


Welcome to

SCOUTS



Scouts

1st Upton St Leonards



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Welcome

As a Scout, the world is at your fingertips. With countless opportunities to look forward to, you are about to do things you never thought you could. You will learn skills that will help you for the rest of your life, discover and embrace other cultures, and take part in challenges and experiences that will shape you forever.

This guide will steer you through everything you need to know about Scouts, and the opportunities that lie before you. You will learn about our history and our traditions, and you will explore how you can shape our future.

Welcome to Scouts; the fun is about to begin.

A Brief History of Scouting

22nd February

1857

Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell is born.

1899 - The Siege of Mafeking

Robert Baden-Powell (or B-P, as he was also known) served with the British army in a number of wars across Africa. During the Second Boer War he was stationed in the town of Mafeking, when it was sieged by a much larger army. During the 217 day battle to protect the town, B-P was impressed by a group of boys that helped the army with many different tasks, such as delivering messages, and acting as lookouts. B-P was so impressed with this group of boys that he started to think about how he could teach practical skills like these, as well as exploring, tracking and self-reliance, to children back in the UK.

1st August

1907 - The First Scout Camp

B-P organised the world's first Scout camp for 20 boys, which took place on Brownsea Island. They spent 8 days taking part in various activities, such as tracking, fishing, astronomy and biology, all with an aim to teach young people how to take the lead and try something new. The boys formed small groups, called Patrols, and each elected a Patrol Leader.

1908 - Scouting for Boys

In 1899, B-P published the book *Aids to Scouting*, based on skills he had learnt while living in Africa. After the success of the camp on Brownsea Island he wrote a new book, *Scouting for Boys*, which took many of the skills featured in his previous book, but omitted the military aspects and featured heroes such as backwoodsmen and explorers, rather than soldiers. He also included new educational ideas, now core to Scouting, such as learning by doing, the patrol system, and the badge system. It is now the 4th-bestselling book ever written.

1910 - Scouting Grows

By 1910, just 3 years after the first Scout camp, there were over 100,000 Scouts in the UK. Scouting had also spread across the globe, with organisations in 20 different countries.

1918

Rover Scouts are created for boys over 18.

1946

Senior Scouts are introduced for 15-18 year olds. Scouts are now for boys aged 11-14.

2002

Venture Scouts are split into two new sections: Explorers (for 14-18 year olds) and Network (18-25).

1916 - The Cubs Arrive

When Scout Troops were first formed in 1907, they were for boys aged 11-18. By 1916 it was decided there should be a new and different section for younger boys, which was named Wolf Cubs.

30th July

1920 - The World Scout Jamboree

From the 30th July to 8th August 1920, the first World Scout Jamboree was held at Olympia, London. 8,000 Scouts from 34 different countries attended the camp, which had the theme "Develop World Peace". Since then, a World Scout Jamboree has been held every 4 years, except during WW2 and 1979, which was cancelled due to the Iranian Revolution.

1966 - Time for a Shake-Up

We all need a change every now and then, and it's the same for the Scouts. Following falling membership numbers, a report was published with many different recommendations for changes that should be made. These changes included changing the name of Wolf Cubs to Cub Scouts and creating a new section called Venture Scouts, replacing Senior and Rover Scouts. Even the uniform was changed; shorts and hats were out, while trousers and berets were in.

1976 - Girls join the Scouts

For the first time in its history, girls were permitted to join in and sign up as Scouts. For the time being however, they were only allowed in the Venture Scout section (16-20 year olds). It wasn't until 1991 that Girls were allowed to join all sections.

1986 - The Beavers Appear

70 years after the introduction of Cubs, Beavers were introduced and became the youngest Scout section. Open to 6-8 year olds their uniform was originally a grey jumper, before changing to the turquoise one we know today.

2021 - Squirrels are Formed

Following two years of pilot schemes, and 25 years after they were introduced in Northern Ireland, Squirrel Scouts were founded in 2021.

4th September

1909

11,000 scouts attend the first Scout Rally.

The Promise

The Promise is something that all Scouts must learn and recite at their investiture. It is important as it reminds us of our shared Scouting values, and to be the best person that we can be every day.

As Scouting is open to everyone, there are different variations of the Promise to best reflect your faith and beliefs. Before your investiture, you should think about which version of the Promise suits you best. We have provided two versions of the promise below, but more are available at uptonscouts.org.uk/promise

The Scout Promise for members who are Christian

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

The Scout Promise for members who are Atheist or of no faith background

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



The Law

The Scout Law is a set of ideals that as Scouts we should all strive to achieve. They're not quite rules, like other laws are, but rather a list of all things that a Scout should be.

1. A Scout is to be trusted.
2. A Scout is loyal.
3. A Scout is friendly and considerate.
4. A Scout belongs to the world-wide family of Scouts.
5. A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
6. A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.
7. A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.



The Membership Award

The first badge that you'll receive as a Scout is your Membership Award. This award signifies that you've been invested as a Scout and have made your promise, but also that you have learned all about Scouting and your Scout Troop.

