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## Scouts Canada Acronyms Guide

| Acronym     | Full Name / Phrase  | Definition   |
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| AAF         | Adventure Application Form  | A required form completed by Section Scouters for some Section outings and adventures and approved by Group Commissioners prior to the activity  |
| Acc         | Accessibility Training  | A part of all Scouters' required eLearning   |
| AGM         | Annual General Meeting  | Members meet to hear organization reports and updates on the charity, review of the accounts, and other administrative business  |
| ANYC        | Assistant National Youth Commissioner                                   | Youth volunteers per region that directly supports the Council Youth Commissioners (CYCs)  |
| AODA        | Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act ( <i>Ontario only</i> ) |  |
| APL         | Assistant Patrol Leader   | A Section youth that helps the Patrol Leader and with planning activities  |
| BFC         | Battlefields Council  | A Council in Southwestern Ontario  |
| BMGS        | Bar to the Medal of Good Service  | Our second medal in our Recognition Program for volunteers   |
| BMM         | Bar to the Medal of Merit   | Our fourth medal in our Recognition Program for volunteers   |
| BOAS        | Basic Outdoor Adventure Skills  | Stages 1-4 of the Outdoor Adventure Skills   |
| BOG         | Board of Governors  | Senior decision-making body in Scouts Canada who is responsible for ensuring that the organization adheres to its Mission and Principles and has a strong strategic direction to guide its activities  |
| BP (or B-P) | Baden-Powell  | Lord Robert Baden-Powell was the founder of Scouting.  |
| BP&P        | Bylaws Policies & Procedures  | An old term that is now called Policies, Procedures and Standards. Members still often refer to it as BP&P.  |
| BSA         | Bar to the Silver Acorn (or "Boy Scouts of America")                    | Our sixth medal in our Recognition Program for volunteers and staff, awarded by National Recognition Team  |
| CAP         | Council Approval  | Final approval granted to new Scouters once their required screening and training is complete and they are ready to be made active in MyScouts. CAPs provided on Wednesdays by our Council Registrar Team who reviews all screening/training elements. |
| CAR         | Child Abuse Registry ( <i>only in Nova Scotia &amp; Manitoba</i> )      | A part of the required screening process   |



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| CAS          | Cascadia Council                              | A Council in BC  |
| CC           | Council Commissioner                          | The volunteer member of the Council Key 3 team   |
| CEC          | Central Escarpment Council                    | A Council in Ontario   |
| CEO          | Chief Executive Officer                       | A paid staff member of the NK3; our NK3 Team can be found on scouts.ca under Executive Leadership Team.  |
| CHIN         | Chinook Council                               | Council in Alberta   |
| CK3          | Council Key 3                                 | 3-Member Council Management Team   |
| CLT          | Council Leadership Team                       | The team of all Council SRMs & GSSs supported by the CK3.  |
| CoC          | Code of Conduct                               | A document required to be signed annually by youth and adult volunteers that outlines Scouts Canada Membership expectations. Sections often create youth Section Code of Conducts. |
| COC          | Certificate of Commendation                   | The certificate awarded from the "Thank You Button" submission by parents, youth and Scouters  |
| CP           | Canadian Path                                 | The Scouting program offered by Scouts Canada  |
| CP Navigator | Canadian Path Navigator                       | Tool for supporting Sections with implementing quality programming   |
| CRC          | Criminal Record Check                         | Required volunteer screening. Also referred to as "Police Record Check" (PRC) or "Police Information Check" (PIC)  |
| CRM          | Council Relationship Manager                  | The paid staff member of the Council Key 3 team  |
| CST          | Council Service Team                          | A team of support Scouters that look after supporting activities within the Council including Events, Communication, Safety, Recognition, etc.                                     |
| CYC          | Council Youth Commissioner                    | The youth member of the Council Key 3 team   |
| DEIR         | Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Reconciliation | The department at Scouts Canada that supports DEIR efforts.  |
| DOE          | Duke of Edinburgh's International Award       | A challenge program of activities for youth between the ages of 14 and 24.   |
| ED           | Executive Director                            | A high-level leadership position responsible for day-to-day operations, strategic direction, and overall management of the organization. Reporting to the Board of Governors.      |
| ERP          | Emergency Response Plan                       | An action plan that states the actions to be carried out in case of potential emergency situations.  |



