



World Scout Foundation



Help us empower young people to lead positive change!

We believe that lasting positive change in the world happens when we empower young people through Scouting with the skills, values and knowledge to develop as active citizens, enabling them to lead positive action in their communities.

The **World Scout Foundation** develops and strengthens the impact of Scouting worldwide through the provision of financial and other resources to the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

Our people are at the heart of everything we do, driving the Foundation's goals by generously giving to the cause of World Scouting, and helping us to continue growing our network. We unite select philanthropic institutions, corporations and governments with global network of passionate and dedicated supporters of Scouting, "Baden-Powell Fellows", who give their time and resources, and lend their name and networks to help young people develop as active citizens.



Scouting's impact on young people

In over 224 countries and territories, Scouts of all ages learn by doing, through a fun and challenging programme of quality educational activities with a strong focus on active citizenship and community service.

They develop key leadership and life skills that guide, encourage and enable them to lead positive action in society throughout their lives.

In fact, according to external impact studies, Scouts outperform their peers across nearly all categories of personal development.

Scouts scored higher than their peers in:

Active citizenship	+17%
Physical activity	+18%
Life skills and employability	+16%
Embracing diversity	+8%
Leadership skills	+12%
Empathy & supporting others	+9%



Scouting's impact on society

Thanks to the support of our donors and partners, Scouts are tackling some of the most pressing challenges of our time, collectively taking action and leading meaningful solutions to key issues including access to education, climate action, food security and gender equality.

As part of the world's largest coordinated youth contribution to the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Scouts are creating a more peaceful and sustainable world.

60 million+ Scouts

224 countries & territories

2.7 billion+ hours of service

16 million+ service projects & actions

18 million+ young female members



Learn more about our impact here



Spotlight on Scouts in Action

Humanitarian Action

Scouts are active members of the communities they serve, often at the forefront of humanitarian action, aiding when disaster strikes and developing long-term solutions and ongoing support in their communities.

Over 35,000 Scout volunteers reached 1.15 million Ukrainians in need of support during the crisis precipitated by the war on Ukraine. In partnership with UNICEF, they provided critical border assistance, translation services and psychological first aid. As a result, in 2024 World Scouting was recognised for youth-led humanitarian efforts in the UN report on youth, peace and security.

"In Scouting, we learn what to do in different challenging situations. So, we stand more prepared. We're always ready, which is why we are quick to respond." **Nastya Chuhui, Scout leader, Odesa, Ukraine**





Ticket to Life

Ticket to Life is one of our flagship programmes designed to empower vulnerable children and young people, including children living on the streets, children with disabilities, refugees and children living in conflict zones. Over the past decade, the programme has successfully engaged more than 6,000 young people aged between 6 and 26, giving them opportunities to play, socialise and develop key life skills via a tailored educational programme of Scout activities. This is all done in a safe and nurturing environment, setting them on a path to a better life, so they can play a constructive role in society.



Champions of Nature

Scouts in Bolivia are championing afforestation by producing native plants to restore ecosystems in the inter-Andean valleys of Bolivia. It's not a quick nor easy solution, but one which will create healthier natural forests and ensure the sustainability of entire ecosystems in the region for generations to come. Scouts continue to work with local partners and institutions to ensure the continuous supply of native seedlings at good rates for their own afforestation projects, whilst also covering the basic costs associated with the Scout nursery (gardeners, water). They estimate that they can produce 1500 to 2500 seedlings of native trees per year!

How you can support World Scouting

There are many ways you can boost our work and we welcome your support!

Together we can ensure that young people around the world are equipped with the critical skills, values, confidence and knowledge to develop as active citizens who lead positive change in their local communities worldwide – through Scouting!



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Donating to World Scouting

Shaping the lives of young people through Scouting is a long-term commitment and we count on the generous support of donors like you to ensure that we can provide and sustain reliable support to World Scouting to maximise our impact.

Every gift makes a difference and is valued. Together, we can ensure that even more young people have the opportunity to experience Scouting worldwide.

There are multiple ways to donate to World Scouting! It's easy to set up a regular gift in line within your means.

You can establish a recurring monthly donation, and/or donate each year to our World Scout Foundation annual appeal, lend your support to periodic emergency appeals or Scout projects, or why not make a longer-term commitment via the Baden-Powell Fellowship?

Your regular contributions help us plan for and confidently commit to long-term projects, which also maximises the impact of your donation.

Together we can help Scouts do even more – donate today



Join the World Baden-Powell Fellowship

The World Baden-Powell Fellowship is a global network of passionate and dedicated individual supporters of Scouting, “BP Fellows”, who donate throughout their lives to increase the impact of Scouting worldwide. We bring BP Fellows together at online and in-person events to share news of Scouting’s impact, recognise their valuable contributions and welcome new BP Fellows, who are personally awarded a special insignia by His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden, our Honorary Chairman since 1977.

