Scouting
education for life
we are invested in a process of non-formal education through a specific value system
Scouting is a voluntary, non-political, educational movement for young people to develop their full emotional, intellectual, physical, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as citizens, and as members of their local, national, and international communities.

we help girls and boys become the principal agents of their development as committed, responsible, self-reliant and supportive persons.
Scouting is an Educational Movement

The Mission of Scouting is to contribute to the education of young people, through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law.
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to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society
through our work around the world we advance the causes of the environment and peace
For Scouts, the wellbeing of people comes first. We are committed to promoting a developmental model that balances the material, the environmental, the social, and the spiritual.
we promote sustainable development

sustainable

we are aware of the need to constantly address the issue of our social utility, and are prepared to meet the challenges
Scouting provides original approaches to several of the problems affecting young people today: education, employment, gender equality, participation, and spirituality development.
we promote employment, leadership, and participation
Scouting is all about learning by doing. Scouts do not learn from theory, but from experience and practice. Through activities that include building and renovation, exploration and hiking, and community service, Scouts develop the emotional, intellectual, physical, social, and spiritual skills needed to become leaders and active members of society.
Scouting is a school for future managers and leaders
the business world recognizes the added value of Scouting experience, including values such as integrity, loyalty and trust.
we are always engaged in inter-cultural, inter-generational, and inter-religious dialogue
dialogue to cross borders and promote tolerance

We cross borders through inter-cultural, inter-generational, and inter-religious dialogue. And in doing so, we promote a culture of equality and tolerance. Scouting is about learning to live together: about developing an adherence to the values of democracy, justice and peace; an appreciation of interdependence and teamwork; and an understanding of other people.

 Scouts work in teams, each with one team leader. According to their capacities, they decide how to organize their life as a group, and share their responsibilities.
we use dialogue to cross borders and promote tolerance
a representational system ensures that members also participate in the decision-making process of their unit, along with their adult leaders
Scouting today
Baden-Powell founded the Scout Movement in 1907

we have over 50 million members of whom 7 million are volunteer leaders

we are present in over 220 countries and territories

we have changed over 500 million lives thus far

World Scout Jamboree attended by over 40,000 boys and girls aged 14 - 18

open to all
our members are critical thinkers and reflective learners
lifelong values, skills and capabilities

Scouts make a voluntary commitment to abide by an ethical code of behaviour. The principles that rule a Scout’s life can be grouped in three categories: duty to God, duty to others, and duty to self.

The whole educational process within Scouting consists of enabling young people to gradually understand these values, adhere to them, and make them their own so that they permeate their behaviour throughout life.
we cultivate lifelong values, skills and capabilities
the skills and values acquired as a Scout accompany the individual throughout his or her family, personal and work life
we are devoted
to serving our communities
The Scout Movement offers the possibility to join, to all those who wish to do so, and does not impose any barrier to membership other than the adherence to its fundamental principles.

As a voluntary movement, its members all participate in the decision-making process. As stakeholders, its younger and older, male and female members are all actively involved in managing its affairs in a democratic manner.
we are volunteers

volunteer

as a volunteer movement promoting civic engagement
Scouts are devoted to serving their communities and getting them engaged in finding solutions to their problems
as citizens we use critical thinking and reflective learning to promote dialogue, leadership, and participation in the service of our communities.
we create

lifelong active citizens

From infancy and adolescence to adulthood, the Movement provides its members with the necessary skills and values to participate productively in the development of their communities.
as Scouts, members are involved in decision-making, accepting responsibility and developing cooperation & leadership
active citizenship
we are a social force that promotes a culture of peace and forms its members to make a constructive contribution to their communities
we engage in

peace education

Messengers of Peace is a World Scouting flagship initiative, with the aim to inspire millions of Scouts to do amazing things. Supporting the core of what Scouting has always delivered for youth, Messengers of Peace is an unprecedented resource to ensure a Scout’s capacity for peace on a personal, local and global level. It is the continuation of the powerful story of Scouting where young people drive big change to “Create A Better World”.
As a Scout I really enjoyed camping and hiking. I also learned a lot - including survival skills, importance of discipline, and responsibility we have towards other members of society.

Scouting provides an early training ground - it is a way to prepare for the responsibilities of global citizenship.

As the Secretary General of the United Nations I continue to draw on those experiences. I am proud to have been a Scout.

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