

EXTENSION ROVERING

This Module is based on other branches of Rovering. Apart from normal Scouts & Guides there are many areas where normal Scouting do not exists, like in rural villages, deserts, prisons, with the handicapped etc. thus Scouting-Rovering can reach to every segment of life.

This Module will help you to understand how Rovering can serve to other section or branches of Scouting known as Extension Rovering.

Objectives :

By the end of this Module you should be able to :

1. Define the different branches of Scouting.
2. Explain the Radio Scouting.
3. Recognise the physically challenged Scouting



Thought for Reflection

The object of basic education is the physical, intellectual and moral development of children the medium of handicraft.

--Mahatma Gandhi.



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a programme within Scouting which people with special needs.

Extension Scouting for young people with special needs was originally called *Scouts Malgré Tout*, which is French for "Scouts Despite Everything". It aims to meet the mandate from the founder of Scouting Robert Baden-Powell that the programme be made "open to all". The extension scout programme is especially for scouts, both boys and girls, with disabilities. The disabilities include intellectual disability, global developmental delay, Down syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Cerebral Palsy.

The Aim of Extension scouting is

- to provide Scouting activities to the handicapped young people to develop their potentials, and ultimately achieving the aim of Scout Movement
- to encourage the development of young people in physical, intellectual, social, emotional and spiritual aspects so that they can be good citizens and contribute to the society.

A Cub, Scout or Rover of the extension branch is one who suffers from physical or mental deficiency or handicap such as hearing impairment (deafness), visual impairment (blindness), physical impairment or deformity (for e.g. dumb, lame) or leprosy etc.

A handicapped person is eligible to become a Scout. The rules applicable to a scout with such modifications as may be necessary and special rules laid down by the NHQ shall apply to such an extension scout. Like the cub and scout programme, for extension scouts, we can follow the progress and proficiency badge scheme but with modifications, to suit the needs of these special scouts. The modifications may include instruction, equipment and environment.

Extension Scouts may be drawn from special schools and training centers. Besides, providing Scouting activities to the handicapped young people, Extension Scouting also promotes education to encourage the society to accept disabled persons to create an inclusive culture in the society, which is in line with the policy of World Scout Bureau for Scouting with disabilities - Scouting for All.

Generally the training system of Extension Scout is same with that of ordinary Scout, i.e. the progressive training system. Leaders, however, have to modify contents of some training programmes to cater the special needs of these Scouts. All Extension Scouts are encouraged to participate in ordinary programmes as much as possible, such as Scout Rally, fun fair, local and overseas Jamboree etc. However, owing to their limited abilities, it is too difficult to include them into ordinary competitions.

Group of extension Scouts may be formed in a hospital, institution, colony or school or a training center for Physically challenged. An extension Scout may also become a member of regular Scout Group; a Group of extension scouts shall function under the jurisdiction of Local or District Association as the case may be. An extension Scout shall pass tests prescribed for a scout except those from which he is exempted in view of his handicap, in such case, he shall pass the alternate test or tests prescribed for an extension Scout.

A time has come when this branch will have to be integrated with the main stream, providing alternatives to handicapped children for various Scout activities as far as possible. Handicapped children must not be segregated but must made members of normal Units. However the leaders handling the handicapped must be exposed to some training to enable them to handle the disabled more efficiently. It is also desirable to hold some gatherings and activities at State, Regional and even at National levels for the handicapped members.

Agnoore in Japan is regularly conducted and contingents from other countries are invited. It is a gathering of children of special needs. There are

many deaf and dumb Units and physically Handicapped Units functioning efficiently.

GrameenRovering :

This was a successful experiment in Rajasthan. But there is a need of extending the ideas to various other parts of Rural India. This aspect needs separate treatment. Revision of syllabus to suit their level of knowledge etc. by experts on the subject is necessary. Starting of more open units in rural areas may compensate those efforts.

Radio Scouting :



National Headquarters will have enough number of qualified leaders to help Scouts and Guides participants in Radio Scouting. It is known as JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) JOTI (Jamboree on the internet) the Scouts & Guides has the opportunity to talk, exchange views, songs, share Scouting-Guiding activities through an amateur radio on a fixed frequency once in a year globally to other Scouts & Guides round the year.

