

# Scouting Facts: Ireland



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Federation of Irish Scout Associations – Scouting Ireland - CSI and The Scout Association of Ireland (S.A.I.).

Venturers aged 15 19 years

The two member Associations co-operate at all levels and have some joint activities and training courses; both have had some remarkable gains in membership in recent years - about 20% per year and higher.

Motto:

Bi Ullamh (Be prepared)

The President of Ireland is the Patron of the Federation.

Promise:

On my honour, with the Grace of God, I (n.n) promise to do my best: to love, honour and serve Christ my King, His Holy Church and His Blessed Mother, to help my neighbour at all times and obey the Scout Law.

## Scouting Ireland – (CSI)

Law:

In 1927 the Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland was formed which later became Scouting Ireland (CSI) and in 1977 they held their Golden Jubilee Year international camp - "Jamborora '77" - which 1,400 Scouts attended from 21 overseas countries.

A Scout is loyal. He is faithful to his Scout Promise, loyal to his fellow Scouts and all others to whom loyalty is due.

Their programme includes conservation projects, and they have special Merit Badges for the protection of nature. Among their community service activities they include "Meals on Wheels" to old and handicapped persons in their own homes.

A Scout is trustworthy. He respects his honour, keeps his word and does his duty.

A Scout is helpful. He does at least one charitable act a day.

Beavers aged 6 - 8 years

Macaomh (Cub Scouts) aged 8 - 11 years

Boy Scouts aged 11 16 years

A Scout is friendly. He is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout.

A Scout is courteous. He is respectful and polite to all.

A Scout is kind and gentle to everybody. He is



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kind to animals who are also God's creatures.

A Scout is obedient. He promptly carries out the instructions of those placed over him.

A Scout is cheerful, even under difficulties.

A Scout is thrifty. He saves so that he may pay his own way and be generous to those in need.

A Scout is brave. He always supports that which is right and good.

A Scout is pure in thought, word and deed.

Promise:

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 keep the Scout Law.

Law:

The same as that in use in the United Kingdom.

Uniform:

Beavers: Grey jerseys and shorts, green scarf

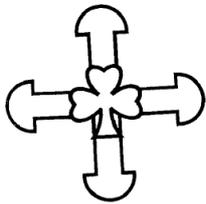
Cub Scouts: Green jerseys, grey shorts, Group scarf

Scouts: Green shirt, blue trousers or jeans, Group scarf

Venture Scouts: Light blue shirt, blue trousers or jeans, Group scarf

Sea Scouts: Blue jersey, navy blue trousers or jeans, Group scarf

As in the United Kingdom, Venture Scouts have mixed Units and also joint activities with Girl Guides; this is also the case in the Scouting Ireland (CSI)



A Scout does all for the Glory of God.

#### The Scout Association Of Ireland (S.A.I.)

Scouting started in 1908 in Ireland, very soon after the Camp on Brownsea Island, and continued its links with British Scouting until 1921 (with the founding of the Free State), when it continued its links though to a lesser degree. The S.A.I. is interdenominational.

Sea Scouting accounts for about 33% of the S.A.I.'s Groups and their sea training centre is based on a converted lightship "L.S. Albatross", moored in Dun Laoghaire harbour.

Beavers aged 5 - 7 years

Cub Scouts aged 7 - 11 years

Scouts aged 11 - 17 years

Venture Scouts aged 15 - 20 years

Motto:

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