

This activity contributes to the following badges:



Membership Award



Beaver Creative Activity Badge



Beaver My World Challenge Award



Cub Our World Challenge Award



Scout World Challenge Award



Chief Scout's Bronze, Silver and Gold Award

Explorer Scout Young Leaders

Your Young Leaders could lead this activity

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Make a new-year time capsule

The start of term Get 2018 off to a flying start by making pledges and promises for the year ahead

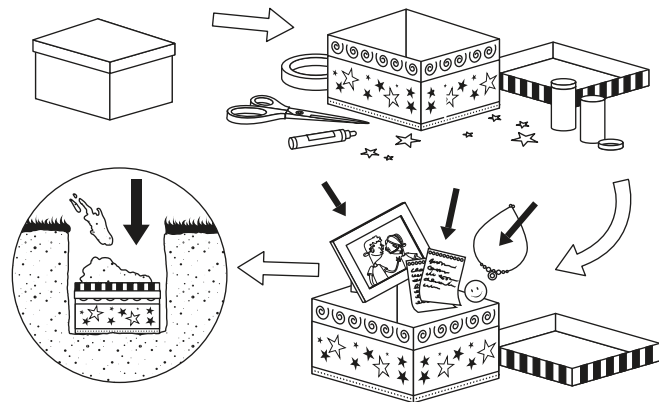
Time 30–60 minutes

Equipment

- large jar (with lid), biscuit tin or sturdy shoe box
- wrapping paper, paint, ribbons, glitter, stickers
- glue
- paper
- pens
- memorabilia, eg photos, notes, badges, a necker, etc
- parcel tape
- thick plastic bag (only if you plan to bury your capsule)

Instructions

- 1** Find a suitable container to act as your time capsule – you need one that seals securely. Give your section the jar, tin or box and ask them to decorate it together. The time capsule should represent the personality of your section, so talk to the group about how they think it should look. They could incorporate the Promise into their decorations.
- 2** Ask the young people to make a label for the box that shows the name of your section and instructs anyone who finds it not to open it until January 2019. Stick it to the box.



3 Put the time capsule to one side to allow it to dry. Now you can all work on its contents. Give each young person a piece of paper and ask them to write their name, an interesting fact about themselves and their hopes, predictions or pledges for the next year on it. The latter should link to their Promise.

4 Put the pledges into the time capsule and add photos or mementos, before fitting the lid and sealing it with tape. Make sure young people understand that they won't be able to get the items back for a year and that there is risk of them getting damaged. Now discuss where to put it – could you bury it (remember to clearly mark the place), or hide it in your meeting place? Make sure

the leadership team knows exactly where it has been hidden. You could even put it somewhere prominent as a reminder of the pledges your young people have made.

5 After a year has passed, open it with your section and talk about the things they wrote and the progress they've made over the past year.

Take it further

Explore the Promise with your section – what it means to the young people and the wider Scout Movement. How can they ensure they fulfill their Promise throughout the year and – after the year has passed – what might they have done differently? How will this inform their choices for the next year?