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## 4th Squamish Scouts – Scout Information Sheet

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### Scouts Canada - Background

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Scouts Canada is the largest youth educational organization in Canada. With a quarter of a million members across the country, we also form part of the world-wide Scouting Movement which includes over 16 million members in 150 countries. Scouting runs youth programs specifically designed for each age grouping: Beavers (5-7 years old), Wolf Cubs (8-10 years old), Scouts (11-14 years old), Venturers (15-17 years old), and Rovers (18-26 years old).

### Scouts Canada's Principles

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Scouting is based on three broad principles which represent its fundamental beliefs.

#### **Duty to God:**

This is defined as: "Adherence to spiritual principles, loyalty to the religion that expresses them and acceptance of the duties resulting therefrom."

#### **Duty to Others:**

This is defined as: "Loyalty to one's country in harmony with the promotion of local, national and international peace, understanding and cooperation", and "Participation in the development of society, with recognition and respect for the dignity of one's fellow being and for the integrity of the natural world."

#### **Duty to Self:**

This is defined as: "Responsibility for the development of oneself." This is in harmony with the educational purpose of the Scout Movement whose aim is to assist young people in the full development of their potentials.

Scouting's core philosophy and values are expressed by the principles. These form a "code of ethics" for how Scouting expects all members to conduct themselves while participating in activities. The Wolf Cub's promise, law and motto are age-appropriate versions of Scouting's principles.

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### Scout Law, Promise and Motto

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#### **Promise:**

On my honour  
I promise that I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and the Queen  
To help other people at all times,  
And to carry out the spirit of the Scout Law.

#### **Law:**

A Scout is helpful and trustworthy,  
kind and cheerful,  
considerate and clean,  
wise in the use of all resources.

#### **Motto:**

Be prepared.

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## Scouts Canada's Mission

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Scouting's principles are put into action and focus through our mission statement.

Scouting's mission is:

"To contribute to the education of young people, through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society."

Scouting's mission seeks to help develop the whole child. While some children may excel in school or when playing sports, to fit into society a person must be well rounded mentally, physically, socially and spiritually to the best of their ability

Scouting's Mission is achieved by:

- Involving youth throughout their formative years in a non-formal educational process.
- Using a specific method that makes each individual the principal agent in his or her development as a self-reliant, supportive, responsible and committed person.
- Assisting youth to establish a value system based upon spiritual, social and personal principles as expressed in the Promise and Law.

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## Practices and Methods

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Scouts is about having fun while gaining valuable leadership skills and self-confidence. Scouts enjoy outdoor adventures like mountain biking, rock climbing and lots of camping while working together with other young people to accomplish thrilling challenges. Scouting gives every member a chance to be a leader. It might involve running an activity, organizing a camp, or participating with other young people across your province or Canada in a youth forum.

Scouts Canada employs a system of progressive self-education which includes the following practices and methods:

- Commitment to the values in a Promise and Law,
- Learning by doing,
- Membership in small groups,
- Progressive and stimulating contemporary programs,
- Commitment to the values of doing one's best, contributing to the community, respecting and caring for others, contributing as a family member,
- Relevant through youth and young adult engagement
- Use of outdoor activities as a key learning resource.

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## Uniform Insignia Placement

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