Building a Better Scout Group. The Basics Steps 1-8 **REPEAT EACH TERM.**

**1.District GL meeting**. Monthly meeting to exchange valuable ideas & information

**Group Council**. Monthly (as agreed) All leaders and invited youth members. Intersection activities, Group, District, Region, State & Oz activities. Term programming for sections and Group. Leader Training.

**Group Committee.** Monthly or as agreed. Chair, treasurer, secretary, etc GL and maybe 1 invited leader each time. Discuss Group & family activities, fundraising, promotions etc. Membership & annual fees list. Also see list, “Getting Ready to Welcome members”.

**District Section meetings.** Rostered leaders to attend Seeonee, Mindari etc. District hikes, camps, leadership courses etc. See calendar sample

**2. Section planning meetings** with youth, PLs & leaders to select the Term activities. Patrol and Unit Council meetings. See samples of agendas on PL report.

**3. Programs printed** and issued to all members. Program shows dates for Record Book which s/be updated twice a term. Terrain updated. Program shows patrol meetings and Unit Council dates. Also milestone Challenges, OAS , SIA etc. GL makes a summary of Section activities from the programs so they can see what is happening during the term. See samples

**4. Operoo Permission “forms”** issued early in the term with a deadline of 2 weeks for weekend activities incl payment. This gives leaders and PLs time to plan their food, transport, budget for hikes, camps etc. Try not to issue only a week before a camp etc

## **Record Books & Terrain** Scouts Australia Program Resources

<https://pr.scouts.com.au/>

**5. Scoutlink.** Leader training details, youth move between sections, contacts etc

**On Demand Training** Scouts Australia [On Demand training](https://login.scouts.com.au/login?service=https%3A%2F%2Ftraining.scouts.com.au%2Fmembers%2Fservice)

**6. New chums.** Summary sheet in the office with brief details of new chum completed by parent on first night for GL. Then GL sends Email- “Welcome to 1st Ingleside”. Week 1 & 2 visits, week 3 talk to scout re introduction to scouting, with parents ( fees discussed). Then email sent “Invitation to the investiture” and Invoice attached. Week 4-5 invested.

**7. Interviewing new leaders & training**

**8. 20+ Promotions for the Group.** See website<https://sydneynorthregionscoutsresources.weebly.com/>

**Leader Support Guides.** See your State website

**What you lay down as the standard is what your leaders will follow for years to come**