



Squirrels

5 Quick Youth Shaped
ideas

This is a little booklet with some Squirrel Youth Shaped Scouting activities.

We know then you change the start of the story you change the whole of the story. That's why we start our youth shaped scouting right from the start.

Youth Shaped Scouting is about young people working together with volunteers to shape, influence and lead their adventure.

At Scouts, young people learn how to speak up and take the lead because a young person who knows how to shape their own experience through planning. Leading and representing has a powerful skill set that will carry them through life.

In Squirrels, youth shaped is about:

- **Creating an environment where they can take chances and learn from their mistakes.**
- **Empowering them to stand up for what they believe in and lead their peers through social action**
- **Giving them a chance to work with their leaders to make a difference in their group, community, and the wider world.**

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Book Voting

We all know how important books are to our Squirrel programme. Therefore, why not do a book vote?

You can use counter or blocks to show a visual representation to show which has been picked.



Corners



Our young people love to be physical activate.
Why don't you play Corners with them. Put
Pictures such the badges in the 4 corners and ask the
Squirrels questions such as:
Which did you like the most?
which was the most active?

Brainstorm Box



**Ask each person to come with an item which they like.
Then you can generate programme suggestions and ideas
from the item which are in touch with you Squirrels.**

Emojis



Our Squirrels live in the digital age, and most will know about emojis and their meanings. Give the young people emojis and ask them questions and see what they answer. Such as:

How do you feel about going outside next week?

Did you like it when we invited a guest in to the Dray?

Thumbs Up



At the end of every session, you can ask the young people to do a thumbs up and down activity. To get quick feedback from them. You can ask them a question such as

Did you enjoy taking part in the badge?

Do you enjoy doing the craft?

Thank you!

For taking the time to read this booklet and we hope it has given you some more ideas.

If you have any questions or want to share more ideas please share them with

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Don't forget to share what you have done on social media and tag us in it! @wyscouts

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