

Information Book

Falkirk District Network

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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?

Network meets infrequently, whenever suits network members. There are often other opportunities throughout the year to take part in events, activities and camps.

Meeting Nights

Meeting nights, times and locations vary. Please contact the Scout Network Commissioner through the website or join the Falkirk Phoenix Scout Network group on Facebook for info.

Age

Network are young people aged between 18 and 25. Network is the fifth and final youth section of the Scout Movement following on from Explorers. During and after being part of the Scout Network you can be an adult volunteer.

Cost

A charge is usually required for each activity or event depending on what the activity is. Small local activities may just be a few pounds whereas large international trips may be hundreds of pounds – all meetings/ events are optional.

Leadership

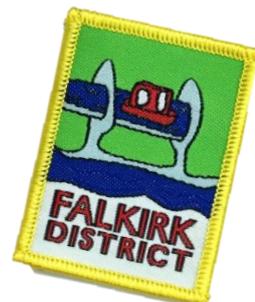
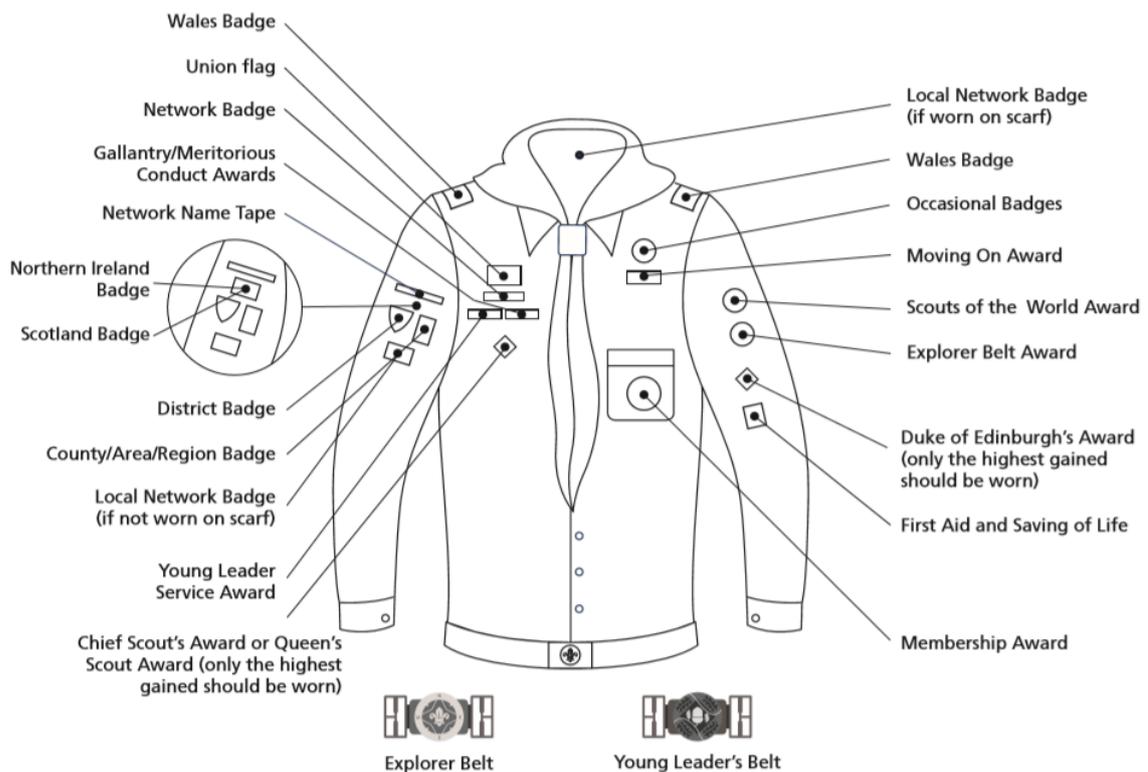
Network run their own local programme supported by the Scout Network Commissioner. For large events there is an organising/contingent team that run these.

Uniform

Network wear a shirt and neckie. Depending on the activity this may not be required, or sometimes full uniform is required which also includes a kilt. You can buy the shirt from Trutex in Falkirk or from Glasgow Scout Shop or online at <https://www.glasgowscoutshop.com/scout-network-and-leaders/uniform>



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.

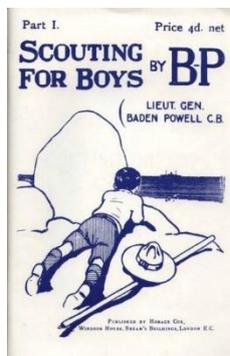
History

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.

