

SCOUTING / GUIDING IS A NATIONAL BUILDING ACTIVITY

Message to the parents.

Scouting which was started in 1907 in England by Baden Powel a military officer has now grown into a world Brotherhood movement joining together about three hundreds of human minds in about one hundred and eighty World nation.

Reason

Scouting is a happy experience for the boys a challenge for the youth, a relief for the minds of thinking mankind and an indispensability of the present age.

What is scouting?

Scouting is an excellent educational movement which gives training to the youth for becoming good citizens who work with a sense of devotion towards the achievement of full personality development good of the community and world brotherhood, above difference of caste, religion, sect, colour and language and consideration of party politics.

Its foundation is a programme through games like by the development of character intelligence, health and physical strength, handicraft and skill and an attitude of service.

Special characteristics:-

World's greatest voluntary organization of uniformed boys, Girls, and youth. A world brotherhood movement in which progressive training is given to children and youth from the age of twenty five.

- **Progressive training Scheme:** A system of self- government where training is given under boy leadership through patrol system, based on group spirit learning by doing.
- Stress on out activities
- Indirect leadership of adults.
- The specialty of adults.
- Loyalty to the community and the country
- A Community which exists beyond the consideration of caste, religion, sector or colour.
- Voluntary membership.
- A law and promise which is accepted after self-conviction.
- Opportunities to each boy/girl to give leadership, to display ability and to get recognition.

Different sections

Bunny: Boys/girls aged from 3 to 6

Cub/bulbul: Boys/girls aged from 6 to 10

Scout/Guide: Boys/girls aged from 10 to 15

Rover/ ranger: Youth/younger women aged from 16 to 25

Why parents like it?

- A movement based on the goodness, love and faith in the children
- The spare time of children is used in way which helps personality development and the good of the community in a healthy environment.
- Parents like their children to grow up as good citizens.
- Children get training in leadership and management even from a small age.

Other Achievements for the children

Through the badges tests conducted at various stages, the children get the opportunity to earn the Rajyapuraskar badges at the state level presented by the governor and the Rashtrapathi award at the national level, presented by the Rashtrapathi.

Besides these there are about hundred proficiency badges which the children can earn according to the different ability and interest of each child.

In the fields of Social Service:

Nature conservation, forestry, world peace, national integration, sanitation activities, literacy activities, campaign for leprosy eradication, campaign against alcohol, drugs, smoking, relief activities etc., are examples. There are no fields of social service where scouting has not reached.

Recognition Awards :

Peace messenger award of the United Nations Organization for World peace activities in 1987.

Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration activities in 1988. Besides this may other National/International awards for leprosy eradication activities, sanitation promotion, literacy activities and anti-tobacco campaign.

Mahatmaji said follows about Scouting:

I wish that in all homes in India there was at least one boy who had received Scout Training.

Why in Educational Institutions?

Scouting / Guiding is included as a man co-curricular activity according to the education act. Over and above the individual achievement of the boys, scouting/Guiding helps to control the discipline in the schools to a great extent. Their services can be used in the public functions/programmes held, namely active or outside the school. The basic aim of education, namely active citizenship training can be easily made possible through scouting.

How can you help scouting?

- ❖ Give inspiration and encouragement through the parent teacher Associations, for the formation and running of scout/Guide units in the Institutions in your jurisdiction.
- ❖ Encourage the children to join and work in scouting/Guiding.
- ❖ Make use of all opportunities by which you can contact scout/Guide Activities ✓
- ❖ Inform other about all the good things which you have learned about Scouting.

Message to the parents:

Why should your child join and work in scouting/Guiding?

- ❖ It fills a child's spare time with healthy occupations.
- ❖ Character formation is made possible.
- ❖ It gives opportunities of services to god and other human beings. This is the basis of religion.
- ❖ It develops self reliance.
- ❖ It helps to develop a sense of honour and pride.
- ❖ It makes the body and mind healthy throughout door activities.
- ❖ It finds out child nature gifts and gives opportunities to develop them. This helps in child future career.
- ❖ Contact with nature widens the children's mind.
- ❖ The children outlook is widened as it is an educational and social movement.
- ❖ Our children are good. We bound to give opportunities to them to grow as good people. Scouting paves the way for this.

Becoming a member of the world Brotherhood movement of scouting/Guiding itself is an honour.

"I pray that Every Home in INDIA may have Children like Scouts and Guides"

-Mahatma Gandhi