



Introducing Scouting in Schools

A Western Cape After School Project

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**developing leaders and learners in dis-
advantaged areas**



SCOUTS South Africa

Preamble

The Scout programme is deeply rooted in outdoor activities, which serve as a foundation for fostering environmental awareness, stewardship and conservation among its adult members and young people. The below Scout Promise and Law are paramount to our programme ethos and delivery.



scout law



- 1. a scout's honour is to be trusted**
People know they can depend on you. They know you will tell the truth and when you say you will do something it will be done without fail. A Scout is honest.
- 2. a scout is loyal**
To be loyal means to be faithful, obedient, and true. You are faithful to your country, your family, your Scout Group and Patrol, your friends, and as you get older those serving with you. You will speak up and stand by your principles, even if they're not popular.
- 3. a scout's duty is to be useful and to help others**
Helping others can bring you the greatest happiness, and you do so willingly, without pay or reward. Try to do at least one good turn to somebody every day.
- 4. a scout is a friend to all and a brother / sister to every other scout**
You try to understand other people and respect those with ideas and customs different from yours. To other Scouts anywhere in the world you are more than just a friend, you are a brother or sister to them, as you both obey the same Law of friendship & helpfulness.
- 5. a scout is courteous**
Courteous is an old word meaning respectful and polite. Having good manners helps everyone to get along better with one another.
- 6. a scout is a friend to animals**
You respect all living creatures and the natural environment in which we live. You don't hurt animals on purpose, and never neglect to feed your pets. If animals must be killed for food, or for some other good reason, it should be done in the kindest way.
- 7. a scout obeys orders**
You obey the orders, rules and laws of your family, community and country. The orders from your experienced and trusted family, teacher, Scouter/Patrol Leader are important and to be obeyed. If you think they're unfair, address it in an orderly way instead of being disobedient.
- 8. a scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties**
You look on the bright side of things, no matter what goes wrong. You do your best to keep others happy with your smile. You don't turn away from a problem, but look for solutions.
- 9. a scout is thrifty**
You don't waste things that are valuable. You take care of your possessions, your money, and your time. You protect and conserve natural resources and do your jobs efficiently.
- 10. a scout is clean in thought, word, and deed**
You keep your body and mind clean, fit, and ready for action. You should only think good things about others, don't gossip, swear, or use bad language. Scouts always try to think and speak positively.





scout promise

"on my honour i promise"

You make this promise on your "honour" which means that you can be trusted and depended upon. Your honour is your pride, your character, and your reputation. By giving your word, you promise to be guided by the ideals of the Scout Law.

"that i will do my best:"

The Scout Promise would be impossible to keep without the words "your best". This means that if you fail to live up to the Promise but can honestly say "I did my best to keep it, but could not", then you have succeeded. Measure yourself against your own high standards and don't be influenced by peer pressure or what other people do.

"to do my duty to god and my country"

Follow the teaching of your faith, and with help from your religious leaders and parents, and bring these into your daily life to do your duty to God. When you work to improve your community and your home, you are serving your country.

"to help other people at all times"

A Scout should do a good turn to someone every day, not just friends and family, but anyone in need. There are many people who need you. By helping out whenever possible, you are doing your part to make this our world a better place.

"to obey the scout law"

You promise to obey the 10 parts of the Scout Law. These practical guidelines should become a way of life and will help you to become a caring and contributing citizen.



Overall, the Scouts advancements program integrates outdoor activities with environmental education and **conservation** efforts, providing scouts with the knowledge, skills, and experiences needed to become responsible stewards of the environment. Through hands-on learning and leadership opportunities, scouts develop a strong sense of connection to nature and a commitment to protecting the planet for future generations.

Scouting in Schools Project (SiS)

Western Cape Year Beyond and After School Programme

In 2016 the Western Cape Government identified seven priority projects called Game Changers. One of these was the Year Beyond and After School Programme. This focuses on closing the opportunity gap between resourced and under resourced learners.

The intention is to close the opportunity gap created by poor access to resources and enable every learner to excel. This work is delivered through a partnership between the Western Cape Government, local government, and the non-governmental sector, such as the partnership with SCOUTS South Africa.

The Department of Culture, Arts and Sport is the lead department for After School Programmes and Youth Services. The Youth and After School Programme Office (YASPO) is responsible for creating an enabling environment and developing partnerships to improve educational outcomes and encourage a culture of learning through building a vibrant and active after school sector in the Western Cape, while at the same time creating first work experiences for youth aged 18 to 25. The After School program has grown into "The Year Beyond" project. Scouts SA in Western Cape became an Implementing Partner for Year Beyond in the Life Skills and Leadership space.

