



To be a Guide or Scout means

Taken from the mission statement of the Association of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides of Austria (PPÖ)

...experience democracy and peace

We are members of the world's largest youth movement. We provide a lasting contribution to peace through experiencing democracy and international meetings.

...be critical and politically independent

We encourage critical thinking. We also deal with social political challenges by keeping our independence from political parties.

...respect our environment and protect nature

We encourage our young members to be advocates for the protection of nature and the environment.

...experience community, strengthen competences

We offer children and young adults a community where they can develop their strengths and social competences and encourage the comprehensive development of our members. We strengthen their team-capability and moral courage through effective participation of children and young adults.

... be active as a volunteer, use abilities

Our voluntary members help to create the community through their active involvement in a responsible way. They get their motivation from the sense of their social commitment and from the value of personal friendships within the movement. Our adult leaders develop through exchange of experience, through learning within the group, through personal further education and on training seminars. The qualifications and competences they gain can also be used outside the movement.

... require and encourage permanent development

Our programme for children and young adults and the training of voluntary adult leaders are continuously developed on the basis of our fundamental principles. This development is based on an ongoing evaluation, a permanent exchange between our young members and the adult leaders as well as on the contribution of personal experiences from private and professional environment.

A global network...

Over 38 million Guides and Scouts in more than 200 countries of the world form the largest youth movement of the planet. All the members of the umbrella organisations "World Association of Girl Guides und Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)" and the "World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)" share the same mission, "to enable young people to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world".

Close to where you live

85.000 Guides and Scouts are organised in more than 300 local groups which can be found over all nine Austrian federal states.

Join Guiding/Scouting

Find a local group close to you on our web site
www.pfadfinderInnen.at/english

Just come along to one of the regular meetings or ask your parents to take you. Some local groups even offer special activities where guests are very welcome to join in.

Information about your local Guides/Scouts group



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Adventure unlimited

Four age sections

Age-specific games and adventures are typical methods for our younger members. Our teenage and young adult members are encouraged to contribute their own ideas to group projects and activities.

Play and discover

Our youngest members are called Wichtel (Brownies, girls) and Wölflinge (Cubs, boys). In a playful setting, they develop their young personality, while discovering skills and talents.



Wichtel
Wölflinge
7 to 10 yrs



Guides
Späher
10 to 13 yrs

Action, teamwork and learning

Guides (girls) and Späher (Scouts, boys) take on responsibilities within a small team, recognising their own individual talents. The adventures they enjoy during outdoor camps and hikes offer the girls and boys lifetime experiences that will leave a lasting impression.

At home in the world

Caravelles (girls) and Explorer (boys) work in small groups that reflect their personal interests. Contributing their own ideas, the young people work more and more independently as they plan and implement their projects. They also go abroad and join Guides and Scouts from other countries in international meetings where they live and work together peacefully in a multicultural environment.



Caravelles
Explorer
13 to 16 yrs

Take action

Ranger (girls) and Rover (boys) focus on a broad variety of projects which they plan and decide on by themselves. They are supposed to develop a critical and open mind to be able to take responsibility and to contribute to their environment. It is also about enjoying fun and adventures together with friends and exploring the world.



Ranger
Rover
16 to 20 yrs



Adult volunteers

You are an adult and wonder why you can't join all that fun? Well, you can, even if you haven't been a Guide or Scout when you were a kid. Adult volunteers run our group evenings as leaders or look after our finances or camp equipment. You want to help? **Every helping hand is welcome.** Just ask at your local Guide/Scout group.

Recognise needs stimulate individuality

We promote children and young adults according to their age and gender specific needs. A major aspect therein is the open and sensitive approach to their religious and ethnic origin. The promotion of personal faith is important for us. We are open for people with handicaps. They contribute to the community with their abilities.

