

Scouting in Saint Lucia



In 1916, the first Scout Troop was established at Saint Mary's College. Mr. Herbert Grigg, then a student of the College from Jamaica and later a teacher, started the first Scout Troop, with Mr. H. G. Carrington as the First Scout Master.

It was not until 1918 that official letters were sent to the British Scout Headquarters for the recognition of the troop and for starting a local association. One reason for the two year delay was the involvement of Great Britain in the First World War and the tardiness of communication between Great Britain and her colonies.

In 1935, the Saint Lucia Scout Association was officially founded as a branch of British Scouting, and became a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) in 1990.

The membership badge of the Saint Lucia Scout Association incorporates elements of the coat of arms of Saint Lucia, and the top of the design is intended to evoke the Pitons, the island's two large peaks that rise from the ocean and are recognized symbols of the island.

The Saint Lucia Scout Association hosted the 7th Caribbean Cuboree “Reaching Out” from the 26th July – 31st July 1994 and the Caribbean Jamboree “Leaping Forward” from 26th July to August 3rd 2000.

Presently we have established Scout Troops in Choiseul, Laborie, Micoud, and Castries and Gros Islet. Each troop is headed by very vibrant Scout Leaders.

Her Excellency the Governor General, Dame Pearlette Louisy GCSL, GCMG, D.St.J, PH.D, LL.D is the Chief Scout; Mr. Robert Augustin is the National Commissioner and Ms. Benedicte Nelson B.E.M. is the National Secretary.

The association is divided in four age-groups:

- Beaver Scouts (ages 6 to 7)
- Cub Scouts (ages 8 to 11)
- Scouts (ages 12 to 15)
- Venture Scouts (ages 16 to 20)

The Scout Movement has a positive future in Saint Lucia

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