



**CONSULTAS
JUVENILES
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Youth Consultations Guide**

Welcome to this exercise process of
Youth Involvement of girls, boys, adolescents and young scouts
of the Interamerican Scout Region.
Your contribution will be very valuable!

During June 2023, children, adolescents, and young people will be able to participate and express their opinion on the topics contained in the questionnaires of the Youth Consultations 2023 of the Interamerican Scout Region.

With the realization of this participatory exercise, WOSM reaffirms its institutional commitment to strengthen youth engagement, inviting young members to exercise their right to express themselves and that their opinions on issues that directly concern them in their daily lives are considered. It is intended that the Consultation results serve as input to trigger actions promoted by National Scout Organizations and the World Scout Bureau, and other institutions that contribute to guaranteeing the rights of youth.

The Youth Consultations will be carried out in mixed modality (face-to-face and virtual), favoring participation in virtual modality due to the prevailing conditions of the pandemic COVID-19, and considering that for some National Scout Organizations the measures of prevention and health care are still very strict, limiting face-to-face activities.



This will be an opportunity for children, adolescents, and young people in the Region to propose topics of interest to be discussed in spaces of Youth Dialogues.

To encourage the participation of the majority of youth during the month of June, it is proposed that NSO national teams be the main partners in promoting the participation of their young members in the consultations.

To reconcile the consultation process, the participation of adults is essential since they will be responsible for ensuring that children, adolescents, and young people express their opinion in the digital questionnaires or, exceptionally, printed version, according to their age ranges: 7 to 10 years, 11 to 14 years, 15 to 21 and 22 to 29 years.

Suppose you are a father, mother, caregiver, scout leader, or young volunteer. In that case, we thank you in advance for your effort and commitment as one who will participate in the 2023 Youth Consultation process, making it a success.

CONTENT OF THE QUESTIONNAIRES

For the 2023 Youth Consultation, a questionnaire-type instrument has been designed aimed at four age ranges so that the questions and how they are stated follow the level of development of children, adolescents, and young people.

Four questionnaires are available in English and Spanish, depending on the age range of the participants.

Anyone between the ages of 7 and 29 who is an active registered member of an NSO can participate.

The consultation instrument presents a brief introduction that greets and invites children, adolescents and young people to collaborate by answering the questionnaire. A brief greeting is given establishing the objective of the consultation, clarifies that anonymity is respected and that their opinion is part of the exercise of their rights.

Next, it is requested to share some data that will serve to register the age range and geographical location data of the person consulted. After that, questions and answer are enlisted. The questions have been adjusted to each age range and are written in the first person.

Age range	# of questions	Estimated time to complete*	Link to the questionnaire in English
7 to 10 years Cub Scouts Pack	11	5 minutes	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EN7-10
11 to 14 years old Scout Unit	11	6 minutes	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EN11-14
15 to 21 years Venturer and Rover Communities	17	7 minutes	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EN15-21
22 to 29 years old Youth members	17	8 minutes	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EN22-29

*It is important to consider that the time required by children and adolescents under 15 years may vary and be longer than expected, but it is essential NOT to rush their answers.

Regarding questionnaires for people under 15, it is proposed that the adult accompanying the process read the information and clarify any doubts.

The digital questionnaire will give the possibility of being answered on electronic devices with Internet access: computers, tablets or smartphones. By entering the digital questionnaire, participants can move forward or backward in the questions and answer each question in order or skip one and then return to answer the question that was left pending. It is important to mention that the answers will be automatically saved in the cloud.

In exceptional cases, it is proposed to use the questionnaire in printed form, to download it can be accessed at this link

After receiving the answers in the printed form, the person accompanying the process must share the results using the digital questionnaire.



THE ROLE OF ADULTS IN THE YOUTH CONSULTATION PROCESS

To facilitate the participation of children, adolescents and young people in the consultations, responsible adults are requested to guide and accompany the process of answering the questions in the tool designed for each age range, mainly for people under 15 years of age.

These people can be fathers, mothers, caregivers, caretakers, family members over 18 years of age.

The persons accompanying the process must:

- Guarantee the best conditions for children, adolescents and young people to freely and personally exercise their right to participate and express their opinion in the questionnaire.
- Keep in mind that children and adolescents are persons with rights that must be respected at all times.
- Keep in mind that this is the first time that people under 18 years of age will participate, so they should generate confidence in their companions.
- Keep in mind that each participant should be treated according to his or her age, recognizing his or her capabilities.
- When handing out the printed questionnaire or the mobile device, it is important to mention that it is not an exam, but rather the questions are intended to get their opinion and express themselves on topics that are important to everyone. We recommend that you emphasize that there are no right or wrong answers, so it is essential that each participant answers honestly and by him/herself.
- In the case of children and adolescents under 15 years of age, it will be necessary to support them in understanding the questions and, more importantly, to record the children's answers, without trying to influence them.
- Inform the participants that when they have finished filling out their questionnaire, they should click on the "Finish" button to read the message thanking them for their participation and that their answers will be entered.





COMMUNICATION AND PROMOTION

Consultations for the age ranges of 7 to 10 and 11 to 14 years will be carried out exclusively through the communication channels of the NSOs and their territorial and local structures.

The consultations aimed at young people aged 15 to 29 will be carried out through the social networks of the Interamerican Region, requesting the support of all NSOs in the Region to share information on their institutional websites, social networks or any other means of institutional communication. NSOs are also invited to incorporate this activity in their regular actions.

The official information will be published on Facebook and Instagram of the Interamerican Region and other means of electronic contact.



We have created a series of content and communication tools to communicate in a unified way. We invite you to use them, adapting the content to your localities, channels, and audiences. The important thing is that more scouts are informed about the possibility of participating in the Consultation. In the following board, you will find logos, templates, and sample social media posts, key messages and other graphics in English and Spanish.



We want the Youth Consultation 2022 process to be openly visible and to reach all Scouts in the Interamerican Region, so we have designed an attractive image that will frame the process. The messages that will be designed to invite to the Consultations will be different for each age range, nevertheless we ask you to use at all times: #YouthConsultationsIAR, so that we can follow up the campaign in different social media.

The closing of the Youth Consultation process will be on 19 June 2023.

Recommendations:

- Capture great photos and videos of the process and share them.
- Use the hashtags #YouthConsultationsIAR and #ScoutIAR so we can measure the reach of the campaign.
- Have fun, be creative with your publications!
- Share the content with your friends and followers.

If you have any suggestions or questions send us an email at interamerica@scout.org or laura.delgado@scout.org



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