If you've read this far, then you're part way there already! Here is the complete list of requirements, plus some more information to help you. Once you've completed all of the requirements, let your leader know and they'll arrange for you to be invested.

Know about your Scout Troop

- Get to know other members and Leaders in your Patrol and Troop.
- Find out about the ceremonies and traditions in your Troop.
- Find out about the activities that your Patrol and Troop does.

Know about joining your Troop

- Learn and understand the Scout Promise and Law and the rules of your Troop.
- Learn and understand the Scout Motto, sign, salute and handshake.
- Show you know the general history and family of Scouts and Scouting around the world.
- Learn what to do at your Investiture.

Be Prepared

Be Prepared is the Scout motto. According to Baden-Powell:

It means, you are always in a state of readiness in mind and body to do your duty;

Be Prepared in **Mind** by having disciplined yourself to be obedient to every order, and also by having thought out beforehand any accident or situation that might occur, so that you know the right thing to do at the right moment, and are willing to do it.

Be Prepared in **Body** by making yourself strong and active and able to do the right thing at the right moment, and do it.

- Scouting for Boys





The Scout Sign



This is the Scout Sign

All Scouts make this sign when anyone is making or renewing their promise.

The three upright fingers represent the three aspects of the Scout promise:

1. Honour your beliefs and country
2. Help others
3. Keep the Scout Law

The Scout sign is made using your right hand.

The Scout Salute

The Scout Salute is performed by making the Scout sign and then raising it to your forehead.

The Scout Handshake

When shaking the hand of another Scout, you should always use your left hand.

During his time in Africa, B-P went to meet the chief of the Ashanti people. B-P offered out his right hand, but was told "In our land only the bravest of the brave shake hands with the left hand, because to do so we must drop our shields and our protection".



Chief Scout's Gold Award

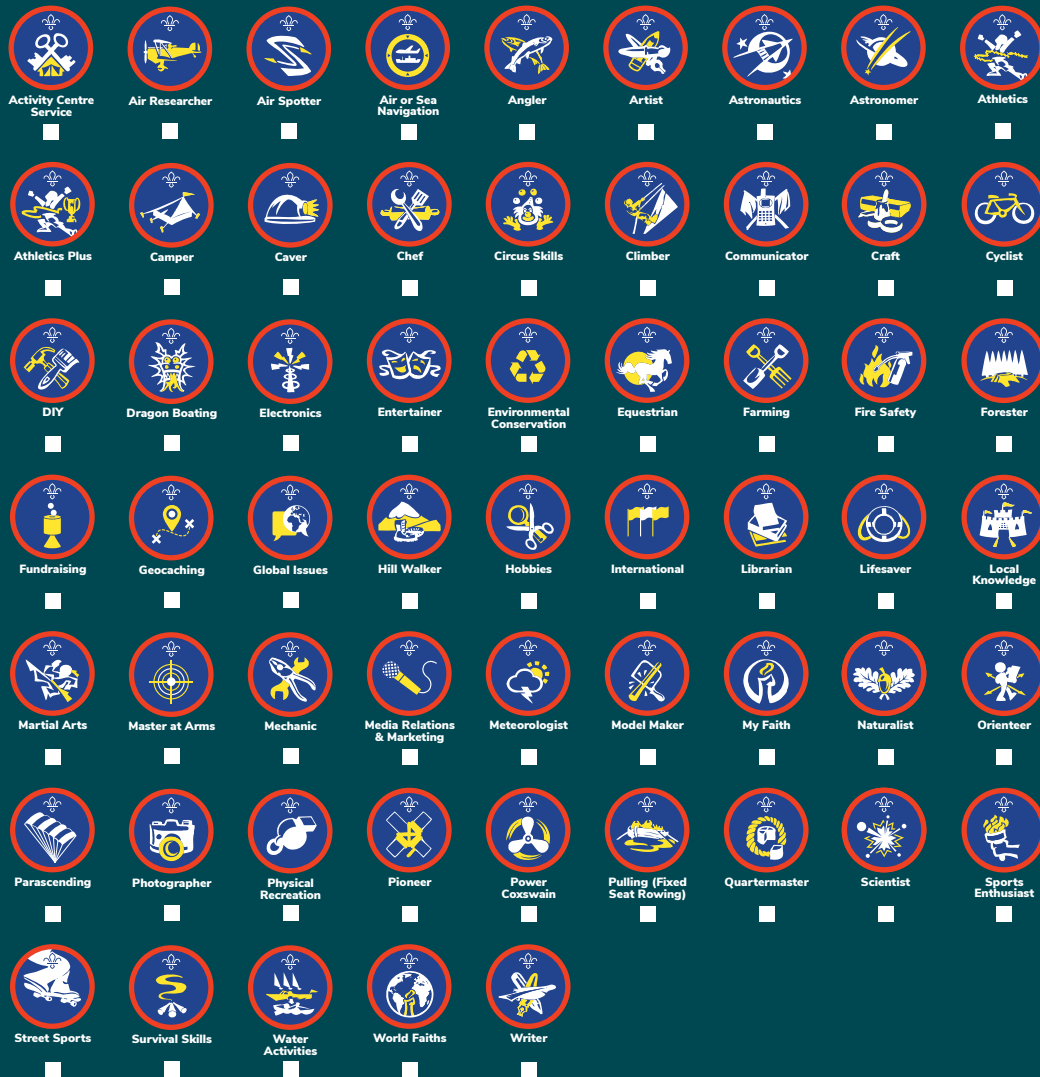
This is the highest award you can earn in the Scout section. It shows that you are resourceful, resilient and have developed a wide range of skills that will help you for the rest of your life

