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Hindustan Scouts and Guides

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Message to Guides and Scouts

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Scouting,

With this letter I am personally addressing all guides and scouts with a special message for you.

Since the beginnings of Scouting in 1907, many generations of young people have held on to and participated in the Scouting idea. Over many decades, we have been able to observe how young people have become responsible adults who are self-critical and always ready to take on their tasks in society.

Each generation of Guides and Scouts has its own specific challenges, and the so-called modern times have changed the way we interact with each other as people, both locally and globally. Distances between continents can now be bridged almost 'just in time' thanks to modern media channels, and meetings and gatherings are easily organised virtually with video telephony and internet connections.

Thanks to modern media, we have the opportunity to communicate with each other almost simultaneously. With all these opportunities, we have been able to grow continuously as the World Federation of Independent Scouts and spread around the world.

But where there is light, there is also shadow. We all know the challenges that modern media present to us all. In addition to the many virtual traps that are set for us and that can limit the functionality of our end devices, we must not forget that the global internet-based system is controlled by a few. We can quickly fall into a dependency that is beyond our own control. In addition, natural disasters that can destroy or restrict the infrastructure or conflicts between different countries that affect our lives are further possibilities where modern media structures cannot be used.

In such crisis situations, we as scouts come into play, we have a training structure that gives us the opportunity to react to any situation in advance. Be it through courier and guide services, cooking on any kind of fire, gas etc., orientation with map and compass, knotting rope bridges or pioneer work, to name just a few examples, are the elementary basic structures that every scout must know. To be prepared at all times was Baden Powell's thesis and the requirement for all guides and scouts, in every situation and at all times.

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You can rely on the Scouts 24 hours /7days and we demonstrate this at our camps, group nights and other events every day and all over the world. We can help with social challenges, plant trees, protect nature and make this world a little better bit by bit. Being a scout is an inner attitude and that is how we are judged as human beings.

In our organisation we have three generations of scouts, your generation has the challenge to deal with the modern and the traditional.

I am sure that you will accept this challenge and carry the flame of traditional scouting into the next generations of scouts.

You carry the Scout Promise and the Scout Law in your heart, you act as a role model for all future generations of Scouts as future leaders.

Traditional Scouting thrives on the preservation of traditions and the passing on of knowledge, but we do not carry the ashes, but a flame and the fire of true and genuine Scouting. It is now up to you to take over this flame and keep it alive.

Baden Powell gave us a mission - 'look wide' and 'service', we as Traditional Scouts fulfil this mission and orientate our lives accordingly.

Modern and traditional is our approach and I am sure that together we will achieve this. Let's realise Baden Powell's life's work together and work with us towards a better future. Roll up your sleeves and let's pave the way for the future to fulfil the motto of the World Federation of Independent Scouts : "Together we are strongest"

I wish you all a wonderful time in Scouting and wish you all the best.

Yours in traditional Scouting


Klaus Tegeder
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