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Scouting Ireland believes that:

- Visits Abroad offer unique educational opportunities within Youth Programme
- Visits Abroad is an encompassing term which refers to any Youth Programme Activity/Event which takes place outside of the island of Ireland and off-shore islands irrespective of duration
- Scout Groups are encouraged to incorporate Visits Abroad into their programmes where age and section appropriate
- Youth Members and Scouters will be given access to adequate training/resources in order to organise successful and safe Visits Abroad
- It is preferable that Visits Abroad are camping events, reflecting Scouting's emphasis on nature and activity in the out-of-doors
- Visits Abroad must contain a Shared Scouting Experience
- A Shared Scouting Experience is an activity which involves a partnership or an intercultural element and which is an act of help, assistance or benefit which has a positive impact on the local community/the environment of the Visit Abroad
- Scout Groups and Scout Counties are required to ensure that there are an adequate number of Scouters with the appropriate training accompanying a Visit Abroad
- Scout Groups/Scout Counties must notify National Office in accordance with the specified requirements applicable to the type of Visit Abroad
- Scout Groups/Scout Counties must ensure that adequate provisions for the health, safety and welfare of the Youth Members and Scouters are provided for in all cases during a Visit Abroad
- The good image of Scouting Ireland must be maintained through the preparation and execution of Visits Abroad
- Scout Groups/Scout Counties must comply with all applicable policies and procedures of Scouting Ireland during a Visit abroad
- Scout Groups/Scout Counties must familiarise themselves with the customs and laws applicable to the areas encompassed in the Visit Abroad