

## Origins and Context

Founded back in 1929, with approx. 95,000 members the DPSG is Germany's largest Scout organisation. Being part of the **German Scout Federation (rdp)**, we are part of the **World Scout Movement**. Scouting is the world's largest youth movement, comprising approx. 40 million members.

Being a **Catholic organisation**, the DPSG is also member of the International Catholic Conference of Scouting (ICCS) and the Federation of German Catholic Youth Associations (BDKJ). As an organisation within the Church, the DPSG wants to provide guidance in Christian spirit. The DPSG engages in ecumenical Christianity and is open towards other confessions and religions.

**Democracy** is an integral part of the DPSG and thus an active part of our organisation: all members decide upon the organisation's orientation, programs and plans.

## Structure

The DPSG is divided into approx. 1,400 local groups, where the actual work with the children and young people happens. This is where the group meetings and projects are carried out.

The districts serve as regional networks of the local groups, where groups meet each other and exchange experiences. The 25 dioceses are the organisation's framework, providing leader training and opportunities for events.

The National Board implements the various panels' decisions and represents the organisation to the outside world including politicians, the Church and society. The National Board also ensures the pedagogical and thematic bases and safeguards of the whole administration via the Bundesamt Sankt Georg e. V.



## Annual Campaign

Annual campaigns have been part of the DPSG ever since 1962, in which we tackle aspects of today's society. We focus on three fields: firstly, the Scouts raise funds for a specific project, secondly, they deal with the reasons for injustice and contemplate young people's life and thirdly, they raise awareness of the problems to an audience outside their group.

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## On our way together

In the German Scout association DPSG, boys and girls, women and men are on a journey to adventure. Together, they learn to take responsibility for themselves as well as for other members of the group, thus developing a closer relationship with God.

The educational concept of Scouting is incredibly simple: supported by their group leaders, children and youths educate themselves. Each and every one contributes their special skills for the benefit of the group.

Children and young people meet weekly according to their age section (see right), where they plan their common activities and projects. Age appropriate support is provided by the group leaders. Annual highlights are the short or longer trips and events such as the summer camps.



*»Leave this world a little better than you found it.«*

Lord Robert Baden-Powell  
founder of the world Scouting movement

## The Age Sections

The groups are divided into age sections, making self-education easier and challenging for each member. Within the large group of the age section, smaller groups are formed giving everybody the opportunity to make a contribution to their group.

**The Cub Scouts** (7-10 years) mainly explore their day to day living and try to develop it according to their wishes.

**The Explorers** (10-13 years) seek and experience adventure. At this age, they discover themselves and develop their awareness of the differences of their gender.

„Just dare“ is the **Senior Scouts'** (13-16 years) general concept. They escape from everyday life, set goals and try to achieve them.

**Rover Scouts** (16-20 years) make decisions for their future. They tackle problems and discover the world and its people and cultures.

Adult members can engage as leaders. They lead and accompany their group in teams. The Organisation provides the background and methods for group leading.



## Typical Scouting

Dedication to justice is a major concern for all Scouts within the DPSG. Scouts engage in fighting poverty in Germany and world-wide and advocate for real gender equality.

They meet children and young people from all over the world and make international contacts.

People with a disability are also active Scouts. It should go without saying that everyone is a welcome member of the group.

Preserving God's creation is a great task for Scouts. By living a simple life, they try to conserve natural resources and to protect our environment.

## Engagement for Peace

Living together peacefully can be a challenge, yet it is a target of Scouting. Scouts are dedicated to world-wide peace, be it on a large or a smaller scale.

Every year during Christmas time, DPSG members - together with Scouts of other German associations - give a clear signal with the Light of Peace from Bethlehem in favour of peace all over the world.