



Terra Nova: Scouting Knowledge

Get to know about your Group's History and structure.

Every Scout group is different and unique it is what makes everybody's journey through Scouting so valuable. Along with your patrol or other scouts doing their Terra Nova Creen Award you should try to find out about your group and its history. Maybe start by talking to scouters or former members. Other sources of information can also include newspapers. Look through them to find articles that your scout group may be featured in, such as community action projects or annual camps.

When checking out your group history, here are some things you might want to think about:

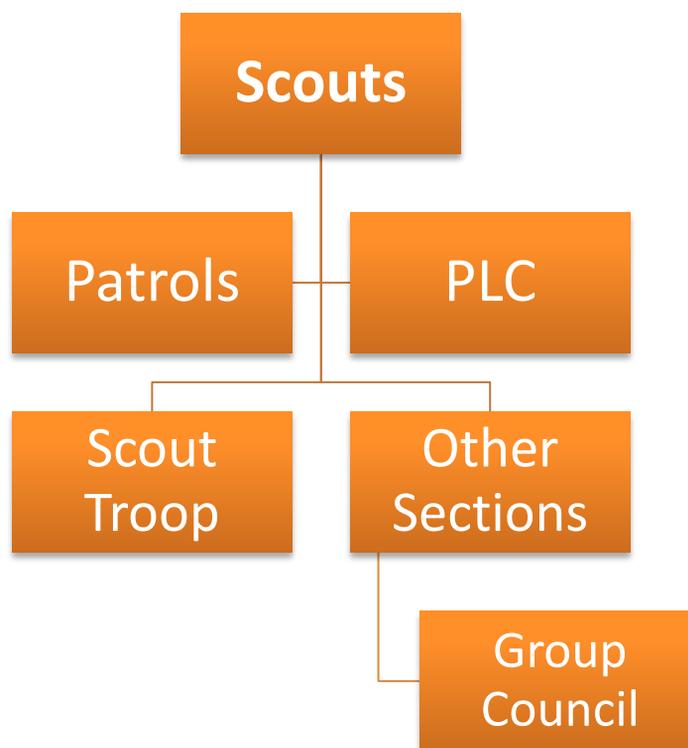
- When and where did the Group start? Where did it meet?
- What camps did the group go on?
- What was scouting like then?
- What are the milestones in the history of the Group?
- Can you collect records or sources of information? Can you catalogue and store these items safely?





Group Structure.

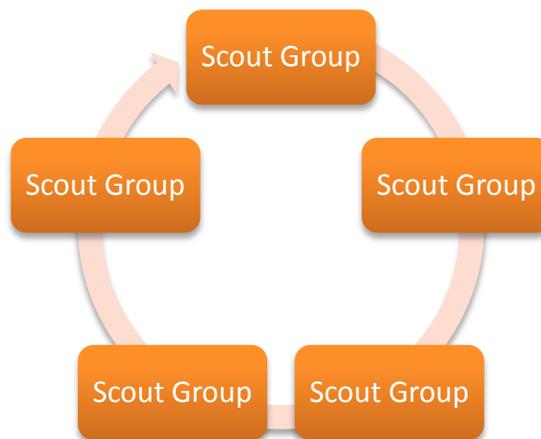
The Scout group is the primary structure of Scouting Ireland, It consists of a mixture of age sections: Beaver Scouts, Cub Scout, Scouts, Venture Scouts and Rover Scouts. The Scout Group also contains adult members in facilitative roles in the forms of Scouters. In the Scout section, there is a structure known as a Patrol Leader's Council. In the PLC, the PLs and Scouters gather together to discuss topics relevant to the section. From the PLC representatives attend Group Council on behalf of the Scouts. The Group Council is a committee formed from the Adult Scouters of each programme section, the Group Leader, Secretary, Treasurer as well representatives from the three older programme sections.



Get to know about your Scout County's history and structure.

Similar to Scout groups, every Scout County is different and reflects the groups that it supports. This means that across the country there are a wide variety of Scout Counties. This can make learning about the structure difficult. The best place to start is amongst your own Scouters and during county events, as this is the easiest way to learn about traditions and stories. Unlike the Scout groups many counties have changed catchment areas significantly over time especially with the joining together of the two different scout associations.

Scout County



In general, the Scout County is made up of Scout Groups working together with the support of a County management team. This team is made up of a County Commissioner, a secretary, a treasurer, a chair person and a county programme co-ordinator as well as group leaders and the youth representatives for Scouts, Venture Scouts, Rover Scouts. However there is a lot of variation in this model.