

CULTURE SWAP

This year is the 100th anniversary of Rover Scouting (now Explorer Scouts and Scout Network). Over the years, the Scout Movement has grown and developed into a worldwide organisation. This month, we'd like to celebrate the similarities and differences between Rover-aged Scouts all over the world by hosting a "culture swap" evening or session for your Explorer Unit or Network. Take a look at the ideas below to get you started, but feel free to come up with your own. Have fun sharing stories about what your meetings are like, and finding out about new friends across the world.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

First off, you'll need to meet up as a Network or Explorer Unit, and plan what a typical evening or session looks like for you. Remember to be explicit; Scouting across the world looks very different, and some things that might be obvious to you might not be so obvious to someone else.

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- Where do you normally meet? What day and time?
- What do you wear to your meetings?
- Who runs your meetings? Do you have a leader, or is it one of you who leads sessions?
- Are you split into groups/patrols?

- How do you start your meetings? Can you give instructions for how you do flag break?
- What are some of your favourite games that you play?
- Do you have food at meetings? What types of things do you typically eat?
- Do you work towards badges? Perhaps you could plan a badge programme evening, and send your matched group some of the badges you've earned.

THE SWAP

Now all you need to do is get in contact with another group and share your plan, in exchange for one from them. You can get in touch with groups via the [International Links](#), or you can use contacts you may have through attending [International events](#) such as the Jamboree, Moot or Roverway. Once you have the session plan, you can set a date, gather what you need and run the meeting!

Afterwards, you can get back in contact with your international group and have a chat about how it went! What was different? What was the same? Was there anything you preferred to your way of running things? Are there any games or activities you're going to keep and work into your programme?