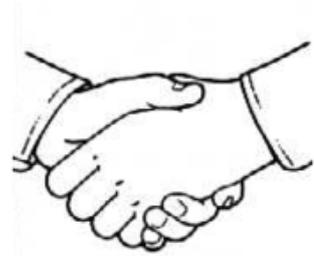
Then in 1914 he outlined a scheme in *The Headquarters Gazette* for the training of junior scouts but he replaced this two years later with wolf cubs in 1916, based around the *Jungle Books*.

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.

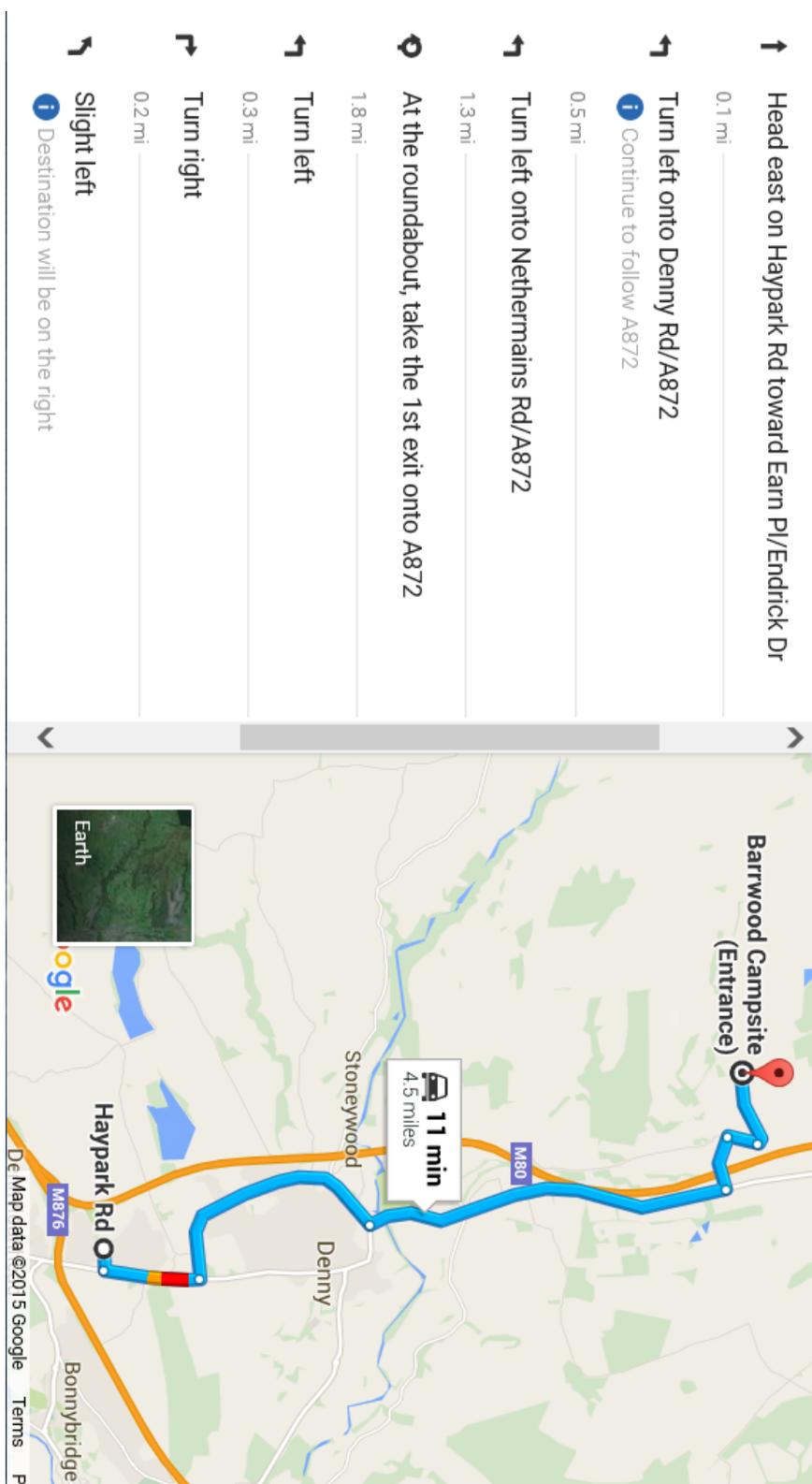
In the Membership Award two 5 pointed stars can be seen. Each point represents one of the 10 Scout Laws that existed in 1908.



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) Network Section – <https://www.scouts.org.uk/network>

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

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

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

Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/PhoenixScoutNetwork/>

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