

Theme-based Program Planning Using Program Features for Troops, Teams and Crews

Use *Program Feature* themes to help plan activities that reinforce Duty to God and *Come, Follow Me*. Your objective is to keep quorum members involved while helping them grow leadership skills. Follow these steps to accomplish that objective:

1. Annually choose 10-12 monthly themes
 - As a quorum presidency, select adventure themes from the list on the back of this book that interest your quorum.
 - Assign a theme for each month of the year.
2. Hold regular quorum presidency meetings
 - At least 30 days before the next month, review the chosen *Program Feature*; for example, see Backpacking (p. 18-1).
 - Use the suggested activity outlines and main event planner (pp.18-7 to 18-10) to plan engaging, high-quality activities that meet priesthood purposes (see **Handbook 2:** 8.1.3)
 - For older youth, Challenging (blue ■) and Advanced (black ◆) tracks will push them beyond their comfort zones while keeping them interested in healthy, productive activities.
 - Assign all quorum members some part of the meeting or activity
 - When planning, the advisor should ask: “What outcome do we need from this activity? What Priesthood Purpose can it meet?” (e.g., leadership skills, activation, fellowship)
 - Be sure to consider Duty to God and the *Come, Follow Me* theme for each month as you discuss spiritual outcomes and reflections for these activities.
3. At weekly presidency meeting, refine details for the next activity or meeting.
 - Ask assigned quorum members to return and report
4. Hold the meeting or activity
 - Presidency needs to preside.
 - Quorum members take ownership and lead parts of the plan as assigned.
5. Reflection
 - After the meeting or activity, review the meeting and reflect by asking:
 - What should we stop doing, start doing, and continue to do?
 - Did we meet the priesthood purpose and other objectives?
 - Can we find meaning in this meeting or activity related to this month’s *Come, Follow Me* theme?
 - Did we accomplish any parts of the Duty to God program for our quorum?