

Elements of a Successful Chapter

Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation

Use this form for evaluating the success of your chapter and to better understand where improvements might be made. This is also a great exercise to do before launching into a planning process.

Rate your chapter
1=low, 10=high

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| 1. A clear sense of purpose (mission) with goals and objectives. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 2. Positive attitude, “We CAN make a difference.” | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 3. Full partnership with park or forest. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 4. Full partnership with Pa Parks and Forests Foundation | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 5. Annual evaluation/completion of annual report | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 6. Budget reflects goals and objectives | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 7. Outreach to community and beyond | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 8. New members | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 9. Celebration of accomplishments/volunteer recognition | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 10. Recruitment of new leaders | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 11. More than 10% active members | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 12. Fun! | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 13. Other | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |

A healthy chapter means a better state park or state forest!

A healthy chapter makes it easier to recruit and maintain new leaders, volunteers and members.

A healthy chapter builds a bridge between the park and the general public.

Based upon your evaluation, what changes could the chapter make to strengthen the chapter?