iodine, commercial purifiers, etc.)
- Shovels (and an area to dig)
- Clear plastic sheeting
- Large rocks to weigh down the sheeting
- Small stone
- Container to catch water

If local regulations allow you to light a fire, you can also use basic fire lighting supplies (tinder, kindling, etc). Try lighting your fire using things other than matches, like a magnifying glass, a flint and steel striker, etc.

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SOS SUCCESS

WEEK 8: JUNE 7–JUNE 13

Learning Outcome

- Signaling

Challenge

You hear people moving about the woods around you, but they can't see you and don't know that you are there. What do you have in your backpack that can help you catch their attention?

Badge Connections

- Emergency Skills (Outdoor Adventure Skills)

BEAVERS

You hear voices in the forest—someone is nearby—signal them using your mirrors or whistles. What signals will you use to get their attention?

Learn more about why it's so important to stay in one place while you wait for help with the [Hug a Tree](#) program.

Think about your site—is there any trace of you being there? How can you [leave no trace](#) of your adventure?

SUPPLY LIST:

Per Beaver

- Signaling device(s)—whistles, mirrors, colourful garbage bags, etc

CUBS

A helicopter is flying above you—how can you get their attention? Use smoke, wave a bright object, or wave your arms. You hear voices in the forest—someone is nearby—signal them using mirrors. What signals will you use to get their attention?

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Think about your site—is there any trace of you being there? How can you [leave no trace](#) of your adventure?

SUPPLY LIST:

Per Cub

- Signaling device(s)—whistles, mirrors, colourful garbage bags, etc
- Find out what signals can be seen from the air—can the Cubs try any of them?

SENIOR SECTIONS

Use your bodies, the supplies you have on hand, or signal fires to make signs that can be seen from the sky. What shapes will signal "HELP" to someone flying above?

Think about your site—is there any trace of you being there? How can you [leave no trace](#) of your adventure?

SUPPLY LIST:

Per Patrol

- What materials can you use to create words on the ground to be read from the sky.
- Try creating a smoky signal fire (if regulations allow).

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SOS SUCCESS (EXTRA)

WEEK 8: JUNE 7–JUNE 13

As you settle into your new surroundings—somewhere deep in the forest, you realize it's time to make it feel like home. Use your pioneering skills to build something great. Build something to make the forest feel like home or build something to attract attention to your campsite—make it obvious where you're staying!

Pioneering

Connects to Scout Craft Outdoor Adventure Skill, SDG #9 (Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure)

Start with the basics—use knots to hang up a drying line for clothes or try using natural materials and string to build something for your “campsite” (or your meeting space, if that's easier). Try building something to sit on or find natural materials to use as dishes!

[Learn lashing!](#) Practice some basic lashing skills, like a clove hitch, square lash and tripod lash. Once you're comfortable, work in Lairs to build some things to make yourself feel at home—build a table to eat at, a [flagpole](#) or a TV by lashing together a frame and having Cubs act out a scene behind it!

Build a welcome gate. At large Scouting events like jamborees, it is tradition to build a gate for people to walk through as they enter your site. Use spars to build a gate for your “campsite”—you can also build furniture or other items to make it feel more like home!

If you don't feel like lashing, consider whittling some items to make yourself feel at home —maybe you can make a set of dishes!

Remember:

- Submit your weekly challenges to the online leader-board!
- Take pictures during your challenges and upload them when you submit.
- Make sure to share Les' video each week with the kids to kick-off the challenge!





CONGRATULATIONS!

You've Survived the 8-Week Challenge and earned all your crests!

FAQ

When does the challenge start?

April 19 but we are releasing the plan to the Scouters ahead of time so that you have time to plan, do Adventure Application Form if needed, gather supplies etc. The final week of challenges is June 7. So, keep the actual challenges secret from the youth until they are revealed each week and build on the anticipation.

Our group is still Scouting virtually, we won't be able to do it.

All activities can be done at home with parents or with your group. You will have to be a little more creative, but we will reward virtual Scouters as well with awesome prizes.

How do we earn the crest? And is there more than one crest to be earned?

There is an 8-piece composite crest that can be earned by completing at least 6 of the 8 challenges. The composite crest is made up of individual crests, one for each challenge, that when put together create an 'eight' shape. There are also two bonus crests for the centre of each circle within the 'eight'. And yes, there will be some limited ghost crests too!

What if we cannot do the activity as described?

You can change it to suit the needs of your youth and their abilities. We have tried to leave the challenges open ended so that you can easily adapt them. These scenarios are NOT based on reality. These challenges are just 'the inspiration' for that week.

How do I run this for my section?

On each Monday, a video will be released from Les Stroud documenting the challenge. Share the video with your section,

plan your adventure and don't forget to have fun! After you have completed your adventure—we will ask you to fill in a short (and we do mean short) form to confirm participation and compete for bragging rights.

We won't be able to participate one of the weeks, will that impact the rest of the challenge?

We have developed an overarching story line, but each week can be done as stand-alone challenges.

Can we do other activities after this is finished?

Yes, you can take it as far as your youth are interested.

I don't have Wi-Fi where I meet, how can I play the videos?

You can download them to a device, you can send ahead of the meeting, you can ask the youth to tune into YouTube each week at home before they arrive at the meeting, you can play it as the opening to your virtual meeting.

Do we have to do the challenges in order?

If you don't do the challenges in order, the youth won't get the full effect of Les' videos but feel free to do them in any order after they have been released.

Are there prizes?

Yes, there are going to be prizes, watch out for more details.

My youth don't want to do the challenge set for my section, can I do a different sections challenge?

Yes, absolutely!

Will I be able to get the crest after the challenge has finished?

These crests will only be available to those who have participated and filled out the short form on a weekly basis. More details to come regarding ordering through Scout Shop.

Is there a cost to the challenge to participate or a cost for the crest?

While there is no cost to participate in the Great 8 Challenge, all youth should be registered members of Scouts Canada. We see this as another fantastic opportunity for kids to benefit from all the opportunities Scouting brings, especially at this difficult time. The crests will be available at cost (on a non-profit basis) from ScoutShop.ca. It will include a postage fee and be sent to the Group Organizer at the completion of the challenge.

Do we need to do an emergency plan, Adventure Application Form and risk assessment for this challenge?

Yes, if it is required, that is the reason that you are receiving the challenge ahead of time so that you can be prepared. E.g., Groups can submit an AAF for all eight weeks if they are meeting in the same location. The senior sections may need more AAFs if they are planning to hike in different areas with different risks and emergencies. Chat to your Group Commissioner or Relationship Manager if you are not sure.