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| FK3          | Functional Key 3                      | The managing body of a Functional Team; A three-member team - Staff Member, Commissioner and Youth Commissioner  |
| FVC          | Fraser Valley Council                 | A Council in BC  |
| GC           | Group Commissioner                    | A volunteer that is accountable for the management of a Scout Group  |
| GCap         | Group Commissioner Approval           | Approval granted to new Scouters by GCs once their required screening and training is complete and they are ready to be made active in MyScouts.   |
| GFC          | Group Fundraising Coordinator         | Group Committee Member that oversees Group Fundraising events.   |
| GH Navigator | Group Health Navigator                | A Group health support tool that is completed quarterly with action plans shared with Council.   |
| GSC          | Group Support Centre                  | The Scouts Canada department that runs the Help Centre, supports hundreds of virtual-supported Groups, and develops Scouts Canada support tools resources. Member Services fall under the GSC.   |
| GSS          | Group Support Scouter                 | A Scouter that directly supports 1-2 Groups  |
| GTC          | Greater Toronto Council               | A Council in Ontario   |
| GYC          | Group Youth Commissioner              | The lead youth Scouter on a Group Committee  |
| INT          | Interview                             | Required part of the volunteer screening process   |
| KISC         | Kandersteg International Scout Centre | Permanent Mini Jamboree located in Switzerland <a href="https://www.kisc.ch/">https://www.kisc.ch/</a>   |
| KVA          | King's Venturer Award                 | Formerly QVA (Queen's Venturer Award). The highest Scouting proficiency award presented to Venturer Scouts who have acquired competence and skills that will be of considerable use to themselves, their Company, and their community. |
| MBC          | Manitoba Council                      | The Council in Manitoba  |
| MoGS         | Medal of Good Service                 | Our first medal in our Recognition Program for volunteers and staff.   |
| MoP          | Medal of the Maple                    | Top Youth Award for outstanding achievement; adjudicated Nationally  |
| MM           | Medal of Merit                        | Our third medal in our Recognition Program for volunteers  |
| MSA          | Member Services Associates            | Within the GSC branch, the team behind the email <a href="mailto:registration@scouts.ca">registration@scouts.ca</a>  |
| NBC          | New Brunswick Council                 | The Council in New Brunswick   |



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| NC      | National Commissioner             | The volunteer member of the NK3; our NK3 Team can be found on scouts.ca under Executive Leadership Team.  |
| NED     | National Executive Director       | The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Scouts Canada  |
| NFLC    | Newfoundland and Labrador Council | The Council in Newfoundland and Labrador  |
| NK3     | National Key 3                    | 3-Member National Management Team   |
| NLC     | Northern Lights Council           | A Council in Alberta  |
| NHQ     | National Headquarters             | National Head Office located at: 1345 Baseline Road, Ottawa   |
| NOLB    | No One Left Behind                | A subsidy program strives to ensure every child has the opportunity to participate as a Scouting member without financial barriers.   |
| NSC     | Nova Scotia Council               | The Council in Nova Scotia  |
| NST     | National Service Team             | The NST is made of employees and volunteers who support the Scouts Canada organization.   |
| NYC     | National Youth Commissioner       | The volunteer youth member of the National Key 3; Our NK3 Team can be found on scouts.ca under Executive Leadership Team.   |
| OAS     | Outdoor Adventure Skills          | Badges earned by Scouting youth and worn on their uniform shirts in 9 Outdoor-based categories.   |
| OOS     | Offer of Service                  | A volunteer role at major events/meetings/activities designed to help organize and run activities.  |
| OSA     | Outstanding Service Awards        | Awards that recognize Volunteers and Staff for above-average commitment. OSA range from a Certificate of Commendation to the Bar to the Silver Acorn. Most OSA are based upon commendations received through MyScouts.ca or the Thanks Button for an individual's contribution to Scouting. |
| PAB     | Personal Achievement Badge        | Badges for personal areas of interest individual youth may choose to pursue. Placed for display on their campfire blanket.  |
| PAP     | Public Appointment Procedure      | An open call for applications for leadership positions, followed by a review process by a nominating committee and the Council Key 3. It's used for roles like Council Commissioners, Group Commissioners, and other positions within the Council Leadership/Management Team.               |
| PCC     | Pacific Coast Council             | A Council in BC   |