The BP Fellowship ensures a lifetime commitment to World Scouting via a contribution of USD 10,000, which can be paid over the course of several years. It offers a link to others who share the same ideals and values. Joining and participating offers the greatest reward in being involved in the development of young people around the world!



The World Baden-Powell Fellowship

The World Baden-Powell Fellowship recognises cumulative contributions as follows:

Baden-Powell Fellowship: USD 10,000

Young Baden-Powell Fellowship (under 30 years of age): USD 1,000

Your benefits at a glance:

- Global networking
- Lifetime association with World Scouting
- Personal recognition by our Honorary Chairman
- Special presentation ceremony
- Gold-plated BP Fellowship pin and personal certificate of support
- Regular updates on the impact of your gift
- Flexible donation schedules
- Attractive tax benefits (where applicable)



Join the
BP Fellowship



*"Scouting is a possible solution to so many of the world's challenges.
You are giving young people the skills, confidence and values to change the world for the better.
Let's do even more together!"*

HM King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden, Honorary Chairman, World Scout Foundation

Join the Honours Programme

The Honours Programme recognises individuals and families who are significant benefactors to World Scouting through an increased level of financial support. Through their lifetime contributions, they enable the growth and development of Scouting initiatives for millions of young people around the world, ensuring the delivery of tailored services and impactful projects spearheaded by the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

Each donor level represents a significant personal achievement in charitable giving, which is recognised by our Honorary Chairman, HM King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden, at one of our BP Fellowship events. All gifts to the Foundation are cumulative and counted towards achieving the various Circles of the Honours Programme.



The Honours Programme

The Honours Programme recognises cumulative gifts of USD 25,000 to USD 5,000,000.

Your benefits at a glance:

- Lifetime association with World Scouting
- Personal recognition by our Honorary Chairman
- Special presentation ceremony
- Personally inscribed memento and certificate of support
- Invitation for a field trip to experience Scouting's impact first-hand
- Exclusive event(s)



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"Scouting provides youth with the values to be engaged global citizens and the skills to create the change they wish to see in the world. By investing in World Scouting, I believe I am making the best possible contribution to our planet and future generations."

Lynn Brooks, Member of the Honours Programme

Join the Founder's Heritage

The Founder's Heritage is the legacy giving programme of the World Scout Foundation. In choosing to make a deferred gift to the Foundation, most often done through a last will and testament, it offers a wonderful way to ensure that your legacy continues to support future generations of young people in Scouting, while accommodating your own personal, financial, estate-planning or philanthropic goals.

Your foresight will allow us to plan ahead, giving us the confidence to support more long-term projects and ensure the maximum impact of your donation.

There are many ways to share your legacy with Scouts around the world. Here are just a few:

- A financial bequest made in a will or living trust;
- A deferred gift of personal property or real estate;
- Giving through a life insurance policy;
- Required minimum distributions from retirement vehicles.

Whatever your preference, your planned gift to the World Scout Foundation will make a lasting impact.

It will enable young people to gain the skills and knowledge to develop as active citizens who are empowered to drive meaningful positive change in their communities, worldwide.



The Founder's Heritage

Upon pledging a gift to the Founder's Heritage, we would be proud to honour your contribution in the following ways:

- Credit 50% of your planned contribution to your current Membership Level
- Personal recognition from the Chief Executive Officer of the World Scout Foundation
- Distinguished acknowledgement as a Member of the Founder's Heritage in our annual Membership list
- A testimonial feature in our member publications (as per personal wish)
- Personal communication from the Chief Executive Officer and Chair of the Foundation Board to your family members when you have "gone home"
- A memorial gift of a seedling to be planted in your name in the virtual forest of Europe's largest, voluntary reforestation project Boranka



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"Kimberly and I were honoured to become Members of the World Scout Foundation Founder's Heritage. We wanted to ensure the future of Scouting even after we are gone. By making a planned gift in our will we will be able to support future generations of Scouts worldwide. Thank you for helping us fulfil our wishes!"

Marshall and Kimberly Hollis, Members of the Founder's Heritage

Your donation is in good hands

Your donation helps develop young people worldwide today and for future generations to come. We commit to the targeted, efficient and effective use of all donations and investments to further our mission, adhering to the Swiss Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (Swiss GAAP FER), recognised accounting standards of transparency and reliability. We warmly invite you to read more about supported projects and their impact in our annual report.

World Scout Foundation Annual Report



Tax Deductible Donations

We are pleased to facilitate tax-deductible giving in several countries to ensure that you get the maximum benefit for your gift to World Scouting. Find out more on our website or get in touch with us directly via info@worldscoutfoundation.org – we would be pleased to help!



Contact us

We would love to hear from you! If you have any questions about how you can get involved and support our work, please contact us directly.

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Under the patronage of His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden, Honorary Chairman since 1977, the Foundation unites a phenomenal global network of individuals - Baden-Powell Fellows - governments, foundations, and other key partners to support over 60 million Scouts and their local communities.

The Foundation manages capital investments from its broad network of donors and also enables non-capital investments to support specific global projects.



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