

# What is the Scouting movement?

Scouting and Guiding is a leisure organization for children and young people in Flanders and Brussels.

Learn  
new skills

Go on  
adventures

Make  
friends

*Scouting is about playing, going on adventures, and discovering new places, nature, and the world.*

## What do Scouts and Guides do?

Scouting is a group of children and young people **from age 6 (or first grade) to age 18**. We organize an activity every **Saturday or Sunday**. Join us to have a great time with **children your own age!**

Do you like outdoor sports and games? If so, the Scouting might be for you!

Scouting is all about playing, staying active, going on adventures, and making new friends. Every week, you'll do something new in a **completely safe environment**. Everyone is welcome.

You can join **your local group** for three trial sessions before signing up to find out whether the Scouting movement is something for you.

In summer, we go camping together. While camping, you'll spend a few days away from home, sleep in a whole new place and learn to be independent. How exciting is that!

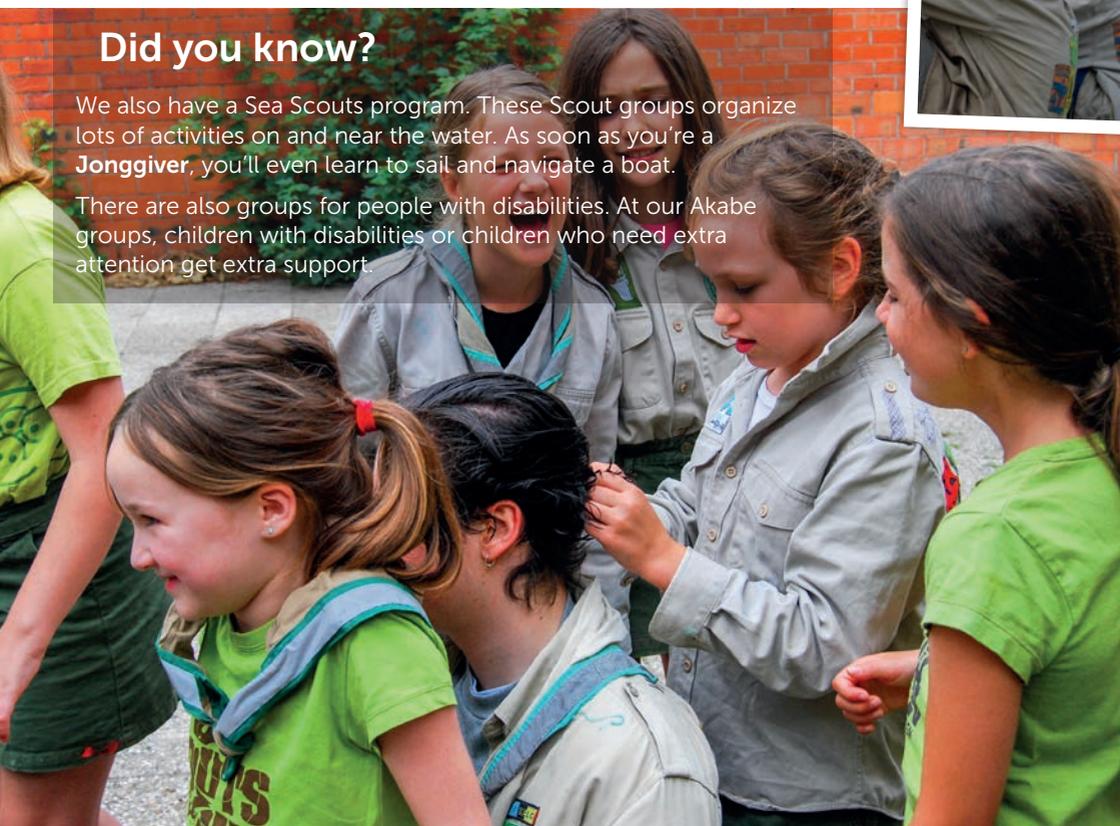
Flanders Scouts and Guides is a Dutch-speaking youth movement. You don't speak Dutch well yet? No problem! The leaders and other children will help you! Playing together is the best way to **practice your Dutch and have fun at the same time**.



## Did you know?

We also have a Sea Scouts program. These Scout groups organize lots of activities on and near the water. As soon as you're a **Jonggiver**, you'll even learn to sail and navigate a boat.

There are also groups for people with disabilities. At our Akabe groups, children with disabilities or children who need extra attention get extra support.



## Why is Scouting fun for children and young people?

*There's more to Scouting than just playing games. We go on adventures together in the community, in the woods, or on a local square. We discover the world together, make new friends, and help each other and everyone around us.*

**You'll always be in a group of children your own age:**

**With the Kapoenen (Ladybirds, 6-8 years)**

... **you play games**. You learn new skills. Together with your leaders. And with other Kapoenen.

**With the Welpen and kabouters (Cubs and Brownies, 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 Jonggivers (11-14 years)**

... **you learn to be independent**. Make a sitting area, go on a trip, learn how to cook. Or play an exciting game in the woods. You do something different every week, but always with your friends.

**With the Givers (14-16 years)**

... **you take on challenges**. New skills, exciting games or whatever you and your friends feel like doing. In the end, having a great time with friends is what matters most.

**With the Jins (16-17 years)**

... **you have the time of your life**. Do whatever you and your friends want to do. This is the last year before you become a leader. Decide for yourself where to go camping, set up crazy projects.... You're guaranteed to have a great time!

**With the Leaders (from 18 years of age)**

... **you are responsible** for organizing activities along with the other leaders. Your task is to guide Kapoenen, Welpen or Jonggivers. Think up new games together and learn how to be responsible for the younger groups.

## Who accompanies the children?

**Scout leaders** are responsible for organizing fun or exciting activities for children. They are young, cheerful volunteers, who are excited and eager to join in the fun every week. Leaders are supported by Flanders Scouts and Guides and can attend various courses to become better leaders. There, they learn valuable leadership skills, as well as new games and safety, first-aid and general skills.



## Where is the Scouting?

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



## How much does the Scouting cost?

**Joining** the Scouting typically costs between **€40 - €50** a year. Prices vary across groups, so it's best to ask your preferred group for their fees.

The money goes toward equipment, keeping the buildings in great shape, and paying for insurance. If your child gets into an accident at Scouting or is on their way there or heading home, they'll be insured through Flanders Scouts and Guides.

The **Summer Camp** is 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 or your local youth service or health insurance fund.

If the membership fee or camp fee is too high for you, you may be entitled to a **discount** through Flanders Scouts and Guides. For more information, contact your group's leadership and ask about **Scouting op Maat**.



## Scouting uniform

Recognize this outfit? 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.

