

TEAM CHALLENGES



Team Challenges

The main function of a Section is to allow Teams to take part in Scouting. A Section is a collection of teams (small working groups) rather than a collection of 24 individual Scouts. Therefore throughout our programmes we present activities, adventures and challenges that are undertaken by Teams within a Section. Over time, through this method, we create effective and proficient Teams that can undertake the many and varied challenges we present to young people through our programmes.

Our weekly meetings are a place where Teams meet and through the programme of the meeting we introduce new ideas, play games and undertake challenges. Scouting however is not limited to weekly meetings and Teams should, in essence, be a Team of friends who meet outside the weekly meeting structure.

One way we can help this process is to present to Teams a series of challenges that they can complete overtime in their own time. A time limit will help to focus the end date and a simple competition in terms of a trophy will also enthuse teams to take part for the honour and glory of their Team.

In another resource (Explore Missions) we present a collection of individual challenges that Scouts can complete at home and as a part of their skill proficiency and contribution to programme content - for example, making a small survival kit that can be used at a future activity or adventure, or making a small knot board to help with knot tying at a future meeting.

This resource presents a collection of team challenges. These challenges can be presented to Teams within your section.

Each Challenge is, in essence, an idea and can be modified to suit Section age ranges and capabilities.

So, for example the 'Everest Challenge' can be modified to 'Highest mountain in Ireland' for younger Sections. Similarly the 'Cycling challenge' can be increased or decreased in number of Km covered.

The idea of the Team challenges is that the Team as a collective achieve the objective/challenge. So, in the case of the '2 million steps' and the 'cycling challenge' - it is the collective steps (KM) total of each member of the team. It is possible as part of this challenge for individuals to do the steps or cycle by themselves each day and that the total number is collected at the end of the challenge time limit or weekly as the number develops.

Ideally, these challenges are completed by Teams working together outside the formal weekly meeting.

Time limits need to be applied to each challenge - some will take weeks to complete and other months. Some can be completed in an afternoon.

The key feature of Team Challenges is to allow the Team to develop as a team working together and honing their skills so that they become an effective working group.

This resource presents 18 team challenge ideas. They cover a wide area of possibilities. It is, of course not the limit of possible ideas and the members of your Section, at planning sessions, will suggest many more.

Ideally, the sheets should be printed off and cut into challenge cards, that can be shared around the planning session.



TEAM CHALLENGE

MAKE A COLLECTION OF 40 STRANGE AND WEIRD ITEMS.

BE PREPARED TO PRESENT YOUR COLLECTION TO THE SECTION EXPLAINING YOUR CHOICE AND WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN FOUND.



TEAM CHALLENGE

THE CHALLENGE FOR YOUR TEAM IS TO CYCLE THE COLLECTIVE DISTANCE OF 1000 KMS



TEAM CHALLENGE

THE TARGET FOR MOST PEOPLE IS 10,000 STEPS A DAY. THE CHALLENGE FOR YOUR TEAM IS TO COLLECTIVELY COMPLETE 2 MILLIONS STEPS.



TEAM CHALLENGE

THE CHALLENGE FOR YOUR TEAM IS TO CAMP AT LEAST FOR ONE NIGHT IN 10 DIFFERENT AND UNUSUAL LOCATIONS.



TEAM CHALLENGE

THE CHALLENGE FOR YOUR TEAM IS TO CREATE A KNOT BOARD THAT DISPLAYS AT LEAST 30 DIFFERENT KNOTS. WHEN COMPLETED IT SHOULD BE DISPLAYED IN THE SCOUT HALL/DEN.



TEAM CHALLENGE

AS A TEAM CLIMB THE HEIGHT OF EVEREST - THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN IN THE WORLD - 8848 METERS - IT CAN BE COMPLETED USING ANY HEIGHT CLIMBING ACTIVITY - GOING UP STAIRS, CLIMBING TREES AS WELL AS MOUNTAINS.



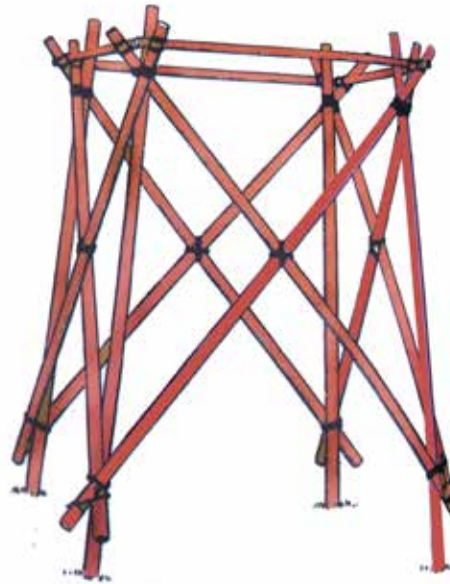
TEAM CHALLENGE

DISCOVER THE WIDE VARIETY OF NATURE IN OUR COUNTRYSIDE. USING THE NATURE SPOTTING CHARTS ON THE BETTER WORLD WEBSITE TO SPOT AND LOG EVERY ITEM LISTED ON THE SPOTTER SHEETS.



