

Scouting Facts: Nigeria



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Scouting started in Nigeria in 1915 as an Overseas branch of The Scout Association. In 1916 the Boy Scouts of Nigeria were recognised by the World Scout Conference as an independent Association.



The emphasis of the programme is upon citizenship training and community service projects. This includes such things as literacy campaigns, road safety projects, service of national and community events and providing help in case of disaster by working in co-operation with other organisations. The Scouts also help with fish-farming in rural areas to help improve the diet of local people.

From 1970 to 1972 the Scouts carried out a major rehabilitation programme to resettle destitute Scouts from the East Central State, and the rehabilitation of Scouts from Zaire.

The Head of State is the national Patron of Scouting in Nigeria. The Association is divided into 19 states of which the Patron of Scouting is the Head of that State.

There are three sections in the Boy Scouts of Nigeria:

Cub Scouts - aged 7-12 years

Scouts - aged 12-19 years

Rovers - aged 19-24 years

The uniform for Cub Scouts is a green short-sleeved jumper, khaki shorts with beret and group scarf. The Scouts and Rover Scouts wear a short-sleeved khaki shirt with shorts, beret and group scarf.

Motto:

Be Prepared.

Promise:

On my honour I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to God and nW country to help other people at all times and to obey the Scout Law.

Law:

1. A Scout's honour is to be trusted.
2. A Scout is loyal to his country, his Scouter, his parents, his employers and to those under him.
3. A Scout's duty is to be useful and to help others.

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4. A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout no matter to what country, class or creed he may belong.
5. A Scout is kind, gentle and polite.
6. A Scout is a friend to animals.
7. A Scout obeys orders from his parents, Patrol Leader or Scout Master without question.
8. A Scout is cheerful under all difficulties.
9. A Scout is thrifty.
10. A Scout is clean in thought, word and deed.

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