

# Scouting Facts: Portugal



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Scouting started in Portugal in 1911 and was recognised by the World Scout Conference in 1922.

There are two Scout Associations in Portugal and these congregate to form a Federation, Federação Escotista de Portugal (The Scout Federation of Portugal).

Associação dos Escoteiros de Portugal

(Association of Scouts of Portugal or Portuguese Scout Association)

Founded in 1913, AEP is a pluralist association, open to both genders (since 1979), and is also a founding member of the WOSM.

The present youth programme, which was revised in 2007, has 4 age sections: Alcateia (Cub Scouts) aged 7-10 years; Tribo dos Escoteiros (Scouts) aged 10-13 years ; Tribo dos Exploradores (Explorers) aged 13-16 years; and Clã (Rovers), aged 16-21 years.

The first age section is called Alcateia (Pack), its members are called Lobitos (Cubs), and the activities are named Caçadas (Huntings). The symbolic framework is based in the Jungle Book.

The second age section is called Tribo dos Escoteiros (Tribe of Scouts), its members are called Escoteiros (Scouts), and the activities are named Projectos (Projects). The symbolic framework is based in the indigenous Tribes of the world.

The Third age section is called Tribo dos Exploradores (Tribe of Explorers), its members are called Exploradores (Explorers) and the activities are named Expedições (Expeditions).

The symbolic framework is based in the old Explorers.

In the Scouts and Explorers, members are organized in patrols that take the name of an animal, preferably one of the existing in the Portuguese fauna.

The older age section is called Clã (Clan), its members are called Caminheiros (Rovers) and the activities are named Empreendimentos (-engagement, enterprise). The symbolic framework is based in the Search of the Way. Each rover is encouraged to pursue its own way in life, based in the code of values learnt in Scouting.

Rovers join forces in temporary teams (from 3 months to 1 year) to undertake their projects.

## **Motto:**

"Sempre Pronto"l

(Be Prepared)

## **Promise:**

On my honor I promise to do my best to fulfil my duties to my faith and my country, to help my fellow man in all circumstances, and to live according to the Scout Law.

## **Law:**

1. A Scout is truthful and his word is sacred.
2. A Scout is loyal.
3. A Scout is useful.

## **The Scout Association**

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4. A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout.
5. A Scout is courteous.
6. A Scout respects and protects nature.
7. A Scout is obedient and disciplined.
8. A Scout is joyful and smiles in times of difficulties.
9. A Scout is thrifty, economical, and respects the possessions of others.
10. A Scout is pure in thought, word and deed.

Website: [www.aep.pt](http://www.aep.pt)

CORPO NACIONAL DE ESCUTAS, ESCUTISMO CATÓLICO PORTUGUÊS (National Scout Corps,



Portuguese Catholic Scouting)

Founded in 1923 the Portuguese Catholic Scouting is a catholic association, open to both genders (since 1976).

There are now four age sections in the Association. The four sections are:

Lobitos - aged 6-12 years

Exploradores - aged 11-15 years

Pioneiros - aged 14-18 years

Caminheiros - aged 17-25 years

A series of changes recently undertaken., redefined the Association's structure. This now means that all members undertake decision-making at their own level and decision-making at

the top level is shared among a larger number of Scouters.

**Motto:**

“Sempre Alerta”

(Be Prepared)

**Promise:**

On my honour and with the grace of God I promise to do my best to fulfil my duties to God, the Church and my country; help other people under all circumstances; obey the Scout Law.

**Law:**

1. A Scout's honour inspires confidence.
2. A Scout is loyal.
3. A Scout is useful and does a Good Turn every day.
4. A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout.
5. A Scout is polite and respectful.
6. A Scout protects plants and animals.
7. A Scout is obedient.
8. A Scout is always of a happy disposition.
9. A Scout is serious minded and respectful of other people.
10. A Scout is pure in thought, word and deed.

**Uniform:**

Lobitos - light brown shirt, navy blue shorts, yellow and white scarf.

Exploradores - light brown shirt, navy blue shorts, green and white scarf.

Pioneiros - light brown shirt, with a blue and white scarf.

Caminheiros - light brown shirt, with a red and white scarf.

(Exploradores and Caminheiros may wear trousers instead of shorts)

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