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PARTICIPANTS EVALUATION

Impact Assessment Questionnaire





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INTRODUCTION

Impact assessment is a critical aspect of evaluating scouting activities as it provides valuable insights into the effectiveness and overall success of the program. Through the activities implemented by our NSOs, we aim to provide young participants with experiences that promote personal growth, character development, leadership skills, and a sense of community.

Assessing the impact of these activities helps ensure that these goals are being met and provides guidance for improvement. Here are several reasons why impact assessment is crucial in evaluating scouting activities:

1. **Quality Improvement:** Impact assessment allows our NSOs to identify areas where their programs are excelling and areas where there is room for improvement. By collecting feedback from participants, leaders, and parents, organizations can make data-driven decisions to enhance the overall quality of scouting activities.
2. **Participant Satisfaction:** Assessing the impact of scouting activities helps measure participant satisfaction. When participants have positive experiences, they are more likely to stay engaged and continue their involvement in scouting. Conversely, if participants are dissatisfied, the organization can take action to address their feedback.
3. **Learning and Development:** Scouting aims to provide opportunities for young people to learn and develop essential life skills. Impact assessment helps measure the extent to which participants are acquiring these skills, such as leadership, teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and outdoor skills. This information is valuable for tailoring activities to better meet educational objectives.
4. **Goal Achievement:** Scouting organizations typically have specific goals and objectives for their programs, such as fostering a sense of responsibility, promoting community service, or teaching environmental stewardship. Impact assessment allows these organizations to determine if their activities are effectively achieving these goals or if adjustments are needed.
5. **Resource Allocation:** By understanding which activities have the most significant impact, scouting organizations can allocate their resources more efficiently. This means investing more time, effort, and resources into activities that consistently yield positive outcomes and possibly phasing out or modifying those that do not.
6. **Long-Term Impact:** Impact assessment can also measure the long-term effects of scouting activities. It helps organizations determine whether participants continue to benefit from their scouting experience as they grow into adulthood. This information can be valuable for demonstrating the lasting impact of scouting programs to potential sponsors, donors, and stakeholders.



7. **Safety and Risk Management:** Scouting activities often involve outdoor adventures and potentially risky situations. Impact assessment can help identify safety concerns and assess whether participants are adequately prepared and protected during these activities. This information is essential for maintaining a safe environment for all participants.
8. **Community Engagement:** NSOs are often deeply connected to their local communities. Impact assessment can demonstrate the positive contributions of scouting activities to the community, which can help foster support and collaboration with local stakeholders.
9. **Accountability:** Impact assessment holds scouting organizations accountable for their promises and objectives. It ensures that they are meeting the expectations of parents, participants, and the community and can help maintain the trust and credibility of the organization.

Impact assessment is vital to ensure that our NSOs are fulfilling their educational, developmental, and community-oriented goals. By regularly evaluating the impact of scouting activities, organizations can adapt and improve their programs to better serve the needs of their participants and communities while fostering a culture of continuous learning and growth.





IMPACT ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

When evaluating scouting activities (e.g., a training, event etc.), it's important to gather feedback from participants to assess the impact, skills acquired, and the learning experience. Remember to anonymize the responses and ensure that participants feel comfortable providing honest feedback. Here's a comprehensive list of questions you can include in the participants' evaluation survey:

1. Demographic Information

- Name (optional)
- Age
- Gender
- NSO
- Position/Role
- How many years have you been involved in scouting activities?

2. Objectives and Expectations

- What were your expectations or personal goals before participating in this scouting activity?
- Were the objectives and expected outcomes of the activity clearly explained to you before the event?
- How did your actual experience align with your initial expectations?
- Were there any surprises or unexpected elements to the activity?
- Did you achieve the objectives you set for yourself?

3. Skills and Learning

- What specific skills or knowledge did you acquire during this scouting activity?
- What specific outdoor skills did you acquire during this scouting activity (e.g., fire building, first aid)?
- Did you learn any valuable leadership skills while participating in the activity?
- How did this scouting activity contribute to your knowledge e.g., of leading a team, of environmental sustainability?
- Can you provide an example of how you applied the skills you learned during the activity?

4. Teamwork and Leadership

- How did you promote teamwork among your teammates?
- Can you provide an example of a teamwork challenge you faced and how you overcame it?
- How did working with your teammates enhance your experience of the activity?
- Did you take on a leadership role during the activity, and if so, how did it affect your experience?
- How was your overall team experience?



5. Outdoor Experience

- How would you rate the overall outdoor experience during this scouting activity? (Scale: 1-5, with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent)
- Did you face any unexpected outdoor challenges, and how did you handle them?
- Were there any memorable moments during the activity?
- Did you have any specific expectations about the outdoor experience, and were they met?
- Were there any weather-related challenges, and how did you cope with them?

6. Safety and Preparedness

- Did you feel safe and included throughout the activity? If not, please explain why.
- Were safety guidelines and procedures clearly communicated at the beginning of the activity?
- Did you receive training or guidance on how to stay safe during the scouting activity?
- Did you feel adequately prepared for the e.g. outdoor challenges you encountered?
- How did the experience reinforce your knowledge and understanding of safety and preparedness in scouting?

7. Environmental Awareness

- Did the activity include any discussions or activities related to e.g. environmental conservation and sustainability?
- Were you encouraged to minimize your environmental impact during the activity?
- Did you learn about e.g. local flora and fauna during the scouting activity?
- Were there any environmental initiatives or projects associated with the activity?
- How has this scouting activity increased your awareness of environmental issues?

8. Personal Growth

- In what ways do you believe this scouting activity contributed to your personal growth and personal development?
- Did the experience challenge you mentally or emotionally, and how did you respond?
- How did you develop resilience and problem-solving skills during the activity?
- How did you adapt to unexpected situations or obstacles?
- What personal strengths or qualities did you discover or reinforce during the activity?

9. Impact on Scouting Skills

- Do you feel more competent after participating in this activity?
- Did you gain confidence in your ability to perform essential scouting tasks?
- How has this activity enhanced your knowledge of scouting traditions and practices?



- Did you have the opportunity to share your scouting skills with others?
- How do you plan to continue developing your scouting skills after this activity?

10. Long-Term Impact

- Do you believe the skills and knowledge gained from this activity will benefit you in your future scouting adventures and in your personal life?
- How do you plan to apply what you've learned?
- How do you plan to sustain and build upon what you've learned in the long term?

11. Fun and Enjoyment

- On a scale of 1-5, how much did you enjoy this scouting activity?
(1 being not enjoyable, 5 being very enjoyable)
- What were the most enjoyable aspects of the activity for you?

12. Recommendations

- Would you recommend this scouting activity to other scouts? (Yes/No)
- What suggestions do you have for improving similar scouting activities in the future?

13. Additional Comments

- Is there anything else you would like to share about your experience with this scouting activity?