

Information Book

Falkirk District Scouts

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Falkirk

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What is Scouting?

The Scout Movement is a global, educational youth Movement with a membership of over 54 million members, providing young people with adventure, fun, challenge and skills for life.

There are currently 171 member organisations in the world, with at least another 52 countries and territories that have Scouting activities. There are only 5 countries where Scouting does not exist: Andorra, China, Cuba, North Korea and Laos.

Why Scout?

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. Scouting strives to be shaped by young people in partnership with adults.

Scouting aims to help all young people reach their full potential. Scouting helps young people to be active members of the community, and develop self-reliance, responsibility, self-confidence, and commitment. While having fun, meeting new friends, doing challenging and adventurous activities, and learning skills for life.

Who is Scouting for?

Scouting is open to all young people aged between 6 and 25, regardless of gender, faith, ability or background. Scouting is also for adult volunteers. Without them scouting would not happen.

Scouting in Scotland

Scouting in Scotland is organised into eight Regions that cover the various geographical parts of the country. These Regions are further subdivided in 53 Districts which support over 600 Groups across Scotland.

Falkirk District

Falkirk district forms part of Forth Region along with Clackmannanshire, West Lothian, and Stirling & Trossachs Districts.

When do we Meet?

Sections meet regularly, usually once a week on evenings during the school terms. There are often other opportunities throughout the year to take part in other events and activities, such as day outings and camps.

Meeting Nights

Meeting nights, times and locations vary with each group. Please look at the District Groups section of the website for more info. In general sections are on when Falkirk schools are in and off when they are on holiday.

Age

Scouts are young people aged between 10 ½ and 14. The Scout Troop is the third section of the Scout Group following on from Cubs and leading to Explorers.

Subscriptions

Subs and how to pay these vary with each group. These cover the costs of taking part in the main programme, some equipment purchasing and insurance costs and membership to HQ (includes support and member insurance). An additional charge is normally required for events/activities and camps.

Leadership

All adults who deliver local Scouting are unpaid volunteers. They undertake training appropriate to their role, abide by The Scouts 'Young People First' code of practice (yellow card), and follow policies on safeguarding, equal opportunities, bullying and safety in Scouting. The Scouts also perform PVG checks on all adult appointments.

Helping Scouting

The Scouts is run by volunteers and assistance in the leadership team (regular or occasional) or executive committee is encouraged. Any support that you or your family can offer is welcomed, appreciated and valued.

Supporting your Child

The Scouts encourage you to support your child's involvement in Scout activities. Please ensure:

- You deliver and collect your child at the appropriate times and place, as advised by the section leaders. Always check that an adult leader has arrived before leaving your child. Please tell the section leaders if somebody different from usual will be collecting them.
- Your child wears suitable clothing and footwear for activities.
- You return forms and payment on time. If you have any difficulties completing forms or making payments then please speak to a leader.
- You inform the section leader of any medical details (including allergies, dietary needs, and medication required).
- You inform the section leaders of any changes out with Scouting that may affect your child within Scouting.

All information will be treated in confidence.

Permission

It is taken as understood that you give your permission for your child to take part in Scout meetings and activities. For activities out with the hall there will either be an 'event' to sign up to attend on OSM or a paper or electronic form to complete – please confirm attendance and set up payment before the confirmation deadline.

Online Scout Manager (OSM)

Some sections use OSM for administration including personal details (please enter these and update regularly), events and payments. Some sections also use it for attendance keeping, badge records, programme planning and other admin.

Uniform

Scouts wear a dark green shirt with any t-shirt (no football colours) and once invested a group scarf (neckie). You can buy the shirt from Trutex in Falkirk or from Glasgow Scout Shop or online at



