



Telstar International Scouts
LUXEMBOURG



WELCOME TO THE CAMPFIRE

Welcome to Telstar International Scouts Luxembourg

A WELCOME PACK FOR NEW FAMILIES

Adventure, friendship and growing up brilliantly — in English, for families from everywhere.

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WELCOME

One group, many flags

Congratulations on joining Telstar! Your family is about to embark on a journey filled with adventure, friendship and personal growth. Whatever your nationality, and whatever your child's age from six upwards, there is a place for them around our campfire and a warm welcome for you too.

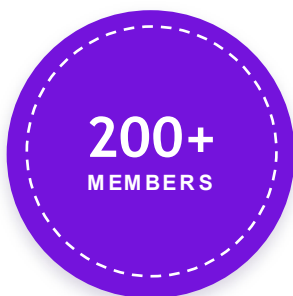
Who we are

Telstar is an international Scout group based in Luxembourg that uses English as its common language, with members of many nationalities. One of the country's largest and most diverse groups.

We hold a dual affiliation: British Scouting Overseas (delivering the UK programme in English) and the Luxembourg federation, the FNEL. We are a registered Luxembourg charity (ASBL), run entirely by volunteers.



BY THE NUMBERS



In 2025 Telstar received FNEL's highest honour, the Foulard d'Or, and recently celebrated 50 years of Scouting in Luxembourg. Several sections run a waiting list.

OUR SECTIONS

A path that grows with your child



AGES 6–8

Beavers

Our youngest Scouts. Beavers make friends, play games, go on visits and discover the outdoors through fun, age-appropriate activities.



AGES 8–10½

Cubs

Cubs build on Beavers with more teamwork and adventure, meeting in Packs and small teams called Sixes, earning badges along the way.



AGES 10½–14

Scouts

Scouts shape their own programme — camping, hiking, expeditions and survival skills — building leadership and community spirit.



AGES 14–18

Explorers

Explorers take on bigger challenges, District events and the Mérite Jeunesse / Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.

WHAT IS SCOUTING?

Learning by doing, outdoors

Scouting is a worldwide movement that supports young people in their physical, mental and social development. Through outdoor activities, hands-on learning and community service, Scouts gain valuable life skills while having fun and making lasting friendships.

OUR MISSION

To contribute to the education of young people, through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society.

OUR CORE VALUES

What we stand for



Respect

For ourselves, others and our environment.



Integrity

Being honest and doing what's right.



Loyalty

To our friends, family and community.



Service

Helping others and making a difference.



Adventure

Embracing new challenges and experiences.



Friendship

Building bonds that last a lifetime.

Telstar is a community-led scout group, and we ask every family to lend a hand once or twice a year. Whether it's helping to load a van, drying a tent after camp, cooking a dish for a fundraiser, or assisting at an event, these small contributions make a big difference and support the volunteer leaders who give their time to deliver our scouting programme. Working together helps share the workload and is part of what makes our scout community so strong and welcoming.

OUR CODE OF CONDUCT

How we look after each other

We uphold the Scout Promise and Law, and follow the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of British Scouting — scouts.org.uk/por



What we expect

- Respect and kindness for all members, volunteers and visitors
- Welcome diversity and people from every background
- Follow safety instructions; report anything unsafe
- Tell a volunteer about medical conditions or concerns
- Attend regularly and punctually, with the right kit
- Leave no trace; respect wildlife and habitats
- Be a positive ambassador for Scouting



Not tolerated

- Bullying, harassment or discrimination of any kind
- Offensive, inappropriate or abusive language
- Disrespect toward volunteers, Scouts or the community
- Unsafe behaviour that puts anyone at risk
- Theft or damage to property, dishonesty or cheating
- Anything that brings discredit to the group

IF THE CODE ISN'T FOLLOWED

1

First incident

A chat with the Scout and parent/guardian.

2

If repeated

A formal warning and behaviour agreement.

3

Serious / ongoing

Temporary suspension from activities.

4

Severe

Permanent removal from the group.

We believe in restorative justice — we work with young people to understand their actions and make amends where appropriate.

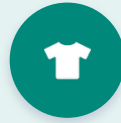
GETTING STARTED

The practical bits



Membership & camps

€160/year payable in October. Weekend camps Jamboree and international camp participation are charged separately depending on transport activities, and length. Your usual local camp will cost between €60 and €100. Occasional external activities may carry a small extra fee.



Uniform & badges

We wear the FNEL uniform (type “Elanco” or “Racing”), from the FNEL shop at 61a Rue de Trèves, or shop.fnel.lu. Neckers and programme badges are provided by Telstar.

STAYING CONNECTED

Where everything happens



Online Scout Manager

Programmes, events & emergency details. Keep yours updated.



Website

Calendar, history & downloads at www.telstar.lu.



Facebook

Photos & news in our private members' group.



Newsletter

Explorer-led, shared via OSM.



WhatsApp

Section parent groups — see the code of conduct.



Contact

Questions? Use the contact form any time.

Chairman's Assistance Facility

Telstar recognises that our member families can face short term financial difficulties at any time, caused by employment or health issues. We therefore have a discretionary assistance facility in place to assist financially with overlooking membership fees, local camp and activity fees and uniform expenses.

Should the need arise, please contact the Chairperson of the Telstar Trustee Board at Chair@telstar.lu on a completely confidential basis, to discuss how we can assist financially to ensure your family member can continue to participate in scouting activities on an uninterrupted basis.

WE NEED YOU

Become a volunteer leader

Telstar runs on the energy of its adult volunteers dedicated to promoting scouting values. Right now we're looking for more, in every section. You don't need any Scouting experience: just a few hours, a sense of fun, and the willingness to learn. We'll provide the training, the support and a brilliant team.

Beavers

Cubs

Scouts

Explorers



✓ Full training & ongoing support

✓ No experience needed

✓ Flexible — a few hours that suit you

✓ Meet people & build new skills

✓ Share your child's adventure

✓ Genuinely #GoodForYou

Volunteer with us

Email glv@telstar.lu
or use our contact form at telstar.lu

GET IN TOUCH

We're here to help

YOUR KEY CONTACT



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Remember...

Scouting is about having fun while learning and growing. We're here to support your family every step of the way, so please don't hesitate to reach out.



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This welcome pack should be reviewed annually and updated as needed. All scouts and parents should receive a copy and acknowledge they have read and understood the contents.