To earn this badge you must complete the nine Scout Challenge Awards, and six Scout Activity or Staged Badges.

Challenge Awards

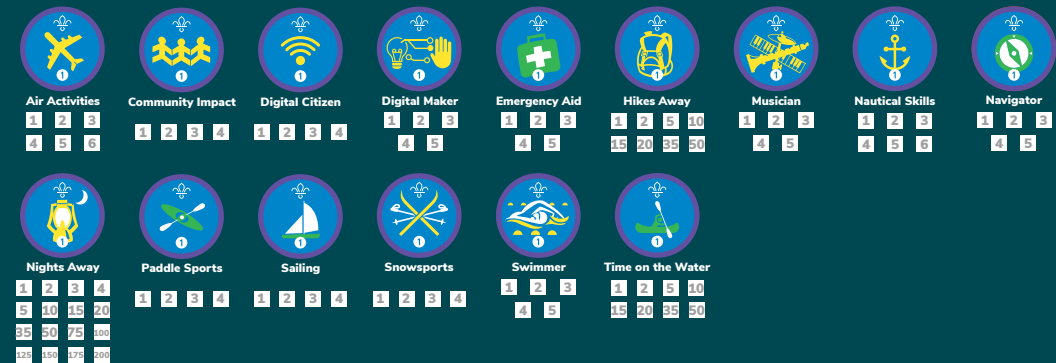
-  **Adventure**
Embrace four different adventurous activities, and see where they take you.
-  **Creative**
It's time to take your creative skills to the next level and make something extraordinary from scratch.
-  **Expedition**
Plan and take part in a two-day expedition or exploration.
-  **Outdoors**
Spend eight nights away from home. Cook a meal on camp. Tread new ground. It's time to find your feet in the outdoors.
-  **Personal**
Everyone has a different idea of what a challenge looks like. Complete two: one set by you, and another by your leader.
-  **Skills**
Learn and hone a wide range of skills and traits that will help you in all areas of your life.
-  **Team Leader**
Learn how to lead by example, stand up for others and pass on your skills to others.
-  **Teamwork**
Two hands are better than one, and four are better than two. Work with your fellow Scouts and achieve something truly awesome together.
-  **World**
This award is all about exploring the world from your doorstep and making a positive impact on our planet.

Activity Badges



The Instructor and Activity Plus badges can be earned for any Activity or Staged badge that you already own. For more information, speak to your leader.

Staged Badges



YouShape Award

The YouShape award is a set of 4 badges, designed to help you take the lead and ensure that everything we do in Scouts is shaped by you.

Unlike any other badge, you decide what you are going to do to earn each part, and you decide when you've achieved that goal.

For more information, speak to a leader, or visit the link below.

For more information on any badges or awards, visit

scouts.org.uk/scouts

Nights Away Log

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Kit List

When going on a Scout trip you will need to bring your own personal equipment and pack it yourself. Please make sure that you include all the items on the list.

All items should be clearly labelled with your name.

- Uniform (to be worn to and from camp)
- Warm sweaters or sweatshirts *
- T-shirts or similar *
- Trousers (not jeans) *
- Shorts *
- Underwear and socks *
- Warm pyjamas
- Trainers
- Waterproof coat
- Warm hat, sun hat (as appropriate)
- Sleeping bag & pillow
- Camping mat or 2 blankets
- Unbreakable plate, bowl, knife, fork & spoon
- Tea towel
- Towel
- Torch and spare batteries
- Personal washing requirements
- Tissues
- Polythene bags for dirty items
- Book or small game

* Number will depend on length of the camp/activity

Code of Conduct

At the 1st Upton St Leonards Scouts we take our behaviour and attitudes seriously. These rules were written by the troop to ensure that everyone has the best time possible while at Scouts.

1. Show respect to fellow scouts, leaders, other members of our group and the wider Scouting community;
2. Listen to instructions and respond in an appropriate way;
3. Helping each other and sharing our knowledge;
4. Attend troop meetings and camp whenever possible;
5. Arrive at Troop meetings and other activities on time;
6. Dress appropriately in smart uniform;
7. Care for our own property and the property of others;
8. Switch off all electronic devices off and leave them in the kitchen area;
9. Play all games and complete all activities with a positive attitude.



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