

Scouting & Guiding

Programme
ideas to welcome
your new Corps
Officers



Children
& Youth

Beavers and Rainbows

Talk to the Beavers and Rainbows about the new Corps Officers coming to the corps. Ask the young people what it was like for them when they started at a new school or when they moved house. How did they feel about starting something new?

Get them to make a welcome card for the Corps Officers. They can either make individual cards themselves or you could make one from the whole Colony or Pack with handprints from each of the young people.

Alternatively, make a welcome banner where each of the beavers or rainbows colours in a letter of the banner. This can be put on the colony/unit notice board for everyone to see.

If possible, get a photograph of all the young people holding their cards or the banner. Make sure you put the picture up somewhere for everyone who uses the hall to see.



☆ Programme Links	
Beavers	Rainbows
My Skills Challenge Award	Influence Stage 1
My World Challenge Award	Network Stage 1



Cubs and Brownies

Get the cubs/brownies to write a story with a picture about something they have done as a Cub Scout or Brownie. Here are some ideas to get you started

Write about

- What happens on a Pack Night.
- What it was like to be invested as a Cub Scout or enrolled as a Brownie.
- What they have to do during Grand Howl or enrolment.
- What it's like to go camping or residential weekend with the cubs or brownies.

★ Programme Links

Cubs	Brownies
Our Skills Challenge Award	Charities Interest Badge
You Shape - Represent	Influence Stage 2

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Game Idea

This is a run around type game that can be played with the whole pack. Each wall of the hall is given a name: **Captain; Major; Soldier; Lieutenant**

When each one is called the young people must run to that wall. Once they've mastered that; add the following actions:

- **Bandsman** - Pretend to play an instrument or bang a drum
- **Songster** - Sing very highly - and continue until told to stop!
- **General** - All stand to alert and salute
- **Cadet** - Run around in circles.
- **Hall Keeper** - Freeze

You can get people out by picking the last one to complete a task or reach the wall, etc.

Scouts and Guides

Create an introduction to your Scout Troop/Guide Unit for the new Corps Officers. Assume they have no knowledge of Scouting or Guiding. How often do you meet; what do you do on a Troop or Guide night; what activities you've done in the past year. If possible, make a video presentation so that the officer can have a taster of what goes on. Make it as creative and humorous as you can.

Programme Links

Scouts	Guides
The Creative Challenge: Area 3	Communicate Stage 2

Make a list of 10 things that the officer may not know about your Scout Troop or Guide Unit

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Zone Links

Spiritual Development

Reflect Stage 3

Make a list of myths about Scouting and demonstrate how they're not true – for example, Bob a Job week; Dyb, Dyb, Dyb; Wearing Berets.



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Programme Links

Scout Membership Award

Media Relations and Marketing

Guide Six Theme Awards

Ask the Scouts or Guides to write a job description for the Corps Officer; Ask the young people to explore what sorts of things an officer might do; how long they work; what sort of person is needed to do the job. This job description could make a good discussion point with the officer when they visit in the future.

Zone Links

Exploring Beliefs and Attitudes





Explorer Scouts and Rangers

Create a brochure for the Explorer Scout Section or Rangers describing the type of things that you do as a Unit. Explain how explorers are organised at a district level. Explain what a district is and create a 'who's who' in local scouting and Guiding for them.

Corps Officers don't just work in corps. Arrange to visit a local (Salvation Army) charity shop or social services centre. See the work that Corps Officers do there. Invite the Divisional Youth Specialist to a Unit Meeting and discuss the work they do – see if there are any activities being run this year that individuals in the unit could help with – or attend.



Leaders

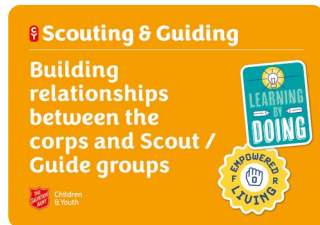
As a leadership team, bring together all the work the sections have done and present or send it to the new Corps Officers, before they arrive if possible. Your Salvation Army Divisional Headquarters can arrange this for you if you need help.

Also gather information from the previous AGM and bring it up to date so the new corps leader will know how the group is doing. Make sure you highlight the areas where the group is doing well and where you need some help.

The Guide Unit does not work in the same way as Scouts and they do not have an AGM meeting but actively consult the guides and parents about activities and programme ideas.



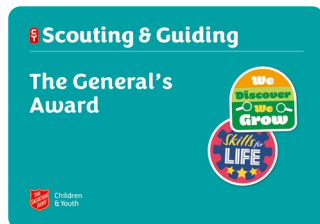
Other Scouting & Guiding resources:



Building relationships between the corps and Scout / Guide groups



Why have Scouting and Guiding at your corps?



The General's Award

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