

World Scout Census



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The Origins of Scouting

Scouting began in England in 1907, based on ideas from Lord Baden-Powell's book, 'Scouting for Boys'. The book proved to have great appeal for boys and quickly spread worldwide. While Scouting's purposes, Promise and Law are timeless and universal, Scouting's flexible programme adapts to meet the needs of youth and their society, wherever they live.

- Responsibility for the development of oneself.
- A method of progressive self-education comprising programmes adapted to various age groups and based on a Promise and Law, learning by doing, membership in small groups, a scheme of personal progression and activities taking place in contact with nature.

Purpose, Principles and Method

Scouting is an educational Movement for young people. Its purpose is to contribute to their personal and social development. It is a voluntary, non-political Movement which is open to all, and which is based on:

- Adherence to spiritual principles, loyalty to the religions that express them, and acceptance of the duties that arise from them.
- Loyalty to one's country in harmony with the promotion of peace, understanding and co-operation.
- Participation in the development of society with recognition and respect for the dignity of one's fellow man and for the integrity of the natural world.

World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM)

The World Organisation of the Scout Movement is an international, non-governmental organisation which is composed of three principal parts: the Conference, Committee and Bureau.

World Scout Conference

The Conference is the 'general assembly' of Scouting, composed of all member National Scout Organisations. Only one National Scout Organisation can be recognised per country. (When there is more than one Scout Association in the country, a federation must be formed for World Membership). The basis for an Organisation's recognition and Membership includes adherence to the purpose and principles of World Scouting, and operation as an independent, non-political and voluntary organisation. The Conference meets

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every three years. Recent World Conferences have been held in France (1990), Thailand (1993), Norway (1996), South Africa (1999), and Greece (2002). The 2005 Conference will be held in Tunisia.

World Scout Committee

The Committee consists of 12 people from 12 countries elected by the Conference to represent it between triennial meetings. The Secretary-General of WOSM and Treasurer are also Members of the Committee. Each elected Member serves a six year term.

World Scout Bureau

The Bureau is the Secretariat, carrying out the instructions of the Conference and Committee. The Bureau's staff of 31 professionals works out of six offices - the Head Office in Geneva, Switzerland, and regional offices in Costa Rica, Egypt, Kenya, Philippines and Switzerland. The Bureau helps Scout Associations improve and increase their Scouting by conducting training courses, community development seminars and workshops, preparing publications and advising on organisation, financing and communications etc., by visits and correspondence. The staff also helps arrange such global events as the quadrennial World Scout Jamborees, and acts as liaison between the World Organisation and other international bodies.

Financing

Bureau operations are financed partly by an annual registration fee from Scout Organisations, based upon their Membership. Other support comes from foundations, corporations, development agencies and individuals. Several national and international funds enable more affluent Scout organisations to assist their brother and sister Scouts in less

developed areas. Support also comes from the World Scout Foundation, which is building a capital endowment fund. Contributions to the Foundation are invested permanently to produce regular income for the benefit of the World Organisation. The Foundation also receives non-capital donations for international Scouting. The Honorary President is HM Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden.

Countries and Territories where Scouting is Active

Other countries, apart from the list shown over include:

Anguilla, Antigua, Ascension Islands, Bermuda, Bhutan, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Comoro Island, Cook Island, Djibouti, Faroe Island, French Guyana, French Polynesia, Gibraltar, Greenland, Guadeloupe, Guam, Malawi, Martinique, Montserrat, Nauru, Netherlands Antilles, New Caledonia, Noger, Reunion, St. Helena, St. Kitts/Nevis, St. Pierre & Miquelon, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Tokelau Island, Tonga, Tristan de Cunha, Turks & Caicos Islands, Tuvalu, Upper Volta, Vanuatu and Western Samoa.

World Scout Membership

There are more than 28 million Scouts and Leaders in 153 national Scout Organisations and more than 216 countries and territories.

There are currently six countries where Scouting does not exist according to WOSM's knowledge: Andorra, People's Republic of China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Lao's People Democratic Republic, and Myanmar.

