

## Your Link from Scouts to Venture Scouts

The Venture Scout Executive visits the Scout section in early summer to talk to the Scouts who are due to join the Venture Scout Unit. This meeting is a chance for the Executive members to explain to the Scouts about the possibilities that await them in the Venture Scout section of their Scouting journey. It is also an opportunity for Scouts to ask questions.

Following on from this the Scouts will attend three Venture Scout meetings and partake in one Venture Scout activity before the end of the summer.

If you are joining a Venture Scout Unit with no previous Scouting background then your adventure is just beginning. You have opened yourself up to a world of challenge and adventure. You will get a taste of the Venture Scout section in your preparations for Investiture into the Venture Scout Unit.

## Welcome Ceremony

For all new Venture Scouts, a Welcome Ceremony to celebrate the beginning of your Venture Scout journey should be held at the beginning of the new Venture Scout year.

## Preparing for Investiture!

To prepare for your investiture there are a number of steps involved:

- Show that you have a good understanding of, and appreciation for, the Scouting way of life, its practices and traditions.



- Demonstrate a knowledge of the Aim of Scouting Ireland.
- Show how the Scout Method works in your Unit's activities.
- Get active with your Unit by taking part in at least four meetings and two activities (including one overnight activity).

Your investiture ceremony should take place within two months of joining the Venture Scout Unit.

The ceremony itself centres around accepting the Scout Promise and Law and understanding their importance in your life. Where you have joined the Unit from Scouts, you will not be invested, but will renew your Scout Promise. As part of the investiture the Venture Scout Badge is presented to each new member who has undertaken their Promise.

28,000,000 Scouts world-wide, all committed to the Promise and Law. This is a personal commitment made by each

Venture Scout to follow through on this particular code of living. This is a serious undertaking, and something to be very proud of.

## The Investiture & Renewal of Promise Ceremony

Your Investiture is a very important first step to life as a Venture Scout. Everyone is different, with different ambitions, beliefs and interests. Try to be creative and unique when planning your investiture. Your Investiture may be very traditional or it could be something total different.

**For example your Investiture could be:**

- A ceremony held in your Scout Hall with family and friends,
- In your local place of worship,
- In the middle of Lough Neagh as the sun rises over the water,
- High noon on the summit of Carrantouhill or,

## Anywhere Your Imagination Takes You...