Desert Scouting :

Though Bharat Scouts & Guides have produced a Scheme for Scouts & Guides in Desert areas, this has not come out of Rajasthan State. This has to be followed up to see Scouting is available in far rural and remote areas.

Bharat Scouts & Guides have brought out a booklet alternative test for visually Handicapped and this can be referred.

Prison Scouting :

There is another area where some units have tried Rovering in Prisons. They should be brought into the mainstream so that they develop a sense of security, not isolated from outside world.

Conclusion :

You are perhaps aware of the fact that scouting can be reached to every segment of society so that it can be acceded by one and all like normal boys.. Hence you have to answer the following questions to refresh your knowledge in Extension Scouting.

1. What you understand by Extension scouting?
2. What is Agnoore ?
3. What are the different branches of Extension scouting?
4. What do you understand by Radio scouting?
5. What is Prison scouting?



Reference Books :

1. Prayer Changed my life, by Mary D. Mckenzie.
- 2 The Discovery of India, by Jawaharlal Nehru.

Try to locate the answers of the questions above:

1. **Extension Scouting** is a programme within Scouting which caters for young people with special needs.
2. Agnoore are the gathering of deaf and dumb Units and physically Handicapped Units functioning efficiently.
3. The different branches are Grameen Rovering, Desert scouting, Radio Scouting, Prison Scouting, etc.
4. The Scouts & Guides has the opportunity to talk, exchange views, songs, share Scouting-Guiding activities through an amateur radio on a fixed frequency once in a year globally to other Scouts & Guides round the year, is known as Radio Scouting.
5. The Prison Scouting is another area where some units have tried Rovering in Prisons. They should be brought into the mainstream so that they develop a sense of security, not isolated from outside world.



Service within the Movement

Service is the key motto of Rovers, so this Nodule is written in such way that it will help you to gain basic knowledge of how to serve our fellow beings within the organisation. As to what types of services can we render to our brothers & sisters as a member of this organisation as a whole. It will clear your doubts of rendering service within the movement.

Objectives:

At the end of this Module, you should be able to :

1. State the Motto of Rovers.
2. Explain the usefulness of service.
3. List out the areas of services within the Movement.



Thought for Reflection

The teaching of Service is not merely a matter of teaching the theory, but the development of two distinct phases ----- the inculcation of the spirit of good will; and the provision of opportunity for its expression in practice.

--Baden-Powell.



Service within the Movement



SERVICE is the key note of scouting for rovers 'B.P.

As is well known service is the rover motto. It is also a part of the promise 'to help others'. Service includes service to the Movement as well as service to the community.

After all the rovers receive all the training in the Scout Movement. Hence it is a part of their duty to be loyal to the movement that is to serve the Movement. It also stresses the importance of the second law – loyalty'. It also serve as the training ground for the Rovers within the Movement. Thus service is the rent he pays for his room on earth.

Service involves – will to serve and the skill to serve.

Will to serve involves the general attitude of helpfulness and concern for others. This attitude can not be developed overnight. This depends on their ability and develop from the general standard of training you are helping to provide in the crew.

Thus the leader's role in this subject is not something which can be developed overnight but it is continuous progress establishing the right attitude of helpfulness to others and equipping the Rover Scouts with the Training and ability to be of some service.

Further the saying goes that 'Charity begins at home'. Hence it is but right that the rover scouts are enthused to render service in their own unit first. Encourage rover scouts to give occasional service as instructors and helpers in the troop and pack or while in a camp service may be given as quarter master etc. This is a useful introduction to community service. Their past training should ensure that they do well and enjoy their initial experiences.

The last stage in roving is service stage. When they are subject to be fully engrossed in service to the community as they are fully experienced. At this stage they can be encouraged to become adult leaders in Scouting by taking S.M., CM or RSL training to lead the troop, pack or crew and leaders of adults.

Thus service within the movement serves to fulfill the main aim of Scouting to make them useful and worthy citizens of country.

Service involves duty to others without expecting anything in return. This again leads us to the idea of sacrifice for others, for his home, for his country thereby leading to patriotism and loyalty of higher type.