TEAM CHALLENGE

IMPROVE YOUR TEAMWORK AND PIONEERING SKILLS BY COMPLETING THIS CHALLENGE. PRACTICE BUILDING THE 10 MINUTE TOWER SO THAT YOUR TEAM CAN BUILD THE TOWER AS CLOSE TO 10 MINUTES AS POSSIBLE. BE PREPARED TO DEMONSTRATE YOUR ACHIEVEMENT.



Ten minute tower can be build using light pioneering poles, scout staves or thick 30 mm bamboo staves (not garden bamboo sticks) to achieve 10 minute objective. It is not possible to build the tower in 10 minutes using heavy pioneering poles.

TEAM CHALLENGE

THE CHALLENGE IS TO COMPLETE 50 RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS AS A COLLECTIVE TEAM. ALSO TO IDENTIFY AND COMPLETE A TEAM BASED SERVICE PROJECT.



TEAM CHALLENGE

THE CHALLENGE - USING A CARDBOARD BOX OVEN MAKE 30 CUP CAKES FOR A TEA PARTY.



TEAM CHALLENGE

MAKE A SERIES OF SKILLS TRAINING VIDEOS USING PHONES AND ON-LINE EDITING SOFTWARE. UPLOAD IT TO YOUTUBE AND SHARE WITH THE SECTION.



TEAM CHALLENGE

THE TEAM CHALLENGE IS TO COLLECTIVELY GO UP A GRADE IN YOUR ADVENTURE SKILL PROFICIENCY. EXPERIENCED SCOUTS SHOULD HELP OTHERS IN THE TEAM TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVE.



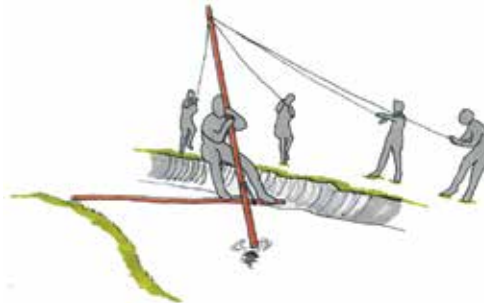
TEAM CHALLENGE

THE TEAM CHALLENGE IS TO EXPLORE DIFFERENT COOKING METHODS - PLANKING A FISH, COOKING ON A HOBBO STOVE, USING A CARDBOARD OVEN AND COOKING A TWIST BY EMBERS OR VIA A SOLAR COOKER.



TEAM CHALLENGE

THE TEAM CHALLENGE IS TO CROSS A RIVER USING THE METHODS SHOWN BELOW. PICTURES AND VIDEOS SHOULD BE MADE TO SHOW YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS.



TEAM CHALLENGE

THE TEAM CHALLENGE IS TO TRY SOMETHING NEW. SOMETHING THAT MOST OF YOUR TEAM HAVE NEVER DONE BEFORE. BE PREPARED TO REPORT BACK ON YOUR EXPERIENCES AND ADVENTURES WITH PICTURES AND VIDEOS TO THE SECTION.



TEAM CHALLENGE

CREATE AN AFTERNOON MYSTERY ACTIVITY FOR ANOTHER TEAM FOR AN AGREED LOCATION. MEET UP, EXCHANGE ACTIVITY IDEAS AND UNDERTAKE YOUR NEW MYSTERY CHALLENGES.



TEAM CHALLENGE

THE CHALLENGE FOR YOUR TEAM IS TO BECOME LAND ART COMMANDOS - CREATE A SERIES OF NATURE ART ITEMS IN YOUR LOCAL PARK, WOODLAND OR BEACHES FOR OTHERS TO DISCOVER AND ENJOY.



TEAM CHALLENGE

THE TEAM CHALLENGE IS TO LEARN TOGETHER TO OVERCOME AND SOLVE TEAM BUILDING CHALLENGES. THE CHALLENGES CAN BE A SERIES OF INCIDENTS OR LONGER ACTIVITIES.

