



BdP Stamm Steinadler, BdP Stamm Greutungen, BdP Stamm Seeadler

**Bund der Pfadfinderinnen und Pfadfinder e. V. (BdP) /
Union of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.**



Description of the youth organisation:

The Bund der Pfadfinderinnen und Pfadfinder (BdP) is the largest scouting association in Germany that is not tied to any religion. It belongs to the world body of the scouting movement. With more than 50 million members, this is the second largest child and youth organisation in the world. The BdP has groups all over Germany. These local groups are called "Stämme/groups".

A scout group combines personal responsibility and cooperation, play and tasks for the community. Pathfinding is versatile and includes trips and camps, life in nature, music and arts, practical craftsmanship, playful and sporting activities.

This also includes dealing with the social environment and meeting children and teenagers from different cultural backgrounds. The diverse training of human skills is important to us. The principle is: "Learning by doing" ("Lernen durch Tun"). Each member has the opportunity to contribute his skills and knowledge, learn from others and expand his knowledge. Unlike other youth organisations, in Pathfinding, youth leading the youth independently also plays a major role. With us, young members take responsibility early on and learn how to deal with it.

Description of the local groups:

The Bund der Pfadfinderinnen und Pfadfinder (BdP) is represented in Wiesbaden with a total of three local groups; together they form the so-called "eagle's nest/aerie".

Each group consists of several groups. These groups are divided into three age classes with very different fields of duty.

All groups meet regularly. Cooperation between younger and older people requires tolerance, helpfulness, consideration and democratic decisions.

The age classes at a glance:

Cub Scouts: This group include kids aged six to eleven years. Several cub scouts form a group.

We call these groups a "Pack". The terms "Cub Scout" and "Pack" come from Rudyard Kipling's "Jungle Book".

Like the character Mowgli in the novel, cub scouts must learn to find their way in the group.

They have to learn to observe the rules for group life, take on tasks for the group and be considerate of others.

Nevertheless, fun and games determine the group life. Cub scouts love wild games, trips and small camps; they like to dress up and can use almost anything for handicraft work.

Pathfinders: These are boys and girls between the age of twelve and fifteen. Six, seven or eight pathfinders join together in a group. We call these groups a "kinship group". With increasing experience and independence, the kinship group plans its own ventures. The kinship group prefers to go on a trip. A trip is like a journey with a backpack and a tent. They do this on weekends or during the holidays, on foot, by bike, boat or train. Their hallmarks are the backpack and the black fire tent, known as the "Kohte". Pathfinders are proud of their ingenuity, community and ventures. One of the summits in scouting life is the federal camp, which takes place every four years. Scouts of BdP from all over Germany meet.

The BdP also takes part in the international pathfinders meetings.

Rangers and Rovers: These are the young adults in our union. Most of them have taken office. That means they lead a group or work for the management board of the group. Several rangers and rovers design a trip together. They plan the activities of their trip themselves.

What defines us as BdP?

- youth leads youth
- independent from political parties and religions
- co-educational (girls and boys are together in the groups)
- limitless adventures
- regular activities
- annual summer activities



Interested in joining?

If you want to join in, you should come by to a group activity. In the group activity you can get to know the management of the group and the other members.

That way, you can try out whether you find scouting fun and get along with the others. The minimum age is six years.

You can find more information on the respective website. We look forward to receiving an e-mail from you!

Be on a good path!

Your Aerie!

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