



Fall Seasonal Assessments:

It's that time again! Your Section has completed the Plan and had the Adventure (Do); now it's time to complete the Review process for the Fall Season



The process for managing a quality program in your Section has been completely revitalized to work hand in hand with **The Canadian Path**. The Canadian Path's new approach to program quality asks that Scouters facilitate programs based on the **Four Elements: Adventure, Plan-Do-Review** and **SPICES** (Social, Physical, Intellectual, Character, Emotional, and Spiritual).

Youth-led planning, doing and reviewing should be applied to every Adventure that your Section shares, whether it's at an evening meeting or over a weekend outing. It's also important to help youth set long-term goals for themselves and then review their progress towards these long-term goals regularly. The Plan-Do-Review cycle is critically important because growth in the SPICES happens when youth appreciate their development. A shared review also helps youth to recognize how they can have even more successful adventures in the future. The "Program Quality Assessment" process is the same regardless of Section. The assessment process is divided into four cycles that align with the four seasons; please note Sections who complete and enter a minimum of three seasonal assessments for a given Scouting Year will be designated as quality Sections in **MyScouts.ca**. Each season Scouters use **eight steps** designed to ensure youth

and young adults are consistently participating in rewarding, high-quality programs.

Sections will be identified on [MyScouts.ca](https://myscouts.ca) as having a quality program simply by completing and entering a minimum of three Seasonal Assessments per Scouting Year. It's that simple!

By reflecting on their Scouting program several times a year, Sections will identify what they're doing well, and what might need some more attention or another approach. A commitment to performing seasonal assessments will help a Section to steadily improve its program.

The Program Quality Review: What do I submit?

Youth and Scouters should provide their Group Committee with a summary of their "Seasonal Assessment" (review). It should include information about what the youth liked or didn't like, how the youth are progressing towards their goals for the year and what adjustments they are going to make moving forward as a result of their review.


This does not need to be a formal report. It should be a conversation between the Group Committee and the Section about the Section's overall health and progress towards the youth's goals. This conversation may be very different depending on the Section.

The Group Committee's role is not to pass judgement, but rather to encourage the Section to continue improving its program and meeting the goals the youth have set out. It is the Group Committee's role to find out how it can better support the Section in the achievement of the youth's goals.

ASSESSMENT

Using the [PQS Section Specific Standards](#)

- 1) Youth evaluate their Program and Self-Assess
- 2) Section Leadership Team Assess
- 3) Section Scouter shares plans and accomplishments with Group Committee
- 4) Group Commissioners will indicate on each Section's profile which Seasonal Reviews have been completed through a new 'PQA' tab in Myscouts.ca
- 5) Myscouts.ca will automatically confer the Program Quality Award to those Sections that have completed three of the four Seasonal Reviews during the Scouting Year and have shared the results with their [Group Committees](#).
- 6) Sections that have earned the Program Quality Award will have the **PQA** icon appear in **'Find a Group'** results.



Sections can share their great Scouting experiences on “**Adventures on the Path.**” If your Section is looking for ideas beyond the Trail Cards, **Adventures on the Path** is a useful resource. Posts can be filtered by Section, length of activity, Program Area and “**Outdoor Adventure Skill.**”

Here is a guide on how to enter your seasonal assessment into MyScouts:

<https://help.scouts.ca/hc/en-ca/articles/360000404006-How-to-use-Program-Quality-Awards-in-MyScouts>