



The Observation Tower

The Observation tower is designed for rovers and adult Scouts who want to grow personally. There are seventeen tiers, which are linked to 17 sustainable development goals.

Basic conditions

On each tier there are carefully selected tasks out of which one needs to be accomplished. This means that 17 tasks must be accomplished before reaching the very top of the Observation Tower itself.

The choice of tasks is free, but they should be a challenge. Tasks completed before starting the module do not count and one needs to select another one. There is a possibility to create four custom tasks in cooperation with the leader.

Module completion is without a time limit.

Tasks

Goal 1. Eliminate poverty in all its forms anywhere in the world

- I have tried to spend 2 days with 2 € per day
- at least 2 times I helped someone socially weaker in our country or abroad
- I have spent one night in a cardboard shelter without any other equipment and shared my experience with my own patrol.

Goal 2. Eliminate hunger, malnutrition and achieve food security

- I haven't thrown out any food for 2 weeks
- for one week I refused lunch or dinner every day and I donated it to charity or people in need
- with my patrol I have grown my own vegetables by using seeds, nurslings but also plant residues

Goal 3. Ensure a healthy life and promote well-being

- for 2 weeks, I have kept myself hydrated as recommended, i.e. I drank min. 2.5l of water per day and at the same time I slept for at least 7 hours a day and went to bed at 22.00 at the latest
- I have traveled at least 25 km of cycle paths and I have searched for the municipal bicycle rental system in Slovakia
- I have studied the health insurance system in 4 different countries from different continents and I have explained it to members of my patrol

Goal 4. Ensure education of the same quality for all and promote lifelong learning

- for at least 15 hours I have been self-educating myself in the area where I want to improve (for example, through e-learning, self-study of books, etc.)
- I have learned a senior (grandmother, grandfather, someone in retirement home, ...) something useful, such as how to use a computer / smartphone and so on.
- at least 5 times I taught someone who needed it free of charge

Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower women and girls

- for at least 1 hour I have been performing activity stereotypically attributed to the opposite sex
- I have read an interesting book that describes the situation of women in developing countries (such as Thousand Splendid Suns, Desert Flower, White Masai)
- I have found out what ratio of women and men there is in the council, regional council, and in the National Board. I compared my findings with the relative representation of women and men in the Parliament, and I discussed the results with my team.

Goal 6. Ensure water availability, sustainable water management and sanitation

- for three days I was making 10 repetitions of physical exercises (straps, bends, cranks, etc.) after each use of water. I did not put off the exercises until later.
- I have visited the sewage treatment plant
- I have made my own water filter and then I made a demonstration of how it worked to my patrol

Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable and sustainable energy

- at least two usual days (outside the camp) I survived without electricity and electronic devices
- I have produced electricity in any desired way
- I have found out how people are obtaining electric energy in the developing parts of the world and what measures could improve their situation

Goal 8. Promote sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work

- I have attended a career counseling consultancy or a course / workshop to increase my work skills
- I have talked to 10 people of different professions about their working conditions
- I have found out what a fair trade is and I organized a discussion on fair trade with my team with refreshments and additional information about it

Goal 9. Build robust infrastructure and promote sustainable industrialization and innovation

- I have found out what Internet coverage in Slovakia is and what Internet access they have on different continents, I shared this information with my team
- I have built a bridge across a creek where it was needed
- I have invented an innovation, or I created a prototype that could be used in scouting

Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and between countries

- I have been in contact with a scout from a less developed country and I have learned more about life in it
- I have been involved in a project for disadvantaged groups of people
- on a football field or in a camp, I organized a simulation game on inequalities in the world

Goal 11. Create safe and resilient cities and human settlements

- for 2 weeks I did not use a motorized vehicle when moving within 6 km
- I identified a problem in my city / village, wrote a blog about it, or filed an initiative to self-government (eg. personally, through Message to the mayor portal, etc.)
- together with my patrol, I organized a community-based project / action to develop the place where we operate

Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production

- for 2 weeks I was buying meat, eggs, vegetables and fruits only from local producers
- I set up a compost where it was missing
- for 2 weeks I tried to produce the smallest waste possible, I shared the experience with my patrol

Goal 13. Take immediate action to fight combat climate change

- for two weeks I ate as a vegan
- I have created a poster in the clubhouse about what causes climate change, what climate negotiations have been made and the protocols / conventions have been adopted at world level and what is the situation with emissions in Slovakia
- I taught my patrol how to calculate the ecological footprint and we compared each other's results

Goal 14. Maintain and sustainable use of oceans and seas

- I have watched or visited a movie screening, a public discussion, or another event on the sustainable use of oceans or seas
- I made an ecological laundry detergent and replaced my old detergent
- I organized a panel discussion on "For and Against Hydroelectric Power Plants" with my patrol

Goal 15. Protect continental ecosystems, promote sustainable forest management, fight desertification

- for at least 10 hours I volunteered in the Green Patrol, shelter or similar enviro initiative
- after consulting with an expert, if the selection of the wood and the place is appropriate, I planted a tree in my neighbourhood
- I have built a birdhouse or insect hotel with my patrol

Goal 16. Ensure access to justice for all, create effective and responsible institutions

- I have found out what kind of complaints the Public Defender of Rights Office is handling
- I have organized a public discussion in the format of a living book, with the testimony of old scouts people who were active during totalitarian times, or dissidents
- in the camp I have prepared and implemented a thematic day with peace and conflict resolution activities or I have joined the activities of Week for Peace with my patrol

Goal 17. Strengthen the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

- for at least 1 week I worked as volunteer abroad (EVS, scout projects etc.)

- I have actively participated in scouting or non-scouting event, where I also informed visitors about the 17 sustainable development goals

- I have rated my group in the Global Compass (kompas.skauting.sk) and recommended at least 3 other rovers to use it

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