It should be remembered that those who render service should realise his duty to God which is to take care of the development as a sacred trust those talents with which God has equipped him for his passage through life.

Service within the Movement can be at the unit level, in districts, at rallies, camps, meets and camporees. The same service can be at the national level when there is jamboree by listing themselves as service rovers.

Service within the Movement can be vivid such as to act as Secretaries, Games Managers, Instructors, Badge Examiners etc.

Thus service within the Movement is one of the important aspects of service to the community and the Rovers are best suited for the job.

Conclusion :

By reading this module you are quite aware about the service, its motto and purpose. Where we can render our assistance for service to our brothers.

So here are some questions which will help you to understand properly:

1. What is the Motto of Rovers ?
2. What do you understand by "Charity begins at Home"?
3. What do we understand by Service ?
4. What we realise in rendering Service /
5. What services within we can render as a member ?

Reference Books :

1. Roving to Success. B.-P.
2. Scouting for Boys. B.-P.
3. Rover Scouting, BS&G/ NHQ

Kindly check the answers to the questions above:

1. The Motto of Rovers is Service.
2. The saying goes that 'Charity begins at home'. Hence it is but right that the rover scouts are enthused to render service in their own unit first.
3. Service involves – will to serve and the skill to serve.
4. It should be remembered that those who render service should realise his duty to God which is to take care of the development as a sacred trust those talents with which God has equipped him for his passage through life.
5. Thus service within the Movement is one of the important aspects of service to the community and the Rovers are best suited for the job.





Know The Syllabus Upto Rashtrapati Award

This Module is basically meant for Senior Section of this Movement i.e. Rover Section from the age of 15 to 25 years., as to what they have to perform and how to become a Rashtrapati Rover after passing through various steps, on completion of the serious of activities it will lead a young men to achieve his highest Award which is known as Rashtrapati Award, the most prestigious Award which is granted by the “Rashtrapati of India.”

Objectives:

- At the end of this Module, you should be able to ;
1. State the period of provision to become a Rover Scout.
 2. Explain the stages of advancement of a Rover scout.
 3. Know the different badges of Rover section.
 4. Define the syllabus of Pravesh Badge.
 5. Tell the maximum age to become a Rashtrapati Rover.



Thought for Reflection

“Rovers are a Brotherhood of the Open Air and Service. They are on the open Road and Compass of the Woods, able to shift for themselves, but equally able and ready to be of some service to others. They are in point of fact a senior branch of the Boy scout Movement.”

--Baden-Powell.

Lesion –I :

Rover: There are three stages in the career of a Rover namely ;

- a) Rover Aspirant.
- b) Rover and
- c) Rover-in-Service.

A Rover Aspirant can be invested as a Rover only after completion of fifteen years of age and should have worked for three months for Pravesh Test.

Rover Aspirant:

- A. He must have completed fifteen years of age.
- B. A Rover Aspirant who had been a Scout or who on admission as Rover Aspirant passes Pravesh Badge test as laid down for Scout shall wear uniform as a Rover.

Lesson –II :

Pravesh Requirements :

- (1) Read and appreciate contents of “Scouting for Boys” and books on Revering prescribed by the sponsor.
- (2) If a young man has never been a Scout and wishes to join the Crew afresh, he should qualify for Pravesh requirements of Scout section and work for at least three months as a Aspirant Rover before investiture and probation as decided by the crew after the completion of three months be decided by the Crew Council.
- (3) Be able to interpret the Promise and Law as per Rover point of view.

Test for Nipun :

- (1) Strive for a happy family and undertake responsible family jobs to give relief to the earning members of the family.
- (2) Develop in consultation with Rover Scout Leader for some typical Hobbies/Vocational Activities such as Tailoring, Fashion Designing, Candle Making, Screen Printing, Fine Arts, Hair Dressing, photography, Modelling etc. which should lead for livelihood and show that the Rover is progressing in them.
- (3) Participate in group discussions of your Crew and chair at least two.
- (4) Attend at least four All Faiths Prayer Meetings of your Crew. And participate in a service camp for one day.
- (5) Have sufficient knowledge upto Tritiya Sopan Scout in Pioneering, Camping, Estimation, Compass & mapping and First Aid for crew outdoor activities and service campaign.
- (6) Organise games for children in the mohalla / village for about a month.

