

Who takes care of the children?

Scout leaders are responsible for organizing fun, exciting and safe activities for children. They are young and engaging volunteers, who are excited and eager to join in the fun every week. Leaders are supported by Scouts en Gidsen Vlaanderen vzw and can attend various trainings to become better leaders. There, they learn valuable leadership skills, as well as new games and safety, first-aid and general skills.

Where can you find Scouting?

Join one of the nearly 500 groups of Scouts and Gidsen across Flanders and Brussels. You can find them and get in touch via <https://www.scoutsengidsenvlaanderen.be/groepenzoeker>

How much does Scouting cost?

Joining the Scouting typically costs between €50 - €60 a year. Prices vary by group, so it's best to contact your preferred group to inquire about their fees for the year and what is and isn't included. The money goes toward covering the insurance fee, renewing equipment, and keeping the buildings in shape. If your child gets into an accident at Scouting or is on their way there or heading home, they'll be insured through Scouts en Gidsen Vlaanderen vzw.

The Summer Camp is usually charged separately and costs an average of €17 a day. With that money, the leaders pay for the accommodation, equipment, food, and all activities.

You can have part of the membership fee refunded through your health insurance fund or UitPas. For more information, get in touch with the leaders, the local youth service or your health insurance fund. If the membership fee or camp fee is too high for you, you can access a discount. For more information, contact your group's leadership and ask about "Scouting op Maat".

Scouting outfit



Recognize this?

That's right, it's the Scouting uniform! When you wear this uniform, everyone will know that you're a Scout. Most groups also sell second-hand uniforms. It is up to the individual groups to decide whether to wear the uniform. You can also get a discount on the Scouting uniform.

WHAT IS SCOUTING?





Learn new skills



Make friends



Go on adventures

Scouting is about having fun, going on adventures together, and discovering new places, the outdoors, and the world.

What do Scouts and Guides do? Who can join?

Scouting is for all children and young people from age 6 to age 18. We organize activities every Saturday or Sunday. Join us to have a great time with children **your own age!** From the age of 17 or 18 you can become a leader yourself.

Scouting is all about being active, enjoying games, going on adventures together, and making new friends. Every week, you'll discover new activities in a safe environment where everyone is welcome.

You can participate in a **local group** for three trial weeks to find out whether Scouting is something for you, before signing up. In the Summer we organise Scoutcamps. You'll spend a few days away from home, sleep in a whole new place, learn new skills and grow to be more responsible. Exciting!

Scouting activities are organised in Dutch. Are you not yet fully comfortable in Dutch? No problem! The leaders and other children will be happy to help you! Playing together is the best way to **practice your Dutch.**

Did you know?

We also have Sea Scout groups. These groups organize lots of activities on and near the water. From the age of 11 you'll even learn to sail and navigate a boat.

In our "Akabe groups", children with disabilities or children who need extra attention get the necessary support to enjoy and discover Scouting.

There's more to Scouting than just playing games. We discover the world together, make new friends, and grow to become responsible for ourselves, each other and everyone around us.

Age sections?

In Scouting you'll always be in a group of children your own age, which we call age sections - "takken":

With the **Beaver Scouts** - "Kapoenen" (6-8 years)

... you'll play games. You learn new skills. Together with your leaders. And with other Beavers.

With the **Cubs** - "Welpen en Kabouters" (8-11 years)

... you go on adventures. You play games with your friends. Discover something new every week and learn to work together.

With the **Scouts** - "Jonggivers" (11-14 years)

... you learn to be more responsible for yourself. Build a camp, go on a trip, learn how to cook. Or play an exciting game in the woods, always with your friends.

With the **Explorers** - "Givers" (14-17 years)

... you take on new challenges. New skills, exciting games or choose your own adventure with you and your friends. In the end, having a great time and growing with friends is what matters most.

With the **Rovers** - "Jins" (17-18 years)

... you have the time of your life. Together with your friends and your leaders you get to plan and organise activities. You'll decide together where to go camping, what crazy projects to set up.... You're guaranteed to have a great time!

With the **Leaders** - "Leiding" (from 18 years of age)

... you are responsible for organizing activities together with the other leaders. Your task is to guide Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers. Create engaging weekly activities, brainstorm new games together and learn how to be responsible for the younger groups.