



THE BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES
National Training Centre, Pachmarhi

To the Trainee.....

Dear _____

We are happy that you have expressed your willingness to undergo the Basic Course for Scout Masters. Before you attend the Course, we would like to help you come prepared by enabling you gain some basic knowledge about Scouting. These Self Learning Modules have been specially designed for this purpose. Kindly go through each Module before you attend the Basic Course for Scout Masters. These Modules will not be dealt during the Basic Course.

In case you need help either towards understanding certain terms used in the Modules, or towards seeking clarification of doubts on certain portions of the text in the Modules, you can contact your Training Counsellor, or DTC/S or any ALT/S or LT/S in your locality.

Learning starts from the time we are born and it continues till we depart from this world. Imagine an infant soon after it is born. It takes some months for the mother to try and teach the infant some basics. But before its mother could begin to teach, the infant has already learnt to respond in certain ways. That is by mere observation. The five basic senses enable the infant to learn by itself before anybody could deliberately teach. Hence it is possible for each one of us to learn certain things by ourselves provided we make an attempt.

Today there are so many options for us to learn by ourselves. We can learn from:

- Varieties of literature: books, newspapers, magazines, journals, etc.
- Media: radio and television
- On line, Internet, you tube etc.

Hope you will make optimum use of the Self Learning Modules presented here.

The objectives stated in each Module would give you an idea as to what is expected from you after going through the Module.

You can very well assess for yourself, how much of the subject matter you were able to understand after going through each Module. Questions for self-assessment under the title 'An Attempt to Recollect' have been provided in the Modules.

After reading through the contents of each module you may feel the need to know further on the subject. Hence at the end of each module a list of books and other media references for further reading has been provided.

Happy reading. Looking forward to meeting you at the Basic Course for Scoutmasters.

Leader of the Course