

Attending Scouting and Guiding Events

Introduction

This factsheet details information regarding SSAGO members attending events organised by The Scout Association or Girlguiding UK. It is split into three sections covering local events, national events and international events.

Local Events

SSAGO clubs may be invited to attend local Scout/Guide fun days, activities and camps. If clubs are aware of such events it may be possible to offer to help out if needed. Being a member of SSAGO within a county/area does not give any member the right to turn up to such events without prior permission or invitation (as would also be the case for any Scout/Guide leaders).

Members of SSAGO should bear in mind that if they are attending as a SSAGO member (not as a local Guider/Scouter) they must complete all the necessary paperwork for SSAGO before attending. This would include a Nights Away Notification Form if necessary and the setting up of an appropriate 'InTouch' system if this is not done for them by the event itself. Members must also have a current CRB/DS disclosure to attend such events.

National Events

Being a member of SSAGO does not automatically allow a person to attend National Scout/Guide events, including Network and Senior Section events. Some of these allow and welcome SSAGO members who are not also members of either The Scout Association or Girlguiding UK, whereas others require full membership of one of these even if you are a SSAGO member.

Members of SSAGO are reminded that if they attend an event with their SSAGO club/as a SSAGO member they are required to follow the SSAGO rules and regulations. This includes submitting Nights Away Notification forms to SSAGO before departing for an overnight event. Further information about this can be found in the 'Taking a SSAGO club away' factsheet and the full rules and regulations in the Activity Guidelines, Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures Policy Document all available on the SSAGO website.

If you are unsure whether you can attend with only SSAGO membership, seek clarification with the event organisers. Should they require any further information please direct them to the SSAGO National Executive (exec@ssago.org.uk).

International Events

It is rare, if not unheard of, that international Scout/Guide events will accept members of SSAGO without them also being a full paid member of The Scout Association or Girlguiding UK. If you are unsure of what membership is required ask the event organisers. If they need any further clarification please direct them to the SSAGO National Executive (exec@ssago.org.uk).