



# THE AIM OF SCOUTING

The Aim of Scouting is to encourage the physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual development of the young person while building strong characters so that the members can play a constructive role in society.

## **This is achieved through a fun-filled and enjoyable programme that is based on:**

- The Use of the out of doors
- Working in small groups
- Learning by doing
- A commitment to a set of values
- Decision Making
- Discipline and Self-Control

## **The use of the out of doors**

In scouting we believe that the out of doors is the best “class room”. Here simplicity and creativity come together to provide limitless scope and challenge. In the great outdoors young people are faced with real situations to which they have to respond using their own solutions. The informal atmosphere of outdoor education allows young people to be themselves and to be creative so that their personal and social skills can develop without any inhibitions.

## **Working in small groups**

Cubs operate in small groups of about six cubs. In these “sixes” every member has a say and can be involved. Together with the scouting

method implemented by the leader, the six helps to provide the young person with an identity and a secure environment. In this environment, they can learn and develop without being too conspicuous. The six encourages teamwork, co-operation and care for others.

## **Learning by Doing**

In scouting we encourage people to learn things for themselves and to try things out in a practical setting. The ancient Chinese proverb says:

Tell me and I will forget,  
Show me and I will remember,  
Involve me and I will understand.

Thus, being a Cub Leader is not so much being a teacher: it is being a facilitator to young people to help them find things out for themselves. We can teach our cubs through games, handcrafts, the outdoors, stories, drama, songs and even worship.

## **A set of values**

Scouting believes in a young person’s ability to live up to a set of values:

- To do their best
- To keep their word
- To think of others

***These values are outlined in the Cub Scout***



## **Promise and Law**

### **Decision Making**

Cub Scouting encourages youngsters to take part in decision making and to develop the ability to control what happens to them. In the progressive training scheme they are introduced to a choice of activities guided by adult leadership. Sessions within the programme also tackle the ever increasing awareness of various drugs, abuses and the capability to choose right from wrong.

### **Discipline and self-control**

Part of the programme scheme? Certainly!! We are aiming to develop a code of values which will equip our cub scouts with a personality that will help them achieve a meaningful place in society, and teach them to be responsible and recognize their responsibility towards others. This basic aim of scouting empowers young people to make a positive contribution to society. Finally, the cubs also learn how to be responsible and active citizens from a young age.

