

# Scouting Facts: Peru



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Scouting in Peru was started on the 25th May 1911 by Mr Juan Luis Rospigliosi, a teacher at the English School at Barranco, Lima. The Asociacion Nacional de Scouts Peruanos was recognised as a Founder Member by the World Scout Conference in 1922.

Peruvian Scouting recently signed an agreement with the Ministry of Education, whereby personnel and funds will be provided to stimulate the founding of new Scout Groups in Schools. The project calls for the doubling of the numbers of Scouts in one year and increasing the membership from 15,300 to 100,000 in three years. This has put a great strain on the Training Team to provide the necessary basic training courses.

In keeping with the suggestions of the World Scout Organisation, leaders of the National Association of Peruvian Scouts have held discussions with their National System of Civil Defence to determine the role Scouting will play in any future disaster or emergency. This resulted in the decision that they would be entrusted with the evacuation of students from education centres.

Conservation plays a large part in the Association's programme and the Third National Patrol Camp was held in a small jungle village on the Amazon River to teach the Scouts about life in such villages. The Indians shared their huts with the Scouts and taught them logging and fishing. Other activities included making and placing bird feeding stations and classifying plants and animals according to their local names. Of the

250 participants at the camp 190 earned the World Wildlife Fund/World Scouting "World Conservation Badge". Conservation is not limited to plants and animals, and because of their insight into primitive cultures, the Scouts have been given an opportunity to help maintain the ancient Inca sites of Machu Pichu and Cuzco.

The Association is constantly reviewing its programme at Cub Scout and Scout levels; youth forums are held every two years and the conclusions of the Scouts are carefully considered by the National Assembly. Indabas at national and regional levels also give feedback from Scouters to aid the National Cub and Scout Commissions to keep the programme interesting for the boys.

The Cub Scout Training Programme is divided into First and Second Star and Proficiency Badges leading to the Leaping Wolf. There are three progress levels in the Scout section - third, second and first class. In the second class as well as the first the Scouts have fixed theoretical subjects but have the option of selecting their technical subjects; usually at the beginning of each year the Troop selects the two subjects they want to work on during the year and this ensures new programme material every year for all the boys.

The number of Rover Scouts is limited and there is no definite programme for this section. - There has been an increase in the number of mixed Rover/Ranger groups.

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Membership is growing steadily practically doubling every five years. The Boy Scouts of Canada have greatly contributed to this development through their "Operation Amigo" project, providing financial assistance for the services of executives who promote expansion and improve training.

The three sections in the Association are:

Lobatos aged 8-11 years

Scouts aged 11-15 years

Rovers aged 15-18 years

**Motto:**

"Siempre listos"

(Be Prepared)

**Promise:**

On my honour I promise to do what is necessary:

To carry out my duty to God and my Country,

To help other people in all circumstances,

and faithfully comply with the Scout Law.

**Law:**

1. A Scout is honourable and trustworthy.
2. A Scout is loyal.
3. A Scout is useful and helps others without thought of reward.
4. A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout without distinction of creed, race, social class or nationality.
5. A Scout is courteous and is a gentleman.

6. A Scout sees nature as the work of God and protects plants and animals.
7. A Scout obeys without questioning and does not do a half-way job.
8. A Scout smiles and whistles when in difficulty.
9. A Scout is economical, hard working and careful of others' belongings.
10. A Scout is clean and healthy, pure in thought, word and deed.

**Uniform:**

Cub Scouts - light blue shirt with short sleeves or dark green jersey. Dark blue shorts and black socks; green Cub cap and Group scarf.

Scouts - light grey shirt with short sleeves and dark grey trousers (white shirt and blue trousers for Sea Scouts) and Group scarf.

Rover Scouts and Leaders - khaki shirt with short sleeves, dark brown trousers and Group scarf.

Local and Region Commissioners wear a dark-green scarf and the National Chief and National Commissioners wear a scarf of the national colours.

Further information about Peru may be obtained from:

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