

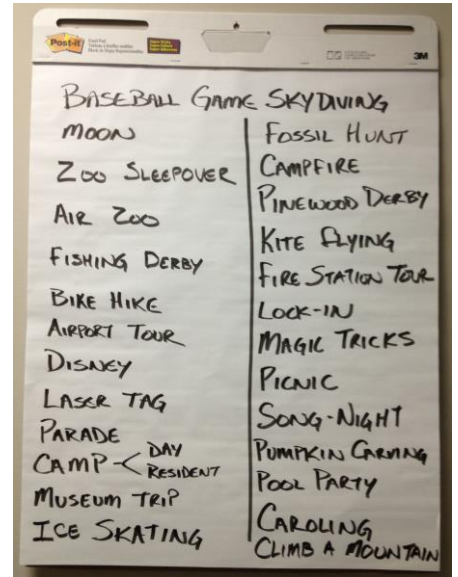
IDEAL YEAR OF SCOUTING PLANNING EXERCISE PLANNING OUT NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAM CALENDAR

Step #1:

At your unit's next unit meeting, ask Scouts and Parents what adventurous activities they would like to participate in for the next program year, August 2015 to July 2016.

- Make sure this is done in a way that no suggestions are left out.
- Even the most outlandish suggestions can be later paired down to a reasonable outing.
- Use web resources, and program materials to help foster new ideas. Packs and Troops can use Boy's Life magazines for ideas as well.

Here is an example of what you might see after you are finished:

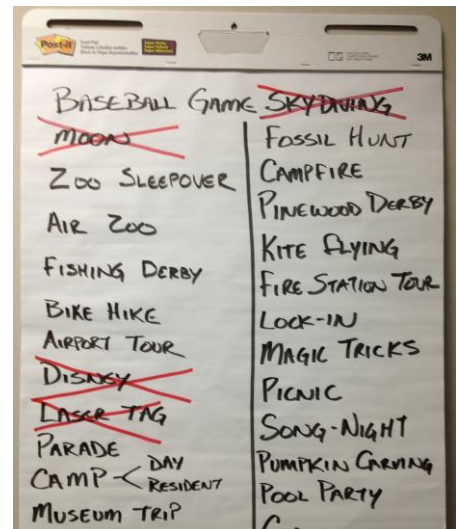


Step #2:

Take the sheets from the unit meeting and present them to your committee or Patrol Leaders Council (Boy Scout only)

- Eliminate any items that are not feasible
- Add in National, Council or local unit Activities that may be offered that your unit wants to attend.
- Check the Guide to Safe Scouting to make sure what you want to do is Safe for your Scouts and Parents

Here is an example:

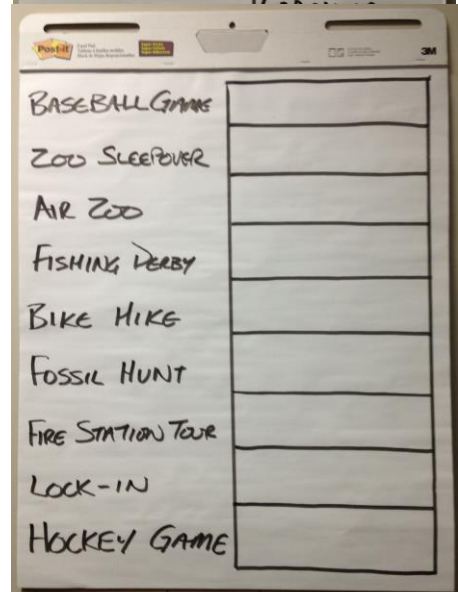


Step #3:

Take a new sheet and re-write the suggested activities out with enough space for your Scouts and Parents to vote on each suggestion.