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| PEIC (or just "PEI") | Prince Edward Island Council                        | The Council in Prince Edward Island  |
| PIC                  | Police Information Check                            | Required volunteer screening. Also referred to as a "Police Record Check" (PRC) or "Criminal Record Check" (CRC)   |
| PJ                   | Pacific Jamboree (or Provincial Jamboree)           | A large-scale event hosted by BC-Yukon Councils held every four years in BC. It is open to all Scout-age youth who are registered members of Scouts Canada, L'Association des Scouts du Canada, and Scout Units.             |
| PL                   | Patrol Leader                                       | An older youth that leads the Patrol and helps plan activities. Think of them as the team captain.   |
| POM                  | Property Operations Manager                         | A staff member that focuses on Scouting properties   |
| PQA                  | Program Quality Assessment (& Awards)               | An opportunity to assess program quality each program cycle with youth input.  |
| PQS                  | Program Quality Standards                           | The program standards framework includes objective criteria to aid in the planning process, and to serve as a set of self-assessment tools to assist youth and Scouters in the evaluation and improvement of their programs. |
| PRC                  | Police Record Check                                 | Required volunteer screening. Also referred to as "Criminal Record Check" (CRC) or "Police Information Check" (PIC)  |
| PSS                  | Program Support Scouter or Property Support Scouter | Program Support Scouters provide support to Scouters and Sections to ensure a high-quality and engaging Scouting experience for youth. Property Support Scouters are volunteer members that focus on Scouting properties.    |
| QC                   | Quebec Council                                      | The Council in Quebec.   |
| QM                   | Quartermaster                                       | Responsible for the Group's equipment inventory. This can include food and preparation of food.  |
| RA                   | Risk Assessment                                     | A process to identify potential emergency risk scenarios   |
| RD                   | Regional Director                                   | A paid staff member that manages employees in one of three Regions within Canada: West, Central, East.   |
| REF                  | Reference Check                                     | A screening requirement. All new volunteers must provide 5 references (name, email, phone number) that can't be family members or related (including common-law and stepfamily members).                                     |



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| RIS     | Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders                           | A screening requirement third-party course offered by the Respect Group that highlights how to spot, stop and prevent bullying. The course cost is \$30 and accessed through the David Huestis Learning Centre.   |
| SA      | Silver Acorn  | Our fifth medal in our recognition program for volunteers and staff, awarded by National Recognition Team.  |
| SDG     | Sustainable Development Goals                                   | United Nations commitment to improving the world though 17 identified areas.  |
| SF      | Scouting Fundamentals   | A requirement of volunteer screening. An introductory set of training courses offered through the David Huestis Learning Centre.  |
| SFA     | Standard First Aid  | Standard First Aid offered by approved provincial authorities.  |
| SKC     | Saskatchewan Council  | The Council in Saskatchewan   |
| SPICES  | Social, Physical, Intellectual, Character, Emotional, Spiritual | The six dimensions of personal development that are embedded within our Canadian Path Program.  |
| SME     | Subject Matter Expert   | Identified experts of specific Scouting topics/skills.  |
| SSC     | Section Support Coordinator                                     | Part-time staff member that supports new Section Scouters in New Sections   |
| SSP     | Safe Scouting for Parents                                       | For parents to assist in activities, they must complete the "Safe Scouting for Parents" training in MyScouts and adhere to the Code of Conduct. This ensures a safe environment for all youth. Parents also need to be linked to their child's MyScouts account and have the appropriate volunteer role assigned. |
| SWC     | Shining Waters Council  | A Council in Central Ontario  |
| TL      | Troop Leader (Scouts youth Section)                             | The Troop Leadership Team is made up of Patrol Leaders and Scouters, and is led by a Troop Scouter  |
| TSC     | Tri-Shores Council  | A Council in Southwestern Ontario   |
| VC      | Voyageur Council  | A Council in Eastern Ontario and the Outaouais  |
| VSS     | Vulnerable Sector Search  | A screening requirement along with a PRC that lists any concerns with a person working with vulnerable persons.   |



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| WAFA    | Wilderness Advanced First Aid            | Builds upon WFA, offering more in-depth training and advanced techniques for handling complex situations and managing serious injuries.  |
| WB I    | Wood Badge I                             | Required e-training in a Scouter's first year.   |
| WB II   | Wood Badge II                            | Optional Scouter skills development in-person training.  |
| WFA     | Wilderness First Aid                     | A course that provides foundational medical skills for managing injuries and illnesses in remote environments, focusing on basic life support, patient assessment, and field care.   |
| WFR     | Wilderness First Responder               | A medical certification for both outdoor enthusiasts and professionals. The standard minimum for outdoor leaders like guides, search and rescue professionals and educators.   |
| WJ/WSJ  | World Jamboree / World Scout Jamboree    | A Scouting jamboree of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, typically attended by several tens of thousands of Scouts from around the world, aged 14 to 17  |
| WOSM    | World Organization of the Scout Movement | Scouting is the world's leading educational youth movement empowering 57 million young people and volunteers to be active global citizens and agents of change in their communities  |
| WPC     | White Pine Council                       | A Council in Central Ontario   |
| YiS     | Yours in Scouting                        | A common Scouting sign-off in correspondence   |
| YLT     | Youth Leadership Training                | Youth participants create a unique collection of adventures to explore five leadership knowledge areas, including Becoming a Leader, Communication, Plan-Do-Review, Problem Solving and Teamwork. Youth from older Sections facilitate/lead the adventures—while adult Scouters support. |
| YN      | Youth Network                            | Groups that connect Scouting youth (ages 14-26) to share Scouting interests, experiences, and news.  |
| YSP     | Youth Spokesperson                       | A youth volunteer that promotes Scouting activities for the Council/ Region/Country from a youth's perspective.  |