

Qualities of a quality programme

A quality programme should include a balance of different types of activities and opportunities. It should also be well planned and delivered by adults with appropriate skills and expertise and using a wide variety of different methods. Therefore, a high quality programme:

- has a long- term plan in place
- has short-term detailed planning
- provides challenge and adventure to young people
- is safe, rewarding and varied
- is shaped by young people in partnership with adults
- gives young people an opportunity to learn, develop and share ideas
- gives young people the opportunity to develop a better understanding of their community and the world around them
- gives young people the opportunity to gain life skills, confidence, develop self-esteem and understand relationships
- has suitable equipment available
- has enough adults to help run the games and activities
- offers a balance of each of the challenge areas for the section
- includes opportunities to achieve activity badges, staged activity badges and challenge awards each term
- enables all young people to achieve their Chief Scout's Awards for the section
- provides opportunities to engage with young people outside of their section, such as attending district and county events or taking part in activities with other sections
- provide opportunities to take part in activities away from the normal weekly meeting place
- provide opportunities to engage with the local community
- offer opportunities to experience nights away
- is delivered using a wide variety of methods
- is delivered by adults with the appropriate skills or knowledge for the planned activities
- recruits new adults and young people
- includes plans for unexpected circumstances, such as adverse weather conditions, sickness or emergencies