**MEMBERS OF THE WORLD ORGANISATION
OF THE SCOUT MOVEMENT AND THEIR
MEMBERSHIP**

(Membership figures from the 2004 factsheet from
the World Scout Organization)

Albania	1,730
Algeria	11,120
Angola	13,777
Argentina	44,981
Armenia	2,256
Australia	98,084
Austria	13,785
Azerbaijan	1,414
Bahamas	729
Bahrain	1,820
Bangladesh	908,435
Barbados	3,032
Belgium	88,271
Belize	1,211
Benin	19,605
Bhutan	6,716
Bolivia	7,521
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,514
Botswana	4,660
Brazil	66,375
Brunei Darussalam	2,772
Bulgaria	1,832
Burkina Faso	10,165
Burundi	6,661
Cape Verde	1,500
Cameroon	6,535
Canada	212,259
Chad	8,132
Chile	33,812

China, Scouts of	69,452
Colombia	12,808
Comoros	2,200
Congo, The Democratic Republic of The	62,842
Costa Rica	9,752
Côte-d'Ivoire	6,436
Croatia	4,068
Cyprus	4,478
Czech Republic	26,435
Denmark	47,475
Dominica	1,100
Dominican Republic	8,702
Ecuador	4,132
Egypt	74,598
El Salvador	3,970
Estonia	1,167
Ethiopia	1,000
Fiji	2,821
Finland	26,885
France	102,405
Gabon	3,835
Gambia	15,632
Georgia	1,092
Germany	123,937
Ghana	2,311
Greece	18,992
Grenada	1,665
Guatemala	11,395
Guyana	294
Haiti	9,859
Honduras	5,174
Hong Kong	74,147

Hungary	11,243
Iceland	1,526
India	2,138,015
Indonesia	8,909,435
Ireland	36,783
Israel	21,920
Italy	100,675
Jamaica	6,272
Japan	220,223
Jordan	15,538
Kenya	151,722
Kiribati	1,333
Korea, Republic of	252,157
Kuwait	6,061
Latvia	1,179
Lebanon	14,334
Lesotho	371
Liberia	2,418
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	13,698
Liechtenstein	752
Lithuania	1,500
Luxembourg	5,418
Macedonia, The former Yugoslav Republic of	1,988
Madagascar	9,473
Malaysia	96,893
Maldives	4,518
Malta	2,531
Mauritania	3,790
Mauritius	3,076
Mexico	39,327
Moldova, Republic of	1,540
Monaco	49

Mongolia	8,655
Morocco	12,304
Mozambique	16,675
Namibia	1,816
Nepal	12,341
Netherlands	57,484
New Zealand	23,537
Nicaragua	2,056
Niger	4,352
Nigeria	46,701
Norway	19,929
Oman	10,654
Pakistan	526,403
Palestinian Authority	20,275
Panama	2,263
Papua New Guinea	2,811
Paraguay	1,000
Peru	12,677
Philippines	1,956,131
Poland	85,822
Portugal	70,863
Qatar	3,244
Romania	4,930
Russian Federation	14,000
Rwanda	18,884
San Marino	159
Saudi Arabia	19,267
Senegal	26,373
Seycheles	
Sierra Leone	7,902
Singapore	11,163
Slovakia	4,118
Slovenia	6,357

South Africa	13,118
Spain	74,561
Sri Lanka	21,653
Saint Lucia	393
Saint Vincent and The Grenadines	541
Serbia and Montenegro	30,493
Sudan	13,550
Suriname	2,601
Swaziland	4,994
Sweden	60,122
Switzerland	52,349
Tajikistan	1,504
Tanzania, United Republic of	102,739
Thailand	1,305,027
Togo	8,890
Trinidad & Tobago	4,655
Tunisia	28,483
Turkey	8,174
Uganda	77,894
United Arab Emirates	5,824
United Kingdom	498,888
United States	6,239,435
Uruguay	3,965
Venezuela	14,513
Yemen	6,481
Zambia	7,427
Zimbabwe	1,612