

# Scouter's Guide: Talking to Prospective Parents & Volunteers

Thank you for helping introduce new volunteers to Scouting! Here's a quick guide for your conversations.

## Key Messages:

- Make a difference in young lives through Scouting.
- No experience needed—just enthusiasm and a willingness to learn.
- Training & support provided to ensure confidence.
- Flexible roles available to fit any schedule.
- Meeting days & times will be decided on based on availability of all involved (Scouters, GC, families, and location).
- **A minimum of 4 volunteers are required to open each new section.**

## Volunteer Screening Process:

1. Register on myScouts: Create an account and apply.
2. Interview: A conversation to ensure it's the right fit.
3. References: Provide 5 references (that aren't family) during registration.
4. Background Check: Required for safety. In person is the quickest.
5. Code of Conduct: Sign to commit to Scouts Canada's policies & procedures.
6. Training: Complete orientation and training.

# Common Questions & Responses:

## **What is Scouting?**

A youth-led program teaching leadership, outdoor skills, and teamwork.

## **Who can volunteer?**

Anyone 14+ with a desire to support youth.

## **What would I do as a volunteer?**

- Lead activities
- Plan outdoor adventures
- Mentor and guide youth

## **How much time is required?**

Flexible options—from a few hours to more regular involvement.

## **I don't have experience with kids—can I still volunteer?**

Yes! We provide training and support.

## **How do I sign up?**

An email will be sent after the Open House(s) with a link to Register on MyScouts

## **Tips for Engaging Parents & Volunteers:**

- Share your story about why you volunteer.
- Highlight benefits for both youth and volunteers.
- Be approachable—keep the conversation relaxed and open.