https://www.glasgowscoutshop.com/scouts_activities/uniform

Investiture

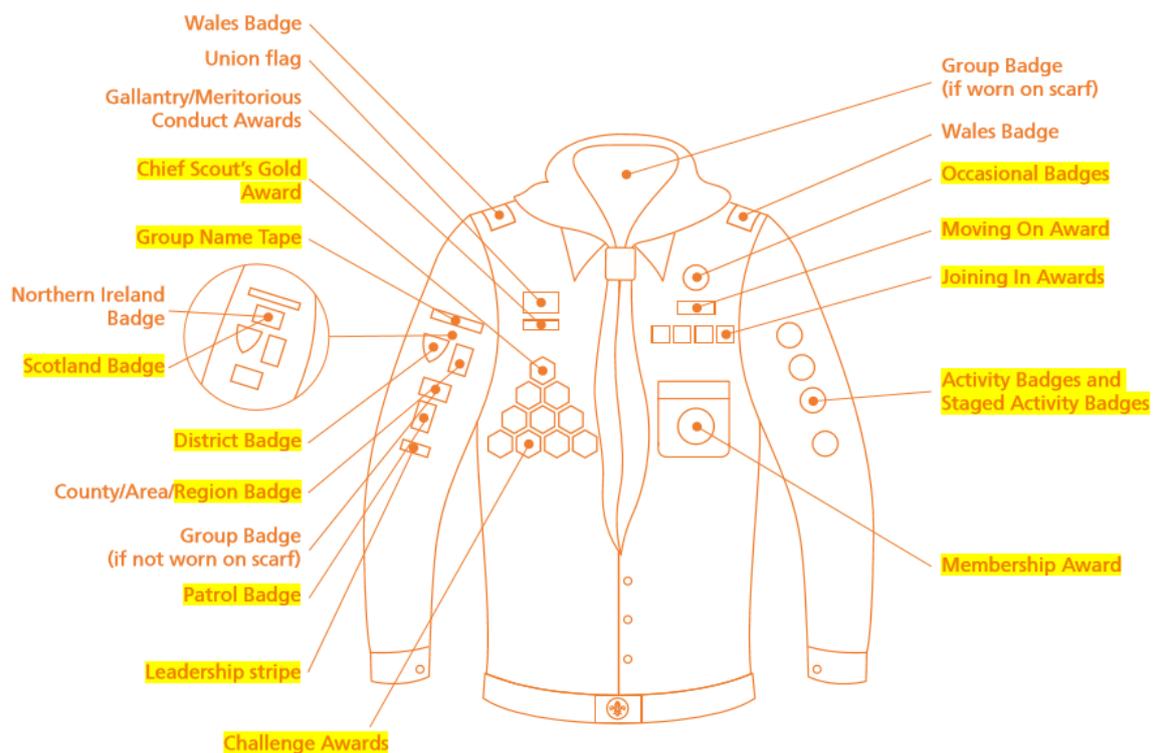
Scouts are invested into the Troop a few weeks after joining once they have uniform and get to know a bit about the Troop. At the investiture they will repeat the promise after the leader, salute, be given a neckie and badges, and shake hands with the leader.

Badges

Once invested they will work towards other badges. Some badges are completed at meetings, others may be done at home. Requirements can be found here: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/scouts>

Please also see the Activity Badge Book which has the requirements of some of the Activity Badges that can be completed at home.

Position of Badges on Uniform:



The Scout Promise:¹

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.

The Scout Law:

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 worldwide 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 Scout Motto:

Be Prepared



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¹ Alternative promises are available. Let us know if you require.

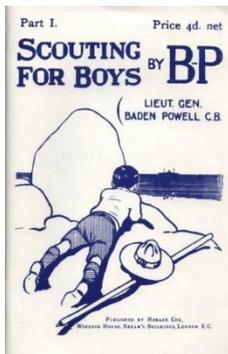
History

Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell was a lieutenant general in the British Army, writer, and founder of the Scout Movement. He served in the British Army until 1910 in India and Africa.



When he returned to England after defending the town of Mafeking from besieging Boer troops he discovered that lots of boys were reading his book: *Aids to Scouting*. He had created this book as a military training manual.

He was then persuaded to write *Scouting for Boys*, a version of *Aids to Scouting* aimed at teenage boys. It was first published in 1908 after an experimental camp on Brownsea Island, Poole Harbour, Dorset in 1907. *Scouting for Boys* was initially printed in six fortnightly parts, which sold very quickly. *Scouting for Boys* is now regarded in fourth place in the all-time best sellers list behind the Bible, Koran and Mao-Tse-Tung's Little Red Book.



Originally there was only scouts for boys between age 11-18 but girls and younger boys also wanted to join. In 1910 he set up the Girl Guides with the help of his sister Agnes and then his wife Olave.

Then in 1914 he outlined a scheme in *The Headquarters Gazette* for the training of junior scouts but he replaced this two years later with wolf cubs in 1916, based around the *Jungle Books*.

In 1917 he set up a scheme for Senior Scouts, which changed its name to Rover Scouts the following year, for anyone over the age of 18.

There has been a number of changes to the sections and programs since, including Wolf Cubs becoming Cub Scouts, introduction of Beaver Scouts, and girls being allowed in all sections, to name a few.

B-P was the first and only Chief Scout of the World. Since then the UK has seen 9 Chief Scouts – Lord Somers, Lord Rowallan, Lord Maclean, Sir William Gladstone, Major-General Michael Walsh, Garth Morrison, George Purdy, Peter Duncan, and Bear Grylls.

Scouts greet each other with a left-handed handshake because when Baden-Powell was met by one of the great chiefs of the Ashanti during the Boer war, Baden-Powell saluted the great chief and the chief offered his left hand which was used to hold a shield for protection, so the great chief was showing his trust and friendship, for without his shield he was defenceless.



