

GETTING IDEAS FOR ACTIVITIES

Using the interests/hobbies information obtained from your members' profiles, list a few things your members enjoy doing in their spare time. Start with yourself. Next, state two ways you could share these with the Division. This can also be used to help link new members with existing group projects.

Name	Interests / Hobbies	How to use this information
<i>Example:</i>		
Timothy	- Avid "Internet" surfer - Comic Books - Movies	- Get group to look up SJA sites on the WEB - Put together your own SJA comic strip. Storyline, drawings, cover page, layout, etc. Include everyone's talents. - Host movie night at local seniors' residence.

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Exercise 7

The local community can greatly influence the kind of activities you are able to plan and offer.

Obtain or draw a map of your area. Mark all the public spaces (parks, community centres, arenas), public amenities (library, swimming pool, mini golf) and other facilities (churches, schools, fire station, seniors' residences, gardens).

From the map, determine if there are activities that could be planned around the community. Reach out to your local community:

- get to know the neighbourhood (e.g. fire station or hospital tour),
- improve your neighbourhood (e.g. plant some flowers),
- make a list of people and organizations who need help (e.g. build snowmen in front of a seniors' residence after a heavy snow storm).

Decide what the group would like to do and contact your local community group to determine the feasibility of your activities. Consider distance from your current meeting area and means of transportation for the group.