

NEW YOUTH PROGRAMME

Since 2005, we have been working on improvements to our youth programme in an effort to have it meet better the needs of the second century of scouting. To that end we have designed a programme of a varied and comprehensive methodology and tools designed to in still in the young people in all segments of the Junák organization — from Cub Scouts and Brownies, to Scouts and Girl Guides, to Rover and Ranger Scouts — a profound understanding of, and a commitment to, the principles and values of scouting.

For Cub Scouts and Brownies



The principal component of this programme is a progressive system set out in two handbooks:

- › Handbook for Newcomers
- › Progressive Plan Handbook, in three levels

There are three versions of these books: one for Cubs, one for Brownies and one for Marine Scouts. Each includes attractive motivational stickers.

The symbolic presentations and cartoons in these books are based on 'The Jungle Book' by Rudyard Kipling and two more recent stories, 'The Magic Lantern' and 'Sea Adventures'.

For Scouts and Guides



The Progressive Plan handbooks for Scouts and Girl Guides in the 13 to 15-year old age group, contain a framework of plans and activities designed to help

them achieve optimum development of their abilities. The two handbooks are:

- › Handbook for Newcomers
- › Handbook of Progressive Instruction, in 4 levels

These handbooks incorporate two teaching tools, one imaginative, the other based on a framework of four symbolic elements. They were inspired by the Scout card game *Sacculus*.

For Rovers and Rangers

The programme for Scouts in this age group generally follows the educational concepts of the programmes for the younger age groups, but while using these main tools, it covers additional fields relevant to their age, such as:

- › Introduction to Rover/Ranger scouting
- › The relation of the individual to the challenges of team projects
- › Integration in international activities
- › Giving guidance to members of the younger groups

For more information see www.skaut.cz/program/en.

Inspirational bits and pieces

MAGAZINES

Junák recently adopted a new concept for the publication of magazines for its membership. The magazines are now published five times a year in five different editions, each appropriate for the age group for which it is intended. The magazines are delivered to the home address of each recipient.



skautIS

The skautIS database has been established primarily to register and keep track of our members. However, it has been of invaluable assistance in managing our new programme of magazine publication and distribution.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Junák has always had the reputation of a reliable and trusted organization in charitable projects and activities. Currently its three main charity projects which have been coordinated on the national level are; *Let's Build a School in Africa*, *The Scouts' Easter Chicken* and *Kapka* ('kapka' is the Czech word for 'a drop' as in 'a drop of water'). Each of these projects is aimed at a different age group.

TRAINING FOR ROVERS AND ADULT LEADERS

Junák has a variety of training programmes for adult Scout leaders geared to a scale of individual achievement and offering a wide range of motivational and self-improvement courses and activities. Each year Junák conducts some 30 courses involving about a thousand participants.

ST. NICHOLAS WEEKEND

The St. Nicholas weekend is an annual event which traditionally takes place in the capital City of Prague and is attended by Rover and Ranger Scouts from throughout the country. Its goal is the enhancement of the intellectual, cultural and social development of the participants. It includes such events as a seminar with lectures by renowned leaders and professionals, an art festival, a film festival and a ballroom dance.

EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Junák is an experienced organizer of international activities and hosts volunteers from abroad as well a sending volunteers to other countries within the European Voluntary Service.



Scouting and Guiding

in the Czech Republic

Junák – Association of Scouts and Guides of the Czech Republic

We are a fellowship, where Honour, Friendship, Chivalry, Ability, Non-selfishness and Courage have always been the highest and most respected values.



... scouting and guiding for life

JUNÁK — ASSOCIATION OF SCOUTS AND GUIDES — CZ

is the largest civic association for children and youth in the Czech Republic. Junák is a member of the World Organization of Scout Movement (WOSM), World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF).



Junák has more than 45 000 members and in recent years has experienced membership growth.

THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Czech Republic is a landlocked country located in the heart of Europe. It has over 10.5 million inhabitants.



Czech Republic is renowned for its historical and cultural heritage. Many of its monuments and historic centres of cities like Prague, Český Krumlov or castle in Litomyšl can be found on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Find out more about the Czech Republic at www.czech.cz.

DISTINGUISHED PERSONALITIES



Antonín Dvořák
1841–1904
composer
(*New World Symphony*,
the opera
Rusalka)



Miloš Forman
1932–
director
(*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*,
Amadeus)



Václav Havel
1936–2011
president of the
Czech Republic,
human rights
defender

History of Czech Scouting and Guiding

1911 Czech scouting was established in 1911. During its subsequent existence, it was outlawed by totalitarian regimes three times, but it always re-emerged when these regimes fell.

1918 Czech Scouts were among the first to offer their services to the new Czechoslovak Republic. Scouting spread rapidly in the newly established state.

1940 At the beginning of World War II, Junák's membership was the third highest among all members of the European Scout and Guide Association and the seventh highest in the world. This outstanding position was ended by the Nazi occupation, during which many Czech Scouts and Girl Guides joined the resistance movement, both at home and abroad.

1945 After the end of World War II, Junák was re-established and embarked on a path of development which in less than a year increased its membership to almost 250,000 — this in a country with a population of 14 million.

1948 Following the February 1948 coup d'état, the Communist government disbanded the Junák movement and in 1949 began a series of show trials of its leaders, many of whom were ultimately sentenced to as long as 25 years of imprisonment in Communist concentration camps.

1968 During the Prague Spring, the fleur-de-lis — the symbol of the Scout movement — began to bloom again in Czechoslovakia, but the invasion by the Soviet army soon put an end to this re-awakening.

1989 Following the Velvet Revolution, Junák, which during the Communist regime had been working illegally as an underground organization, became the first to start working freely in promoting its core programme of developing values of personal fitness, good moral character and responsible citizenship among the young people of the country.

2012 Junák started the second century of Scouting and Guiding in the Czech Republic, with a renewed youth programme and growing membership.

Contacts and where to stay

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SCOUT CENTRES IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

You can find a suitable Scout centre in every region of the Czech Republic. For the list of centres look at: www.skaut.cz/english



Traditional Podšada tent
This is how we camp in the Czech Republic