The partnership with SCOUTS South Africa includes addressing youth employment as in 2026 the project has grown to create temporary workplace opportunities for 345 intern leaders (Not in Education, Employment or Training) between 18 and 25 years of age, who will deliver a specially prepared set of twice weekly Scout Programs to Learners in No or Low fee schools the Western Cape. These Intern leaders will serve as Teacher Assistants during School hours and Scout Leaders after school Mondays to Thursdays.

This will occur in 88 schools and attract around 5000+ learners twice weekly.

The programs are closely tied to the Scouts SA adopted UN Sustainable Development goals and run on a 3 year cycle, targeting Grade 4, 5 and 6 learners. They are invested as Scouts, receive a SiS Scarf for recognition and earn up to 5 badges per year for completing the programs successfully.

The project is run by a permanent team structured to provide admin, personal and skill support and mentoring to the Year Beyond intern leaders. On the Friday of each week the intern leaders do 3 hours of Year Beyond personal growth and work place preparation, and 3 hours of scout skills and program preparation training. At the end of the year the Interns are ready with a completed CV to enter the job market or further education.

Funding opportunities

The Scouting in Schools project is run with the support of the Western Cape After School program office and WCED approval.

Main outside funding is under the Presidents Job Fund, WC Provincial Government support and other funders who combine to provide monthly Stipends for the Intern leaders and a operational fund for resources. The funding of resources is the key area where the project is in need of finding financial or material support. Scouts SA Western Cape are not able to continue to fund this rapid growth from own resources which are membership fee based for our community scouts (no fee is charged for the Scouting in School learners).

To give an idea some areas of budget need include:

- Project leader - annual remuneration of around R400 000
- Project Vehicle - Current sedan vehicle is ageing and will need replacement with a 7 seater (Suzuki Ertiga R254900 - R312 900) or similar
- Supply of Scout scarves per learner @ R40 each (4000 = R160 000)
- Supply of Badges 16 000 @ R15 each = R240 000
- Support to provide an outdoor hike experience which needs to include transport, food and venue usage totalling around R270/learner

There are other areas of support that can be discussed but the above are a few key areas as we grow the project each year. Full details and budgets are available as required.

Conclusion

SiS continues to demonstrably make a positive change in the lives of the intern leaders and learner members, preparing them to be positive community members and individuals who are committed to leaving the world a better place than they found it.

We are truly grateful for your reading of our project and our needs for funding and/or support in this wonderful project that delivers important environmental and community living youth outreach opportunities.

We thank you for considering our request.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix: Activity photos

New leaders training course arrival and completion



Leadership training and hike practical



Learners activities



Appendix: Scouts SA Overview

SSA Organisational Background

SCOUTS South Africa (SSA) is one of the largest and oldest volunteer-driven educational organisations in the country. For over 115 years SCOUTS South Africa has been preparing children and youth (5 – 30-year-olds) to be catalysts for social change by enabling them to be independent citizens who are self-fulfilled and confident individuals who play a constructive role in society.

SSA was established in 1908 as an independent, non-profit educational movement dedicated to the development of young people in achieving their full potential as individuals and responsible citizens. Central in this programme is a continuous transference of values such as honesty, loyalty, responsibility, respect; all aimed at governing individual behaviour and the development of strong leadership skills that will equip members to be of service to others and to their communities.

Given current societal developments, SSA's vision is "to create a better South Africa by giving a million young people an opportunity to live the Scout Experience." This would prepare them to be independent people who are self-fulfilled and confident individuals who play a constructive role in society. The age-appropriate child and youth experiential learning programmes focus on leadership training, life skills, and personal development. SSA follows a non-formal education system, which is based on self-advancement and outcomes-based education in a fun environment. All children (boys and girls) aged five to seventeen can take part in the activities of the organisation in their Scout Region. Members aged eighteen to thirty can then further progress into the SSA young adult development programme.

The adult training programmes educate and equip people with practical leadership, project management, communication, and vocational skills that are relevant and applicable in their daily lives. Members also undertake projects within their direct communities that address the Sustainable Development Goals and the National Development Plan. Those include poverty alleviation, hunger, climate change, and HIV&AIDS. Planning and implementing projects allow members to address specific needs in their direct communities and teaches them how to make a real difference.

SSA's programmes are offered through community or school-based groups where children, adolescents or young adults' function in small peer units. They are then mentored/supported by trained volunteer adult leaders who ensure the creation of safe environments where communication and growth are encouraged.

Members of SSA also receive opportunities in which to expand their horizons, gain new experiences and represent their communities and country as a whole. National events and international jamborees are such platforms.

SSA is affiliated to the World Organisation of the Scout Movements (WOSM) which operates in over 200 countries and territories and is recognised as an educational organisation with a strong focus on leadership development.