

Self Review in the Scout Troop



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Self Review is a process that encourages you to look back at your Programme for a given planning period. Inevitably some parts of it will have worked better than others and Self Review helps you to identify why this might have been. It also helps you to celebrate your successes. Your aim is to deliver a Balanced Programme, and this review process can be a very useful tool, when used two or three times a year. Below is a more

detailed framework than that published in Chapter 7 of the 2002 edition of **Troop essentials**. This is only a suggested structure and you can adapt it to meet your own Troop's requirements.

Some details will need to be collected both from your records and from your Scouts before you meet with your team to start the Self Review.

Leadership and Membership.

It may be useful to gather and evaluate the following:

- How many Scouts are in the Troop currently
- How many Scouts were in the Troop one year ago.....
- How many regularly attend Troop night.....
- How many Scouts invested in last 12 months.....
- How many Scouts moved to Explorers in last year.....
- How many: Leaders Young Leaders.....
Helpers Parents/carers.....

How do you feel about the following:

- The number of young people joining the Troop?
 - From the Cub Scout Pack.....
 - From outside the Group

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- The number leaving the Troop?
 - From the Cub Scout Pack.....
 - From outside the Group
- Regular attendance
 - At Troop Meetings.....
 - At Troop Camps.....
 - At Troop Events and Activities
- The amount of Leader, helper and parent assistance available in the Troop?

What Conclusions can you draw from these observations?

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2. The Programme

It would be useful to look at your programme over that last 12 months and identify which Programme Zones have been covered in each Troop night and activity.

Having reviewed what you have offered your Scouts in the last 12 months, how do you feel about:

- The Scoutcraft and Adventure Zone
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- The Global Zone
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- The Community Zone
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- The Fit for Life Zone
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- The Creative Expression Zone
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- The Exploring Beliefs and Attitudes Zone
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3.Methods

Having reviewed your Programme for the planning period, how do you feel about the range of methods used in the Troop?

- Games (Indoors and Outdoors)
- Visits and Visitors
- Team Building Activities.....
- Camps & Expeditions.....
- Technology & New Skills.....
- Outdoor Activities
- Design & Creative Activities
- Activities with Others.....

What Conclusions can you draw about your Programme and Methods from these observations?

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4. Your Scout Troop Overall.

It is worth considering the views of your Scouts about how their Troop runs and the opportunities it provides. These views could be collected through the Troop Forum or the Leadership Forum.

How do the Scouts feel about:

- The range of Activities on offer
- The opportunities to work with others
- The opportunities to plan the programme.....
- The range of Challenges offered
- The range of Activity badges offered.....

What Activities and Programme ideas have worked well over the last year?

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What new or different activities and Programme ideas will you use in the next year?

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5. Your Troop values

Think about recent Troop Meetings and events and review the attitudes and commitments you see in the Scouts and Leaders in the Troop.

- Trustworthy and self controlled.....
- Self confident and respecting others.....
- Respecting Possessions & Property
- Helping others and co-operating.....
- Committed to Scouting.....
- Enjoys Scouting in this Troop.....

What Values and attitudes do your Scouts display regularly?

What Values and attitudes do your Scouts display occasionally?.....

What values do your Scouts never display?.....

What can you do about this?.....

What Conclusions can you draw from these observations?

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6. Looking Forward

It would be helpful to look back over your review and celebrate all that has gone well. You will have identified a number of issues, which you can take forward into your next planning session. Use the table below to record these issues and draw up an action plan to help achieve the changes you have identified will improve your Troop. It is worth focusing on the ones you consider most important and can be achieved within a reasonable time scale.

Issue	Action	By Whom	By When