

Post / Club _____ of _____ District

2020 Exploring's Journey to Excellence

"Exploring's method for annual planning and continuous improvement"

Item	Objective	Bronze Level	Silver Level	Gold Level	Bronze Points	Silver Points	Gold Points
Committee and Planning					Total Points:		
							300
#1	Committee and planning: Have an active post or club committee.	Post or club committee adopts an annual plan and meets at least twice a year.	The post or club committee meets at least four times a year.	The post or club committee meets at least six times a year.	100	200	300
Participants and Growth					Total Points:		
							500
#2	Open house: Conduct an open house or recruitment event.	Conduct an open house or recruitment event.	Conduct an open house or recruitment event in November.	Conduct an open house or recruitment event in September or October.	100	200	300
#3	Growth: Recruit and retain youth in the post or club in order to grow membership.	Maintain or grow number of youth participating in post or club programs as compared to the prior year.	Achieve Bronze, plus at least half of the youth remain involved throughout the year.	Achieve Bronze, plus at least two-thirds of the youth remain involved throughout the year.	50	100	200
Program					Total Points:		
							700
#4	Post or club program: Include interactive activities in the post or club program/meetings.	40% of meetings include interactive activities.	70% of meetings include interactive activities.	85% of meetings include interactive activities.	50	100	200
#5	Youth leadership: Have trained youth leadership.	Have active youth officers.	Achieve Bronze, plus post or club Officers' Seminar is conducted for all youth officers.	Achieve Silver, plus at least 3 Explorers complete the requirements as outlined in the Officers' Seminar.	50	100	200
#6	Super activity: The post or club plans and/or participates in a super activity.	Explorers participate in an activity, either nationally, regionally, or locally.	The post or club will plan and conduct it's own super activity.	Achieve Silver with at least 50% Explorers in attendance.	50	100	150
#7	Service projects: The post or club participates in one or more community service projects.	Explorers performed one or more community service projects averaging six hours per registered Explorer.	Explorers performed one or more community service projects averaging eight hours per registered Explorer.	Explorers performed one or more community service projects averaging ten hours per registered Explorer.	50	100	150
Volunteer Leadership					Total Points:		
							500
#8A	Post adult leadership: Have registered and engaged adult leaders.	Have five registered adult leaders including: Advisor, associate Advisor, committee chair, and two committee members.	Have six registered adult leaders including: Advisor, associate Advisor, committee chair, and two committee members.	Have eight or more registered adult leaders including: Advisor, associate Advisor, committee chair, and two committee members.	100	200	300
#8B	Club adult leadership: Have registered and engaged adult leaders.	Have three registered adult leaders including: Sponsor, a co-sponsor, and a committee member.	Have four registered adult leaders including: Sponsor, co-sponsor, and two committee members.	Have five registered adult leaders including: Sponsor, co-sponsor, and three committee members.	100	200	300
#9	Trained adults: Have trained adult leaders. All adult volunteers have current youth protection training.	Advisor, an associate advisor, sponsor, or a co-sponsor has completed position-specific training.	Achieve Bronze, plus 50% of registered adults have completed Adult Explorer Leader Training.	Achieve Silver, plus 75% of registered adults have completed Adult Explorer Leader Training.	50	100	200

- ☐ **Bronze:** Earn at least 600 points by earning points in at least 6 objectives.
- ☐ **Silver:** Earn at least 900 points by earning points in at least 7 objectives.
- ☐ **Gold:** Earn at least 1,200 points by earning points in at least 7 objectives.

Total points earned: _____

No. of objectives with points: _____

- ☐ *Post/Club leaders have met with the executive officer of the participating organization.*
- ☐ *Our post/club has submitted our renewal forms with the necessary signatures and fees prior to the deadline.*
- ☐ *We certify that these requirements have been completed:*

Advisor/Sponsor _____ Date _____

President _____ Date _____

LFL Representative _____ Date _____

This form should be submitted to the local Learning for Life office.

Exploring's Journey to Excellence

2020 Post/Club Planning, Performance, and Recognition

Journey to Excellence uses a balanced approach to measure performance. The objectives were developed following extensive research into proven indicators of enduring post and club programs. It guides program planning before the year begins, monitors activities for continuous improvement during the year, and recognizes performance at the end of the year. In planning your strategy, use actual numbers from the previous renewal year to chart your progress. Use the criteria in planning your strategy for the coming year to guide your performance improvement. The youth officers should take the lead in making this assessment. The period for measuring performance will be the calendar year.

Committee and Planning Measures	
1	The post or club has a committee that meets throughout the year to support the program.
Participants and Growth Measures	
2	The post or club annually conducts an open house or similar recruiting event.
3	The post or club has an active recruiting program and maintains youth involvement in an annual program.
Program Measures	
4	Post or club meetings consist of interactive activities to engage Explorers beyond listening to lectures, reading handouts, or watching slide shows. This is a proven indicator of post success.
5	The post or club provides youth leadership opportunities and training. Explorers are encouraged to complete the requirements of an officers' seminar.
6	A super activity is a major trip, activity, or project requiring advanced planning and promotion by Explorers. Qualify for Bronze by participating in an activity planned by another group.
7	The post or club participates in one or more community service projects during the year. The projects may be completed as joint projects with other organizations. Criteria is based on average hours per Explorer, not total hours for each Explorer.
Volunteer Leadership Measures	
8	Having a sufficient number of adults is a proven indicator of success and longevity. Posts use the measures outlined in Criterion 8A on the reverse side, while clubs use those described in 8B.
9	All adult volunteers have current youth protection training. Registered leaders have completed Adult Explorer Leader Training.

Scoring the post's or club's performance: To determine the performance level, the council will use the above information to measure the points earned for each of the 9 individual criteria and then add those individual point scores to determine a composite score. Bronze level requires earning 600 points in at least 6 criteria, Silver level requires earning 900 points in at least 7 criteria, and Gold level requires earning 1,200 points in at least 7 criteria.

