

Roots and environment

The DPSG was founded in Altenberg (near Cologne) in the year 1929. Since then it has grown to around 95,000 members. Through the *Ring deutscher Pfadfinder* (RdP), i.e. the German Scout Federation, the association is part of the World Organisation of Scout Movement (WOSM) with 30 million Scouts. Lord Robert Baden-Powell founded this movement in 1907.

As a Catholic association, the DPSG is a member of the International Catholic Conference of Scouting (ICCS) and in the *Bund der Deutschen Katholischen Jugend* (BDKJ) (Association of German Catholic Youth). As an association within the Church, the DPSG aims to guide its members in the Christian spirit. It is committed to promote ecumenism and is therefore also open to members of other confessions and religions.

Democracy on the basis of human rights is also a matter of course for the DPSG. All of the members can co-determine the subject matter, direction and plans of the association.



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Informations about the Deutsche Pfadfinderschaft Sankt Georg





Out and about together

In the *Deutsche Pfadfinderschaft Sankt Georg* (DPSG), both boys and girls, men and women are out and about together. They dare to have adventures and learn to take on responsibility for themselves and for others in their group.

They develop a spirited relationship with God.

The founder of the World Scout Movement, Lord Robert Baden-Powell, called this a »Duty to myself«, »Duty to others« and »Duty to God«.

The educational principle of Scouting is surprisingly simple: children and adolescents educate themselves with the support of their adult leaders. Each boy and girl applies his/her abilities, the learning comes during shared activities.



The age groups

The groups are split up into different ages; this simplifies self-education and challenges each boy and girl. Within the large group of children of the same age, there are also smaller groups to allow a clear overview of learning.



The Cub Scouts predominantly discover their everyday environment and try to structure it to their own wishes. The children are between 7 and 10 years of age.

Junior Scouts search for and experience adventure. At their age, they discover themselves and have a greater perception of themselves as boys and girls – typical for teenagers aged between 10 and 13 years old.



»Wagt es« or »Dare to try« is the Scout mission statement. They break away from their everyday life, apply themselves goals which they then try to achieve. An exciting way for young people aged between 13 and 16 years old to live.

Rovers make decisions for their future. They tackle matters head on and discover the world with its people and cultures. Suitable for young adults aged between 16 and 20.



Adult members can always get involved as leaders whose job it is to guide and accompany the groups in teams.



Typical scouting

The Scouts of the DPSG place great importance on fairness on both a national and international level. They are committed to combating poverty both on their own doorstep and in the world as a whole. They build up friendships and permanent partnerships with other Scouts and Guides and campaign for real sexual equality.

People with disabilities are active as Scouts as well. In many groups, the co-operation between people with and without disabilities is taken for granted. People from all nations and religions are also involved in the DPSG, which however belongs to the Catholic Church.

Preserving nature is a major task for Scouts. Through living simply, they try to be gentle on resources and protect the environment. The members of the DPSG consider what repercussions their actions may have for future generations.

»Try and leave the world a little better than you found it« Lord Robert Baden-Powell requested in a farewell letter written shortly before his death. Each Scout is committed to fulfil this request.



Annual Campaigns

»Flinke Hände und flinke Füße« (Nimble hands and nimble feet) are busy each year for a good cause. Ever since 1962, the DPSG's annual campaigns have been held without a break. First of all, the DPSG's Federal Centre in Westernohe/Westerwald was set up for people with disabilities. Groups planned leisure time with children or youths, some with disabilities, some without. And this has not changed until this day.

In their annual campaigns, the Scouts collect money for projects. But besides this, they also discuss the reasons for injustice and the lives of those young people at the centre of their annual campaign. Rwanda is a country which is repeatedly at the centre of a campaign. Training centres for supporting the prevention of HIV and Aids have been built there. Bolivia is another country in which meeting centres have been built or seeds donated with the help of the DPSG.

The subjects dealt with change from one year to the next, sometimes they involve people with disabilities, ecology, the preservation of human dignity or international justice. If necessary, the DPSG also reacts to problems spontaneously.

These annual campaigns have led to partnerships and friendships with Scout/Guide associations in Bolivia, Rwanda and the Near East.

Mission for peace

Living together in a non-violent way is not always easy but is one of the aims of Scouting. Scouts commit themselves on both a small and large scale to world peace.

With the Light of Peace from Bethlehem, DPSG members have been joining Scouts and Guides from other German associations for many years now at Christmas to show their support for world peace. They carry the light to hospitals, shelters for the homeless or simply to the living rooms of their neighbours.