OR

Conduct competitions for children preferably of your locality on a conservation subject.

- (7) Participate in a debate or a street play on Population Education / family life Education.
- (8) Qualify for any one of the Rover Proficiency badges :
(a) Literacy, (b) Population Education, (c) World Friendship, (d) sanitation Promoter, (e) Civil defence.
- (9) Associate with any nearby Park or a Troop or at a LA/DA campsite for three months and render need based service or Render service for three months in an institution/Village/slum area/ locality.
- (10) Participate in any one of the following : 1. Rock climbing. 2. Trekking. 3. Rafting. 4. Para sailing. 5. Para Jumping or complete adventure programme of National adventure Institute or Other recognised Institute.
- (11) Practice B.P Six Exercise or Surya Namaskar or Aerobic.
- (12) Have knowledge about the Laws for protecting women.
- (13) Organise “Campaign to Stop the Violence against Women and Girl Child.”
- (14) Visit a factory in the neighbourhood of schools/colleges/residence to understand the manufacturing process of various products and also to respect the dignity of labour.

Test for Rajya Puraskar:

- (1) Get the knowledge of website of Election Commission and help at least two persons to enrol themselves in the electoral roll.
- (2) A. Know First Aid, Mapping, Pioneering and camp craft skills upto Tritiya sapan.
B. Show further progress in Hobbies, handicrafts and Vocational skills.
- (3) Study any book of Transactional Analysis and be able to state 3 Ego state and 3 types of transactions.
- (4) Qualify for Ambulance man Badge for Scout section with knowledge of CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation).
- (5) Prepare a paper or give talk on religious tolerance or participate in any religious function other than of his own and report to the Rover Scout Leader / Crew Council.
- (6) Render service in an institution/ structure/ place/ building of public importance/public garden and look after its upkeep at least two hours in a week for at least three months.
- (7) Complete the following :
 - (a) Participate in a Campaign by a Crew to educate people in protecting public properties.
 - (b) Build a Pioneering Project at the campaign area with the help of Crew and local community.
- (8) Be able to present culture and heritage of any region of India through modern Audio-visual aids.
- (9) To inculcate the habit of small saving in to the Rovers through a bank formed by them and also to make them learn banking operations, or guide and promote at least one Self Help group of a locality of village/ town/ city.
 - a) Create an ID in a Social Network and be able to communicate with at least ten members of any other states of BSG.
 - b) Plan and work for a Project at least for a month in consultation with Rover Scout Leader to help Children/ Aged/ Differently able/ Sick persons in an old age home or at an orphanage or at an appropriate place close to locality.

OR

Plan and finance a project with crew members to enrich the life of villagers, staying in a village at least for a week.

- (10) Have knowledge in ;
 - i) Camp Craft :
 - a. Pitching, striking & packing a Double Fly Tent.
 - b. Layout of a camp with latrine and a camp kitchen.
 - c. Cooking enough meal for two persons using backwoodsman method.

- i) **Pioneering :**
 - a. Tie and show the use of Double Sheet Bend, Scaffold hitch, Bowline on the bite.
 - b. Various methods of Hold fast and Anchorages.
 - c. With the help of other Rovers, build a pioneering Project using Hold Fast and Anchorages.
- ii) **Mapping :**
 - a. Know the Triangulation method and make a map of small area.
 - b. Follow a route of not less than 1 km and make a map of the route by road Traverse method.
- iii) Work as “Free Being Me Peer educator” for forty eight hours, spread over a period of six months with at least two hours in a week.

OR

Participate in a sustained community development project at least two hours in a week for six months on any two of the following subjects :

- A. Promote gender equality and empower women.
- B. Reduce child mortality.
- C. Improve maternal health.
- D. Combat HIV / AIDS, Malaria & other diseases.
- E. Ensure environmental sustainability.

iv) Qualify for Proficiency badges ;

- A. Disaster Preparedness Badge.
- B. Rambler’s Badge or Ecologist Badge.
- v) Undergo a minimum three nights adventure camp under canvas in an open air or make and stay in a tree top shelter for one night along with other Rovers.

