

Scouting Facts: Nepal



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Scouting started in Nepal in 1952. The Association, Nepal Scouts, was recognised by the World Scout Conference in 1969.



The Association is open to boys and girls of all religions; rallies and all social service activities are organised jointly, but training, camping and all other aspects of the programme are separate for Girl and Boy Scouts. The emphasis of the programme is upon handicrafts, hiking, camping, nature conservation and community development. Special emphasis is upon the latter.

In 1979 the Association completed a vast drinking water project in a village where water was scarce. Scouts worked with the villagers each day until the water piping and storage system were completed. This meant that 2,000 villagers had pure water for the first time.

Another project was the replanting of treeless areas in various parts of the country. 120 Scouts received special training from the Soil Conservation Department about the causes of frequent landslides. The Scouts then planted over 3,000 trees to help prevent future landslides.

Other service activities include adult literacy campaigns, food production and nutrition. The Scouts of one of the High Schools in Kathmandu (the capital) raise vegetables and chickens which they sell to the villagers.

Relief operations are launched during emergencies such as earthquakes, floods, landslides and fires. In one case the Scouts helped people carry their baggage to a safe place and then looked after them during the 15-day camping period.

Under the current national education system, university students at Master's Degree level, are required to serve in a village for one year. Before leaving for their assignment the students receive several types of training including Scouting. They have testified that the Scout training they received was extremely valuable.

There are three Sections:

Cubs aged 7½ - 12 years

Scouts aged 12 - 17 years

Rovers aged 17 - 25 years

They all wear the same uniform of a khaki shirt with shorts or trousers.

Motto:

Cubs: Sakdo Kosis Gara (Do your best)

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Scouts: Tayar Hou (Be prepared)

Rover Scouts: Sewa (Service)

Promise:

On my honour I promise that I will do my best:

To do my duty to God/Dharma, my Country and the King, To help other people at all times. To obey the Scout Law.

Law:

1. A Scout's honour is to be trusted.
2. A Scout is loyal to his country.
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 other Scout no matter to what country, class or creed the other may belong.
5. A Scout is courteous.
6. A Scout is a friend to animals.
7. A Scout obeys the orders of his King, parents, Patrol Leaders, Scoutmasters without question.
8. A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties.
9. A Scout is thrifty.
10. A Scout is clean in thought, word and deed.

Since 1975 a Five Year Development Plan has been implemented. The name of the Association was changed to "Nepal Scouts" and a new Constitution has been adopted. His Majesty the King of Nepal is the Chief Patron and his younger brother, H.R.H. Prince Dharendra Bir Bikram Shah is the Chief Scout. Recent membership increases have been attributed to continuously revised long range plans.

During 1979 - the International Year of the Child - the Cub Scouts of the United Kingdom raised

more than £140,000 for Nepal (their choice for Cub Country). Part of the money was for the Save the Children Fund Clinics in Nepal, thereby helping to bring health to the people of Nepal by means of food and clinics.

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