

responsibility with the adult Leader for maintaining standards and training within the Troop. All Scouts are encouraged to take part in the decision making process and regular Forums provide the opportunity for them to contribute towards the planning of the Troop's activities.

Outdoor activities feature prominently in the Scout Troop. The highlight for most Members is the annual summer camp or expedition, and much of the rest of the year is devoted to preparation for this.

The Programme in this Section is divided into four progressive Stages.

Membership Badge

Scout Award

Pathfinder Award

Explorer Award

Chief Scout's Award

To complete each Award the young person must show growth in a number of personal development areas. This is achieved through specific activities in the areas of Scoutcraft, Adventure, Culture, Community, Health, Commitment and Leadership.

In addition to the Awards, there are a number of Proficiency Badges which can be earned. These Badges are in a variety of areas which are of interest to young people including such areas as Camping, Hiking, Sports, Communications, and Information Technology.

Guidance and supervision for this Section is provided by the Scout Leader and one or more Assistant Scout Leaders. These Leaders are charged with the task of providing the guidance and encouragement for the young people of the Troop while at the same time allowing them to take an active role in the running of the Troop.

Further Information

Further information on Scouting can be obtained from the District Commissioner, or any member of the District Team.

The Person I would like to be

As a young person who shares the experience of the Scout Movement, I aim to do my best

To be a person with freedom and integrity, clean of thought and true of heart, strong of will, responsible and self-reliant, to make a personal commitment for my life, to be constant and true to my word.

To be ready to serve others, involved with my community, defender of other people's rights, pledged to democracy and committed to development, a lover of justice and a promoter of peace, to value human labour, to build my family on love, to be aware of my own dignity and that of others and share with everybody joyfully and affectionately.

To be thoughtful and creative, to leave the world better than I find it, to strive for the integrity of the natural world, learning continually and searching for paths still unexplored, to do my work well, to be free from the hunger to possess and independent of material things.

To be open to the spiritual, to have a transcendental sense of life, to reach out to God, to live my faith joyfully and make it part of my daily life, to be open to dialogue and understanding and to respect others' religious beliefs.

A brief introduction to.....

Scouting



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Where the Adventure Begins

What is Scouting?

Scouting is an international youth movement with a membership of more than 28 million Scouts and Leaders in 144 national Scout organisations in more than 217 countries and territories. It is also a non-formal educational organisation.

The Aim and Method of Scouting

The aim of Scouting is to develop good citizenship among boys by assisting in the formation and development of character; training them in habits of observation, obedience and self-reliance; inculcating loyalty, patriotism, courage and thoughtfulness for others; teaching them services useful to the public and handicrafts useful to themselves; promoting their physical, mental, moral and spiritual development.

The Method of achieving the Aim is through the provision of an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

The Scout Promise and Law

The Scout Promise

On my honour,
I promise that I will do my best,
To do my duty to God,
The Queen and my Country,
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's duty is to be useful and to help others.

4. A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every Scout.
5. A Scout is courteous.
6. A Scout is kind to animals.
7. A Scout is obedient to those in authority.
8. A Scout is cheerful especially in the face of difficulty.
9. A Scout is thrifty.
10. A Scout is clean in thought, word, and deed.

The Scout Motto

Be Prepared

The Programme

The Programme is a seamless progression of training, activities and awards that covers everything that young people do in Scouting from the age of 7 to 20. The Programme is three age groups called Sections.

Cub Scouts	7 - 10½ years
Scouts	10½ - 15½ years
Venture Scouts	15½ - 20 years

The Programme is based around helping young people to grow in a number of personal development areas to ensure young people really are 'learning by doing'

The Association

Scouting in Barbados is administered by the Barbados Boy Scout Association. The Association is managed by the National Scout Council. The Association has jurisdiction over the entire island, and its headquarters is at Hazelwood, Collymore Rock, St. Michael.

The first Troop on the island was registered on 9th March, 1912, at Combermere School, just 5 years after Scouting was founded. From 1912 to 1969, the local Association operated as a branch of the British Scout Association. On 20th

February, 1969, the Constitution of the Association was approved and it became an independent Association. As such, it became the 95th member of the World Scout Conference.

At present, the Association is headed by Sir Denys Williams, Chief Scout, Mr. W. Basil Forbes, Chief Commissioner, and Sir Douglas P. Lynch, President. It has a membership of 2,500 Scouts and Leaders.

The island is divided into three districts - Bridgetown, North and South.

The Bridgetown District

The Bridgetown District covers the parish of St. Michael and is managed by the Bridgetown District Scout Council. At present, the District Scout Council is headed by Mr. Lionel Weekes, District Chairman, and Mr. Anthony E. Archer, District Commissioner.

The District Commissioner is assisted by two Deputy District Commissioners, Mr. Anthony Graham and Mrs. Sonia Jones. There are also a number of Assistant District Commissioners and District Scouters who have been assigned various responsibilities within the District.

The Scout Section

Scouting is for boys aged between 10½ and 15½ years who want to make friends and develop their widening interests in ways that are both educational and fun. It is ideal for young people who want a break from the usual after school routine of homework, games and watching television.

Activities are typically about action and involvement and mean more than just camping. Hiking, sailing, pioneering, canoeing, abseiling, First Aid, motor mechanics, electronics, amateur radio and photography are just some of the things they can do.

Each Scout Troop consists of small groups (called Patrols) of six to eight young people, one of whom is the Patrol Leader. PL's share