The three-finger salute is used by members of Scout and Guide organizations around the world when greeting other Scouts and at ceremonies. The three outstretched fingers represent the three main parts of the promise and the circle between thumb and little finger represents the world-wide family of Scouting.

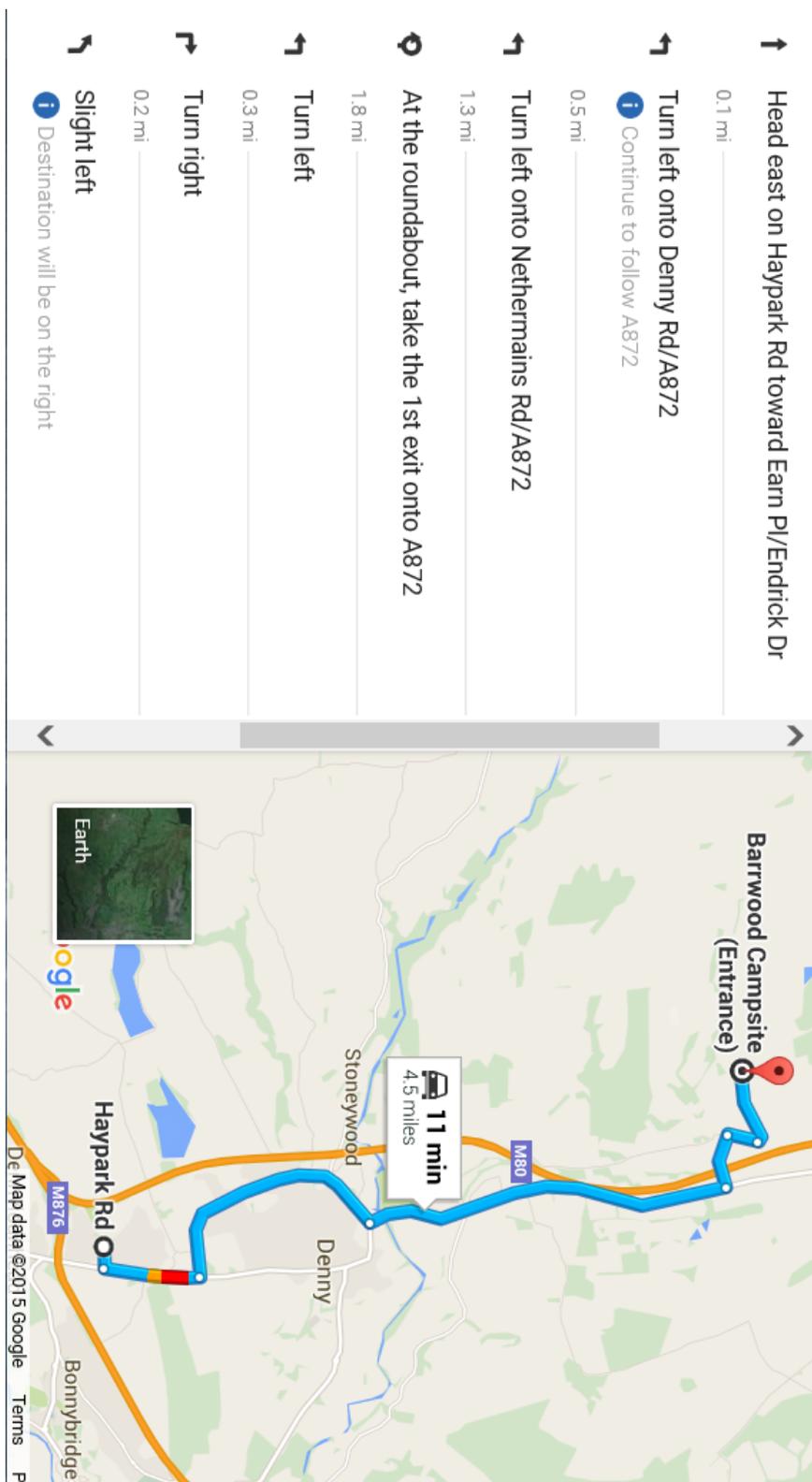
In the Membership Award two 5 pointed stars can be seen. Each point represents one of the 10 Scout Laws that existed in 1908.



Today there are Beavers for 6-8years, Cubs for 8-10½ years, Scouts for 10½-14 years, Explorers for 14-18 years, and Network for 18-25 years.

Barrwood

Barrwood is a Scout Campsite, between Dunipace and Stirling, where sections have some meeting nights and camps. More info about the campsite can be found here: <http://barrwood.frscouts.org.uk>



Websites:

Scouts (UK) - <https://www.scouts.org.uk/>

Scouts (UK) Scout Section – <https://www.scouts.org.uk/scouts>

Scouts Scotland - <http://scouts.scot/>

Forth Region - <http://www.frscouts.org.uk/>

Falkirk District - <http://falkirk.frscouts.org.uk/>



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