

Fundamentals Of Scouting

Definition

Scouting is a world-wide, educational Movement for young people (of both sexes) which:

- ☉ contributes to the fulfilment of their potential;
- ☉ uses a progressive and enjoyable programme for personal development;
- ☉ is based on a set of values.

Scouting is voluntary and accessible to all who accept these fundamentals.

Purpose

The Purpose of Scouting is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social, and spiritual potential as:

- ☉ individuals;
- ☉ responsible citizens;
- ☉ members of their local, national, and international communities.

Principles

Scouting is based on the principles of:

- ☉ duty to self;
- ☉ duty to others;
- ☉ duty to God.

These Principles lead Members of the Scout Movement to believe that the world is a better place when people:

- ☉ are trustworthy, self-controlled and self- confident;
- ☉ have self-respect and respect for others;
- ☉ work together to serve other people and to improve society;
- ☉ show responsibility towards the natural world and proper respect for possession and property;
- ☉ have an active religious faith.

The Scout Method

Scouting uses a method which is based on young people, in partnership with adults:

- ☉ enjoying what they are doing;
- ☉ learning by doing;
- ☉ participating in varied and progressive activities;
- ☉ making choices for themselves;
- ☉ taking responsibility for their own actions;
- ☉ working in groups;
- ☉ taking increasing responsibility for others;
- ☉ taking part in activities outdoors;
- ☉ sharing in prayer and worship;
- ☉ making and living out their Promise.

Outcomes of Scouting

Scouting is succeeding when Members demonstrate:

- ☉ a growing sense of self-discipline and self-esteem with integrity, honesty, and reliability - one who can be trusted;
- ☉ a growing ability to get along with others as an individual and as a team member - showing a sense of responsibility towards others;
- ☉ a growing determination to work with others towards the creation of a more tolerant and caring society;
- ☉ a growing understanding of the natural world in which we live, and a sense of responsibility towards it and those who live in it;
- ☉ a growing sense of wonder and a discovery of the need for prayer and worship.