

# THERE'S ROOM FOR YOU ON THE PATH

Over the past 100 years, parents have always played an important role in encouraging their child to challenge themselves in their Scouting program, and the Canadian Path is no different. A great way to start is to visit the Canadian Path website with your child. You'll find fun activities, trail cards, and a large selection of videos – many featuring real Scouts who explain the Canadian Path from a youth perspective. We've kept the material fun and engaging, and you'll find it all at [Canadianpath.ca](http://Canadianpath.ca).



# FUN ADVENTURES. Outdoor Experience. PERSONAL GROWTH.

## Parents Find Them All on the Canadian Path



ADVENTURES

See you on  
the Canadian Path

FUN



THE CANADIAN PATH IS SCOUTS CANADA'S NEW ADVENTURE PROGRAM FOR ALL AGE GROUPS, WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE GROW THROUGH FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCES. The Canadian Path is unique to Scouts Canada and is designed to grow and evolve throughout a child's years in Scouting. The longer they participate, the more they will learn and gain from the promise of the Path.



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## UNDERSTANDING THE LANGUAGE

YOUR CHILD WILL PROBABLY SPEAK ABOUT THE FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTS OF THE CANADIAN PATH AS THEY BEGIN THEIR JOURNEY. HERE'S A BRIEF SUMMARY SO THAT YOU CAN JOIN IN THEIR ADVENTURE:

**YOUTH-LED:** On the Canadian Path, Youth decide what activities they want to do, what adventures they want to undertake and what challenges they wish to give themselves. Rest assured that our adult Scouters play an active role in mentoring, encouraging, guiding, and inspiring the youth.

**PLAN, DO, REVIEW:** Scouts work as a team at every stage as they plan and pursue their adventures. Establishing the Plan is where youth leadership begins. As they Do the adventure, skills are acquired. And as they Review and present their accomplishments, the other youth in the Scout Group relate to and learn from their experience.

**ADVENTURE:** On the Canadian Path, youth are able to choose from among dozens of possible adventures, each supported by a trail card that guides them safely along the way. Each adventure falls within one of six categories: Environment & Outdoors, Leadership, Active & Healthy Living, Citizenship, Creative Expression, and Beliefs & Values.

All of these adventures follow a framework that supports youth development and growth in their own personal development in six different areas: We call it SPICES, with each Scouting adventure providing opportunities for growth Socially, Physically, Intellectually, in Character, Emotionally, and Spiritually. SPICES is unique to Scouting – you won't find it in any other youth program.

### PROGRAM QUALITY STANDARDS – PQS FOR SHORT:

This is where it all begins – “step-by-steps” that your child follows and that guide them as they plan their adventures. The PQS set benchmarks that Scouts work towards to ensure that youth in every section gain maximum benefit from a challenging year of great, safe Scouting adventures.



**PATROL TEAM SYSTEM OR PTS:** The PTS works even at the youngest ages in Scouting. Within every section in Scouting, the youth are separated into small Patrol Teams across different ages. This allows older children to take a leadership role in supporting the younger ones. For example: Older Beavers with a few years of experience will serve as mentors and guide the youngest Beavers, passing on their knowledge and experience. When the full Group comes together to review their adventures, knowledge is shared between all of the Patrol Teams.

There's of course a great deal more to the Canadian Path, but this will start you off with a good understanding of program basics so that you can keep pace with your child's progress.

## PERSONAL GROWTH.

Scouting on the Canadian Path encourages youth to develop in their own way, at their own pace, and to take full advantage of the unique opportunities for discovery that our natural world provides. As they progress through Scouting's unique challenges and adventures, youth develop into confident and capable individuals.

### UNIQUE TO SCOUTING, 100 YEARS IN THE MAKING

We began introducing the Canadian Path in 2014 and the details have been rolling out rapidly over the past year. The Path is the next natural step in delivering on Scouts Canada's Mission: *To develop well-rounded youth, better prepared for success in the world.*

And, of course, it's about having fun, rewarding adventures as they make their way along the Canadian Path.

## OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE.