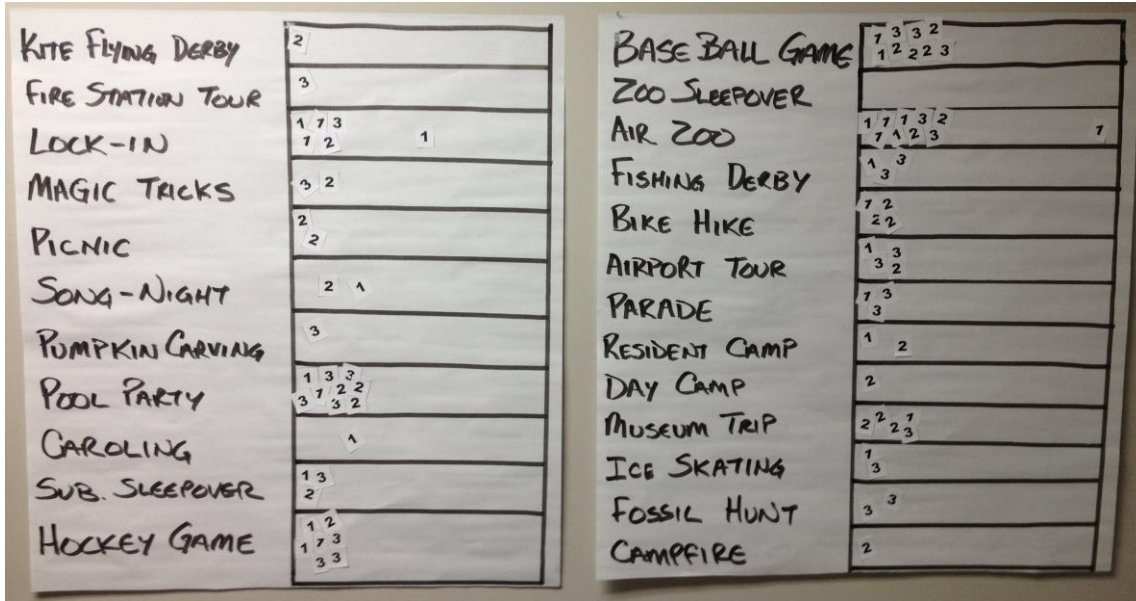
- Give your Scouts and Parents three stickers that represent their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for activities

Here is an example:



Step #4:

Post the sheets up around the room so you don't end up with a area that would become bottle-necked. Ask the Scouts and Parents to go and put their stickers on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice of activities to participate in for next year's program calendar. Here is an example:



Step #5:

Tally up the point on the following scale:

1st choice = 15 Points, 2nd choice = 10 Points, 3rd choice = 5 Points

Once you have calculated the total points for each suggested activity mark that total next to the activity name. Now you have prioritized the activities and as a committee. Here is an example below:



Step #6:

Now take the highest scoring suggested activities and figure out how they could be worked into your units 2015-2016 Program Calendar. After you have filled each of the months attempt to apply some of the activities that were left into Den or Patrol level activities. Here is an example:



Step #7:

Now put your activities into the Trails-End Program Planning worksheet. Over the months of May, June, and July identify individuals in the unit who would be good for giving leadership to each of the activities. Ask them to put together a budget for their activity and have it back to the Unit's August program planning meeting. Take all of the budgets at that program planning meeting and figure out a **per Scout dollar** amount for each activity. Think as if that was the fee your unit would charge for each event to a Scout. Plug all the activities and per Scout dollar amounts into the Trails-End Program Planning Worksheet, found at <http://www.michiganscouting.org/IdealYearofScouting>. You will also have to determine the dollars needed for the unit to provide advancements, supplies, and other expenses with in the unit's annual program year. After all the information has been recorded into the worksheet it will determine what it should cost your Scouts parents per year.

Here is an example: →

2015 Unit Program Planner
Michigan Crossroads Council

ONLY ENTER DATA IN HIGHLIGHTED SPACES

- Enter all your activities and costs **per Scout** under each month.
- Enter your number of Scouts and unit popcorn commission %, (30% base up to 36% in Michigan Crossroads Council).
- Fill in the five shaded fields at the bottom of the sheet.

	Unit Type and Unit #	
	Number of Scouts in Unit	
	Unit Popcorn Sales Commission %	30%

September		October		November	
Activities	Cost	Activities	Cost	Activities	Cost
Total Cost	\$0.00	Total Cost	\$0.00	Total Cost	\$0.00

December		January		February	
Activities	Cost	Activities	Cost	Activities	Cost
Total Cost	\$0.00	Total Cost	\$0.00	Total Cost	\$0.00

March		April		May	
Activities	Cost	Activities	Cost	Activities	Cost
Total Cost	\$0.00	Total Cost	\$0.00	Total Cost	\$0.00

June		July		August	
Activities	Cost	Activities	Cost	Activities	Cost
Total Cost	\$0.00	Total Cost	\$0.00	Total Cost	\$0.00

Per Scout Expenses:	Unit Expenses:
\$0 Registration & Insurance (\$25/year)	Unit Total Activity Cost & Expenses \$0
\$0 Boys' Life (\$12/year)	Scout Total Activity Cost & Expenses \$0
\$0 Uniform	Other Expenses \$0
\$0 Advancements	Unit Sales Goal \$0
\$0 Total Expenses	Scout Sales Goal #DIV/0!

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