Lesson III :

Test for Rashtrapati Rover Award:

1. (A) Choose any one of the following and discuss in the Crew Council and submit a report based on statistics and data collected for approval :
 - i. Any subject on Current World Affairs.
 - ii. Any two Regions of World Organisation of Scout Movement (WOSM)
 - iii. National Affairs i.e. Our Government/ National Development plans and schemes/ National Educational Policy/ Service organisations/ Cooperatives etc.
2. Undertake a Community Development Project on Health or Food Production or Environment or Sanitation or a project suited to the particular area with the approval of Crew Council for at least three months with the crew and submit a report to the Crew Council.
3. Render service at least for five days in a camp at District/ State/ National level.
4. Participate in Community Service Project for not less than thirty hours spread over a period of at least two months and should work once in a week.
5. Twenty Four hour Survival Hike Stay in an open place with another rover and service with available Natural Resources.

OR

Participate in a cross country overnight Adventure Hike.

OR

Participate in Any International Event out of India.

OR

International Adventure Programme.

6. Develop Internet Friendship with at least twenty members of the movement of other States as well as other countries.

OR

Be a member of Messenger of Peace and upload at least five projects on the MOP website.

OR

Establish a GeetManch through crew and Sing Songs from publications of BSG such as Geet Bharti,

SwarnSwarLehiri, patriotic songs, songs Promoting secularism and National Integration etc, at public places in a village/ town/ city for ensuring visibility of the Movement.

7. Qualify for the following Proficiency Badges :

- i) Disaster Management.
- ii) Any one of the following Rover Proficiency Badges not earned earlier :
 1. Heritage.
 2. AIDS Awareness.
 3. Soil conservation.
 4. Family Life Education.
 5. Blood Donor.

Conclusion:

Hope by now you are quite aware of the syllabus of the Rover Scout also what to perform to become a Rashtrapati Rover, so the following questions will help you to revise whatever you have gone through.

Kindly try to answer the following questions :

1. What is the minimum age to be a rover ?
2. What are the 3 stages in a rover carrier ?
3. When a rover aspirant can be invested ?
4. What are the provision period of rover aspirant?
5. How many numbers of all faiths prayer meetings minimum are required at the nipunstage ?
6. How many hours of services are required at the rajya puraskar rover stage?
7. How many proficiency badges a rover has to qualify to become nipun rover ?
8. In which stage a Rover has to inculcate the habit of Small Savings ?
9. How many days service are required in camping at Dist/ State/ National is required to become a Rashtrapati Rover ?
10. How many proficiency badges one has to acquire at the Rashtrapati Rover Award stage?

Reference Books:

1. Reverting to Success. – B-P
2. Aids to Scouting. – B.P.
3. Scouting for Boys. B-P.
4. Rover Scouts. NHQ
5. Aims Policy Rules Organisation. Pt. II – NHQ.

Kindly check the answers of the above questions:

1. The minimum age to become a Rover is 15 years.
2. There are three stages in the career of a Rover namely ;
 - i. Rover Aspirant.
 - ii. Rover and
 - iii. Rover-in-Service The provision period of Rover Aspirant is
3. A Rover Aspirant can be invested as a Rover only after completion of fifteen years of age and should have worked for three months for Pravesh Test.
4. The Provision period is 3 months.
5. One has to attend at least four All Faiths Prayer Meetings.
6. At RajyaPuraskarRover stage in a sustained community development project at least two hours in a week for six months.
7. Qualify for any one of the Rover Proficiency badges ;
(a)Literacy, (b) Population Education, (c) World Friendship, (d) sanitation Promoter, (e) Civil defence.
8. At RajyaPuraskar Stage.
9. Render service at least for five days in a camp at District/ State/ National level.
10. Disaster Management. (Compulsory)
And any one of the following Rover Proficiency Badges not earned earlier ;
 1. Heritage.
 2. AIDS Awareness.
 3. Soil conservation.
 4. Family Life Education.
 5. Blood Donor.

