



my
scout
journey

membership





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next step on the journey is a 'trail to traveller', followed by a 'track to discoverer' and then the destination all scouts can achieve, the 'road to first class'.

once a scout becomes a first class scout, the 'path to springbok' is the final leg on the journey to achieving the springbok award and becoming a springbok scout. like any journey, the scout trail requires planning to ensure that you reach your final destination on time. destination springbok scout must be reached before the age of eighteen, but there are other recommended timelines for the achievement of all the advancement levels on route.

the following pages map out each leg of the journey along the scout trail to achieve each of the advancement levels, which will provide you with some direction to becoming a first class first class scout and, hopefully, a springbok scout. remember, prior planning prevents poor performance; so use these to your advantage to see what tasks are required and plan your scout journey accordingly.

advancement levels, your age, the number of tasks and timeline for completion of your scout journey. good luck and enjoy the scout trail!

start the journey membership	trail to traveller			track to discoverer		road to first class		path to springbok
on joining	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
1 month	27 months			21 months		21 months		15 months
6 tasks	54 tasks			29 tasks		26 tasks		18 tasks
" i have just joined the troop "	" i am learning to be a scout "			" i am learning to be an apl "		" i am learning to be a pl "		" i am a leader of scouts! "



start the journey - membership



Start the Journey : Membership - "I have just joined the Troop"

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When you join a Scout Troop, you must first complete all the requirements for Troop Membership before being invested as a Scout. Cubs who hold the Link Badge have already completed these requirements.

Here you will learn the basics of Scouting, including the Scout Promise and Law, the Scout motto, the Scout salute, Scout sign and left handshake, the story of our founder, Baden Powell, and Scouting background.

You will also learn about our country, South Africa, and the national symbolism. And, very important, your rights and responsibilities as a child.

Once you have completed all of these, you are ready for a special ceremony where you will be invested as a Scout and become a member of the worldwide Scout Movement by making your Scout Promise.

You must learn this by heart as you will have to repeat the Scout Promise and Law from memory, and you will need this along your entire Scout Journey.

It's important that you have the chance to think about your Promise, and chat through its meaning with your Patrol Leader or Troop Scouter, so that you understand the Scout Promise and Law before you make your Scout Promise for the first time. These are the shared Scout values that every Scout promises to stick by when they become a member.



"i have just joined the troop" membership is completed during the time when you first join the scout troop. you will learn the basics of scouting, including the scout promise and law, motto, left handshake and the story of our founder, baden powell.

activity	people to assist	requirement	target date	date completed
1. promise & law	Troop Scouter or Patrol Leader	Repeat from memory the Scout Promise and Law and, in accordance with your age, explain their meaning and how to carry them out.		
2. scout sign & handshake	Troop Scouter or Patrol Leader	Demonstrate correctly the Scout Salute, Scout Sign and the left handshake, and explain when each is used.		
3. scout motto	Troop Scouter or Patrol Leader	Know the Scout Motto.		
4. b.p's life	Troop Scouter or Patrol Leader	Show a general knowledge of the life of the Founder, Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, and the spread of Scouting world-wide.		
5. sa flag & coat of arms	Troop Scouter or Patrol Leader	Sing or recite the South African national anthem and briefly describe its history. Draw the South African flag, and recognise the national animal, flower and Coat of Arms.		
6. child rights	Troop Scouter or Patrol Leader	Show an understanding of your rights and responsibilities as a child and when to say "no".		

good luck on the
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enjoy your
scouting trail
and have **fun!!**

