

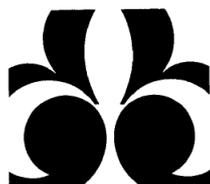
Scouting Facts: France



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Scouting began in France in 1910 and was one of the founder members of the World Conference in



1922.

In 1947 France hosted the 6th World Jamboree which was held in Moisson near Paris and was attended by 25,000 Scouts.

The present Federation, Scoutisme Français, was founded in 1940 and now comprises of five Scout Associations.

Les Eclaireuses et Eclaireurs de France (Guides and Scouts of France).

This Association is open to boys and girls of all religions. Non Scouts are invited to participate in activities and there is a strong emphasis on international relations throughout the whole Association.



Motto: Eclaireuses – Eclaireurs Toujours Pret!
(Guides and Scouts always ready!)

Promise:

I promise on my honour to do my best:

To serve mankind

To be helpful at all times

To live our Law

Law:

A Scout is loyal, clean, master of his words and deeds, smiles even during difficulties, loves work, and effort, never leaves a job half done, is helpful, respects the work and property of others, listens to others and respects their convictions, puts Scout Brotherhood into practice, loves and protects nature and life.

There are four sections to this Association:

Lutins aged 6 –8 years

Louveteaux aged 8 – 11 years

Éclaireuses et Éclaireurs aged 11 – 15 years

Aînés aged 15 – 19 years.

Les Eclaireuses et Eclaireurs Israelites de France
(Jewish Guides and Scouts of France).

The Scout Association

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The Association which is open to both boys and girls was founded in 1923 had previously been members of Eclaireurs Unionistes.



The objective of the Association is to train young Jews who are concerned about their sincerity and who are conscious of their Judaism and their role in the community.

Motto: Tourjours Pret (Always Prepared)

Promise: I pledge to live in the Law of the Jewish Guides and Scouts of France.

Law: A Jewish Scout participates in the life of his group in taking his share of responsibility; learns to understand his neighbour and respects him; develops his physical and moral qualities – discovers, loves and protects nature; does his best to gain new knowledge and to study the Torah.

There are four sections to this Association, all wear the same uniform of a cognac coloured shirt and brown trousers.

Batisseurs aged 8 –11 years

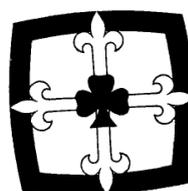
Eclaireurs aged 11½ - 15 years

Equipes perspectives aged 15 – 17 years

Branches aînés aged 17 – 21½ years

Federation Des Eclaireuses et Eclaireurs Unionistes De France (Federation of Unionist Guide and Scouts of France).

This joint Association was formed in 1970 when the boys' Association, the Eclaireurs Unionistes (founded in 1911) and the girls' Association, Federation Francaise de Eclaireuses (founded in 1921) merged.



The programme is based upon a project chosen by the Group to carry out and in so doing the individuals gain specific skills at different levels.

A copy of the Association's magazine is automatically sent out to each member.

Motto: Tourjours Pret (Always ready)

Promise: I promise to do my best, to listen to the word of God, and to put myself at the service of others.

Law:

1. A Scout puts himself at the service of others.
2. A Scout is demanding of himself
3. A Scout tries to understand others so as to love and help them
4. He tries to know the world in which he lives so as to take responsibilities
5. He does his best to live his Law completely

The Association has three sections.

Louveteaux aged 8 – 11 years

Elaireurs aged 12 – 15 years

Jeune équipe aged 15 – 19 years

Les Scouts De France (Scouts of France).

The Association was formed in 1920 when all the previously separate Catholic Associations merged. It is the largest, most wide spread of the French Scout Associations. Scouts De France have a large programme of international community projects, particularly in other Francophone countries. Scouts De France set up the Plein Vent project which was established to build links and facilitate integration of the poorer areas of France by offering Scouting to young, disadvantaged people who would not otherwise have the opportunity.



Promise:

On my honour, with the grace of the Lord,
I pledge to do my best, to serve God,
The Church and my country
To help mankind, my brothers
In all circumstances and to live the Scout Law

Law:

1. A Scout's honour is to be trusted
2. A Scout is loyal during his whole life
3. A Scout shares with others
4. A Scout's duty is to serve and to save his neighbour

5. A Scout is hospitable and fights injustice
6. A Scout protects life because it comes from God
7. A Scout knows how to obey and never leaves a job half done
8. A Scout is courageous: he smiles during difficulties
9. A Scout respects the work and property of others
10. A Scout is pure and radiates purity.

There are four different sections in this Association.

Louveteaux aged 8 – 12 years

Scouts aged 11 – 15 years

Pionniers aged 14 – 18 years

Campagnons aged 17 – 21 years

Uniform:

Louveteaux: yellow shirt and a scarf

Scouts: blue shirt and a scarf

Pionniers: red shirt and a scarf

Compagnons: green shirt and a scarf.

Scouts Musulmans De France (Muslim Scouts of France).

Scouts Musulmans de France became a member of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement in 1995. Scout Musulmans de France was established after Scouts De France began supporting Muslim Leaders in France.



There are four different Sections in the Association. Each Section wears a green shirt and a scarf.

Voyageurs/ Voyageuses aged 8 –12 years

1. A Scout is happy
2. A Scout is sporty
3. A Scout is a friend to everyone
4. A Scout is helpful
5. A Scout is active
6. A Scout is orderly
7. A Scout is God's subject

Eclaireurs/ Eclaireuses aged 11 – 15 years

1. A Scout speaks the truth
2. A scout is loyal
3. A scout is courteous in all circumstances
4. A Scout is attentive and contributes to the well being of society
5. A Scout shares with everyone
6. A Scout knows the value of things and respects the property of others
7. A Scout loves all creation and protects life
8. A Scout stays strong and calm in difficulties
9. A scout carries out and completes the tasks he/ she is entrusted with
10. A Scout has a noble heart and a pure intention to please God.

Pionniers/ Pionnieres aged 14 – 18 years

1. A Scout loves life
2. A Scout develops his/ her qualities

3. A Scout treats his/ her body with respect and shows consideration to others
4. A Scout thinks of others before himself/ herself
5. A Scout is trustworthy
6. A Scout fights injustice and pays everyone the same level of attention
7. A Scout is inventive and takes action
8. A Scout is discerning and helpful and gives advice
9. A Scout finds reasons to believe even in difficulties
10. A Scout lives his/ her religion in respect of others

Compagnons/ Compagnonnes aged 17 – 21 years

Friend of men, I am
To one mankind, I belong
Through Virtue, servant of God
Humble and faithful, I bring peace
To my fellow men, a brother I am
In society, my place I choose
Deed I do, useful and just
From every creature, the secret I hear
With gratitude, I continue on my way
Mineral, plant, animal, I respect
Within this organised chain, my harmony find
And throughout, my duties I fulfil
From my faith in God, I draw my energy
To the family of the faithful, I belong
Towards the merciful one, I turn
To His Law, I submit