





South London Scouts

Gain your identity as a leader

ACTIVITY: Deepen your self-awareness and leadership philosophy



- A printout of our crest template or plain paper to draw your own
- A pencil to draw with
- Colouring pen or pencils
- If you choose, scissors, glue stick and images/pictures to cut out



Print out the crest template or draw your own shield design.

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Take some time to think about:

- your greatest success or proudest moment
- who your greatest influence or role model is
- 3 words to describe you
- your values and the values of the scout association
- the qualities of a good leader in scouting

Create your coat of arms containing four items that symbolise things you consider most important for you as a young leader to possess.

Your coat of arms should cover four categories:

- 1. two of your key leadership skills
- 2. what you like most about being a young leader
- 1. two values that you believe help influence others
- 3. your recent success or accomplishments.

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for example, your crest may include things like:

- fire representing your belief that a leader must have passion
- a lion representing your belief that a leader must have great strength
- ears representing your belief that a leader must have the ability to listen
- people representing your belief that a leader must be part of an effective team

You can draw or cut out pictures or use words to represent each area. Don't worry about being a good drawing, the main thing is expressing what you think is important for a leader

	Once you have created your crest ask yourself:
D	 What items did I add to my leadership coat of arms? Which section of my coat of arms was easiest to create, and why?
	 Do I think my coat of arms reveals something about me that others might not know, and what are they? Are our scouting values reflected on your crest? Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.
	 Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live. Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.
	Do my personal core values align with my accomp- liab manta?
	lishments?
	What part of my create is most important to me
E	Now add your own personal slogan – this should reflect what you try to show/exemplify.
F	If you want to you can also decorate your crest with other graphics or designs that reflect other areas of your life.
G	List what you have included on your shield and the reasons behind them.
Н	Our backgrounds, values, and personal philosophies affect the ways we interact and lead.
	Take some time to think about the different sections of your crest and how you use then to be a great young leader in your scout group.