



PARENTS GUIDE TO SCOUTS





Life as a Scout is an eye-opening adventure. Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Scout section is the third section in the Scout Group, following Beavers and Cubs, for young people aged between 10½ and 14 years old.

In their Troops, Scouts make friends with like-minded young people from all walks of life. Together, they will earn badges and awards by taking part in both indoor and outdoor activities.

When Scouts join they are 'invested' – making a promise to do their best and help others. Find the various versions of the Scout Promise on page 6.



**WELCOME TO
THE ADVENTURE!**

ACTIVITIES

Earn badges, achieve awards and enjoy the adventure of a lifetime!

Scouts are encouraged to learn by doing, so our Scout Programme is filled with adventurous activities to develop their confidence, independence and skill set.

With their Scout Leader, Scouts will plan a variety activities.

You can expect Scouts to get involved in activities such as:

- Community impact projects
- Creative activities
- Backwoods cooking
- Camping
- Hiking
- Sports
- Water activities.



LEARN THE SCOUT PROMISE

The Promise helps Scouts to understand and act in line with the values of Scouting; integrity, respect, care, belief and cooperation. Help your child choose the right Promise for them.

For Muslims

In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficial and the Most Merciful, I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to Allah and to the Queen, to help other people and to keep the Scout Law.

For Christians, Jews and Sikhs

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to God and to the Queen, to help other people and to keep the Scout Law.

For Hindus and Buddhists

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to my

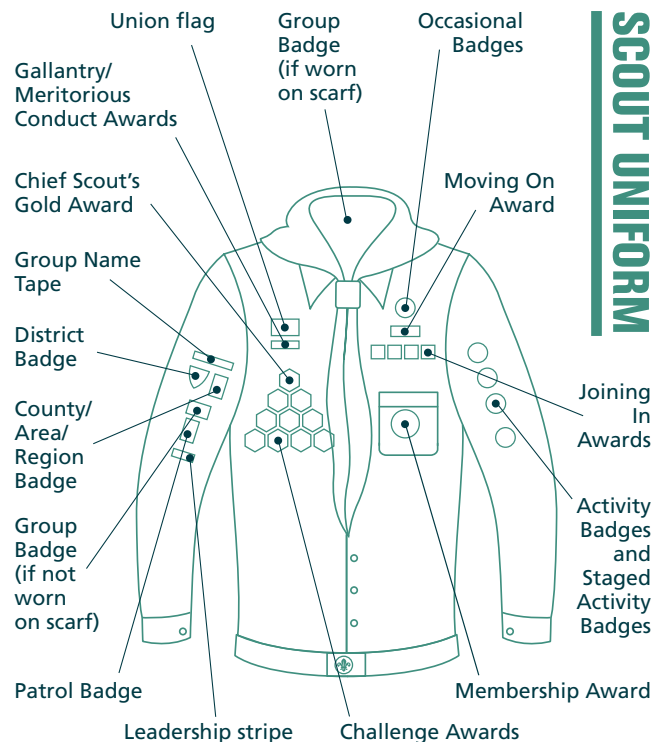
Dharma and to the Queen, to help other people and to keep the Scout Law.

For humanists, atheists and those with no defined faith

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best to uphold our Scout values, to do my duty to the Queen, to help other people and to keep the Scout Law.

For subjects of independent commonwealth and foreign countries, the following wording can replace 'duty to the Queen'

...to do my duty to the country in which I am now living.



SCOUT UNIFORM

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TO SCOUTING!

SKILLS FOR LIFE

Scouts learn skills that are essential to building their character, helping others and developing an awareness of the world around them.

Scouting helps young people to develop:

- The ability to work effectively in a team
- Leadership skills
- Problem solving skills
- Communication skills
- A sense of responsibility





To ensure your child is safe, leaders adhere to our anti-bullying, equal opportunities, safety and child protection policies.

Scouts take part in activities and learn new skills under the supervision of adult volunteers. They work effectively and safely with young people to deliver the Scout Programme and have access to training to support them in their role.

If you have any questions, get in touch with your local Leader.

Scouting is for adults too! We believe in flexible volunteering and offer a number of adult volunteering roles that suit a range of skills.

INTERESTED?

Speak to your local Leader to ask about the different roles available.

How much time you give is completely up to you. Whether you help out once a fortnight, month, term or just at special events or camps, there is bound to be a role for you.

BUILD ON YOUR SKILLS

Scouting offers the chance for you to build on personal skills like teamwork, confidence and leadership.

To find out how you can volunteer visit scouts.org.uk/get-involved



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Speak to your local Leader or visit scouts.org.uk/parents for more information.

You can also call the Scout Information Centre on **0345 300 1818** (local rate).

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YOUR TROOP

GROUP NAME:

MEETING DAY AND TIME:

MEETING PLACE:

LEADER'S NAME:

CONTACT NUMBER:

EMAIL:



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