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The Purpose of Scouting

The purpose of the Scout Movement is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

The Scout Method

Scouting uses a Method which is 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 small groups such as the Patrol and Six;
- taking increasing responsibility for others;
- taking part in outdoor activities;
- sharing in prayer and worship;
- making and living out their Promise.

The Mission of Scouting

The mission of Scouting is to contribute to the education of young people, through a values system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society. This is achieved by:

- involving them throughout their formative years in a **non-formal educational** process
- using a specific method that makes each individual the principal agent of his or her development as a self-reliant, supportive, responsible and committed person
- assisting them to establish a values system based upon spiritual, social and personal principles as expressed in the Promise and Law

Six Challenges

Six challenges to be addressed to achieve our mission are:

1. Relevance: meeting the needs and aspirations of young people.
2. Complementary nature: focusing on the distinctive contribution Scouting can make to the education of young people, particularly through the Scout Method.
3. Membership: reaching out to more young people.
4. Adults: attracting and retaining the adults we need.
5. Relationships and partnerships: working with others to better serve young people.
6. Unity: pursuing a common purpose at all levels.

The Three Strategic Areas

The six challenges provide three broad areas of work:

1. **Young People:** encompassing the challenges on Relevance, Complementary nature and Membership in order to bring better Scouting to more young people, especially adolescents.
2. **Adults:** encompassing the challenge on Adults: attracting and retaining the adults we need, with an emphasis on the concept of volunteering.
3. **Structures and Systems:** encompassing the challenge on Relationships and partnerships - which recognises the need to work with others to serve young people - and the challenge on Unity: pursuing a common purpose at all levels. Work in this strategic area should lead to an increase in the overall effectiveness of the Movement.

<p>L'Wieghda ta' I-Scouts</p> <p><i>(Ghal- Scouts; Venture Scouts; Rover Scouts u l'Adulti Kollha)</i></p>	<p>The Scout Promise</p> <p><i>(for Scouts, Venture Scouts, Rover Scouts and Adults)</i></p>
<p>Fuq l-Unur tieghi nwieghed li naghmel Hilti biex naqdi dmiri lejn Alla u Art Twelidi biex nghin lil haddiehor kull hin w li nobdi l-ligi ta' I-Scouts</p>	<p>On my honour, I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to God and to my country, to help other people and to obey the Scout Law.</p>
<p>Il-Ligi ta' I-Scout</p>	<p>The Scout Law</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. L'Unur ta' l-iScout ghandu jkun afdat. 2. Scout hu lejali u ubbidjenti. 3. Id-Dmir ta' Scout hu li jkun ta' siwi u ghajnuna ghal haddiehor. 4. Scout hu habib ta' kulhadd u huwa parti mill familja dinjija ta l-iScouts. 5. Scout hu dhuli, hanin u jaf jaghder. 6. Scout izomm ruhu r-rassenjat f' kull tigrib. 7. Scout jaghmel uzu tajjeb minn hinu u ma jahlix jew iwettaq hsara fil-propjeta u l'ambjent. 8. Scout ghandu rispett ghalih innifsu u ghal haddiehor u hu nadif fil-hsieb, fil-kliem, u fl-ghemil tieghu 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Scout is to be trusted. 2. A Scout is loyal and obedient. 3. A Scout's duty is to be useful and help others 4. A Scout is a friend to all and belongs to the world-wide family of Scouts. 5. A Scout is courteous, kind and considerate. 6. A Scout is cheerful in adversity. 7. A Scout makes good use of time and avoids waste of, damage to property and the environment. 8. A Scout has self-respect and respect for others and is clean in thought word and deed.

Il-Wieghda ta' Cub Scout	The Cub Scout Promise
Inwieghed li naghmel hilti biex naqdi dmiri lejn Alla u Art twelidi biex nghin lil haddiehor u nobdi il-ligi ta' Cub Scout	I promise that I will do my best, to do my duty to God and to my Country, to help other people and to obey the Cub Scout Law.
Il-Ligi ta' Cub Scout	The Cub Scout Law
Cub Scout jaghmel hiltu jahseb ghal haddiehor qabel ghalih innifsu u jaghmel xi haga tajba kull jum.	Cub Scouts do their best, think of others before themselves and do a good deed every day.
Il-Wieghda ta' Beaver Scout	The Beaver Scout Promise
Inwieghed li naghmel hilti Inkun hanin u nghin u Inhobb lil Alla	I promise to do my best to be kind and helpful and to love God.
Il-Motto	The Motto
KUN LEST	BE PREPARED

Rule 1.1: Variations to the wording of the Promises

- a. Scouting is open to all faiths and must therefore take into account the different religious obligations of its Members while upholding the essential spirit of the Promise.
- b. In each Promise the phrase 'Duty to God' or, in the case of Beaver Scouts, 'to love God', is suitable for most faiths (including Christians, Hindus, Jews, Muslims and Sikhs).
- c. Muslims may use the word 'Allah' in place of 'God'.
- d. Where some other form of wording is required for a member of a particular faith or religion, advice should be sought from Island Headquarters.