

# getting started as a rover

Chances are there is a Crew in your area. To find them you can:

- Check out the SCOUTS South Africa website [www.scouts.org.za/Rovers](http://www.scouts.org.za/Rovers)
- Make contact with your local Scout Group or Scout District
- Contact your local District Commissioner
- Introduce yourself to a Rover who can help you join their Crew
- Contact the Regional Office



## I am going to another province to study

Congratulations on being accepted to study in another province in South Africa. Now that you are starting a new chapter in your life, it doesn't mean that you can't become a Rover!

Technology is a great resource, stay in touch with your Crew and work through the advancement programme over Skype, Facebook or WhatsApp. When you come back home you won't feel as though you've missed out on too much!

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# scouts south africa

"The Scout Movement is a world leader in educating youth. Scouting inspires patriotism, sound moral values, courage, character-building, self-reliance and community awareness. It motivates our young people to achieve their full potential."

*Nelson Mandela*

## Find out more:

**Contact the Regional Team Co-ordinator – Rover Programme:**  
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# rovers the ultimate adventure!



# who are rovers?

Rovers are the young adult members of SCOUTS South Africa. Men and women, aged between 18 and 30 years old, can join at any time. You don't need to have prior Scouting or lots of outdoor experience to join Rovers.

Rovering provides the experience and thrill of adventure that life has to offer!

# what is roving?

Rovering is the final stage in the Scouting Programme which targets young adults. When a Scout turns 18 they move from their Scout Troop to a Rover Crew. Surrounded by like-minded peers they then get to indulge in their love for the outdoors and their desire to be of service to others.

The Rover programme combines adventure with training in leadership, teamwork and citizenship. Through developing new skills Roving helps youth identify and focus on a meaningful career, whilst simultaneously rendering service to the Scouting Movement and their communities.

Through Roving you will make lifelong friendships and set goals for yourself and have fun whilst achieving them! You will learn skills like event management, project management and leadership. You will uplift communities through service projects which your Crew will develop and implement themselves. You might eventually also decide to go on to be Scouters and train others to have loads of fun with a purpose.

# what do rovers do?

In one word ... Everything! Roving is the ultimate adventure! Roves go camping, hiking, biking, skydiving, kayaking, flying, go-kart racing, running, trekking, ice cream sculpting, grass skiing, and much much more! Some Crews specialise in a particular type of activity, whereas others, are open to everything. If you can think of it, somewhere there is a Rover Crew doing it!

Rovers also often attend a number of local, national and international events. These include: Moots, Indabas, Pop Bolton, Social Tea-Cup, Blik Challenges, Jamborees, Kontiki and many more.



# what does advancement in rovers mean?

Contact a Rover Crew in your District/Region, and when you come along to couple of activities, the Crew will accept your application to join as a recruit. You will then be invested as a Squire, and taught the principles of Roving. Each Squire is assigned a sponsor from the fully invested members. It is the sponsor's role to assist their Squire to complete their training to become a Rover. Once these tasks have been completed, the Squire can be fully invested. A Squire must perform a vigil prior to his or her investiture. So what happens at the investiture itself? Sorry, we can't tell you - the first one any Rover sees, is their own. There is an advancement program open to all Rovers, but there is a catch... only invested Rovers can earn the badges. Roving is meant to be a lifelong activity, so if you are patient, time will work out the issues of getting you invested.

The advancement system covers four main areas of development:

- Self
- Movement
- Community
- Leadership



Once you complete the advancement criteria you finally get awarded your BP Award, which is the highest award a Rover can earn.

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