

## LION Initiative – Scouter Resource Pack

### ***What is the LION Initiative?***

The LION Initiative is a tool for you to use to keep your sections active over the summer period while we work to get back to normal scouting. It can be done in the youth members own time with input for Scouters and Parents. We have some suggestions in the section posters and below but encourage your youth members to be creative in their own challenges. Get them to pick something they're interested in, but also something new! The following is what's needed on the scouter end:

- Promote the activity in your section, including which adventure skills levels are relevant, and where to find a list of tasks in each one (i.e. the app/website)
- Discuss the challenges with each participating youth member
- Encourage them to post on social media (if they have it) using #SILion, or post youth members progress on your group website or social media under the same #
- Order your badges from Scouting Ireland and award your youth members once their hard work is complete!

### ***How should youth members record their work?***

Youth members can record their efforts using a variety of methods. These include but are not limited to:

- Written or typed log
- Illustrated drawings
- Video log
- 'Tik-Toks'
- Scrapbooks

### ***How do I order the badges?***

- Badges can be ordered via My Scouts

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### Suggested (but by no means exhaustive) activities:

(Activities should be tailored to the youth members age and ability)

#### *Local*

- Create a quiz and host a game night through an online platform for friends or family
- Brighten your space. Put a display in your window or get creative with planting.
- Send a card to frontline workers in your area (neighbours, NAS, Care home. Etc)
- Create a photo journal during walks of your area.
- Calculate your carbon footprint and put a plan in place to reduce it.
- Create your own scouting skill master class.
- Make a video that looks better in reverse.
- Upcycle a piece of furniture in your house only using things you already have
- Create a cooking demo video.
- Invent your own Chocolate bar and pitch to your scouters.
- With a parent, join a litter pick in your area
- Get a map of your area and create a poster showing places visitors should know (shop/chemist etc)
- Make an information leaflet about children's activities in the area for a family that has recently moved in

#### *International*

- Cook 5 different meals from 5 different countries.
- Learn the foundations of another language.
- Find a campfire song from another country and learn it fully.
- Research the effect of the lockdown on emissions and the environment.
- Research the stories behind the national flags of 5 countries
- Make a collection of coins from all the countries that use the euro
- Ask a friend or relation who lives abroad to send you photos from where they live a tell you 5 facts. Make a video presentation for your beaver colony based on this
- Learn to say Hello, Goodbye and Be Prepared in four languages. Make a video showing what you have learned
- Find out where the food your family eats comes from and mark it on a map of the world

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#### *Outdoors*

- Cover 100km distance over a set period of time agreed with your scouter (hike/bike/exercise/etc) [For Beavers reduce to 50km walking/75km cycling]
- Sleep somewhere unusual. Hammock or Camp in the garden, Build a shelter.
- Demonstrate an understanding of 'Pacing'.
- Build something to get an egg to the highest point possible in twenty minutes
- Create a Rube Goldberg machine in your garden
- Build a bug hotel and plant some wildflowers in your garden
- Plant a herb garden or some vegetables in a pot or in a patch in your garden and look after them on your own
- Design a scavenger hunt in your local area for your lodge

#### *New*

- Air - Build a small hot air balloon
- Emergencies - Understand and demonstrate "ABC" of basic first aid.
- Pioneering - Build a "standing camp" model or full size gadget
- On the water - Demonstrate your understanding of the Beaufort wind scale up to force six.
- Backwoods - Learn and demonstrate using Star Constellations for directions and the sun/watch method
- Camping - demonstrate how to pack a rucksack for a camping weekend.
- Pioneering - Build a technical project e.g. Swinging derek/monkey bridge
- Pioneering - create a playground/obstacle course where you can't touch the ground using pioneering poles or anything you can find.
- Pioneering: Using cocktail sticks or spaghetti and marshmallows make a model campsite with a table, benches, flagpole, swing, boundaries and a gate