



# Implementation Guide

YOUTH CONSULTATIONS 2024



World Organization of the Scout Movement  
Interamerican Scout Region

Welcome to the Youth Participation initiative for girls, boys, adolescents, and young scouts of the Interamerican Scout Region.  
**Your contribution will be highly valuable!**



This year girls, boys, adolescents, and young people will have the opportunity to participate and voice their opinions on the subjects included in the questionnaires of the 2024 Youth Consultations of the Interamerican Scout Region.

By conducting this participatory exercise, WOSM reasserts its institutional dedication to enhancing youth involvement. It encourages youth members to **exercise their right to express themselves and have their opinions** heard on issues that directly affect them in their daily lives. The aim is for the Consultation outcomes to stimulate initiatives led by National Scout Organizations, the World Scout Bureau, and other entities working towards safeguarding youth rights.

The Youth Consultations will use a mixed approach (in-person and virtual), with a preference for virtual participation.

To promote the involvement of the majority of young people, it is suggested that the national teams become key allies in encouraging their youth members to participate in the consultations.

The involvement of adults is crucial for conducting the consultation process effectively. They will play a key role in facilitating the expression of opinions from girls, boys, adolescents, and young people through digital or, in special cases, printed questionnaires based on their age groups: **7 to 10 years, 11 to 14 years, 15 to 21 years, and 22 to 29 years.**

If you are a father, mother, caregiver, scout leader, or young volunteer, we appreciate your dedication and commitment as individuals who will contribute to the success of the 2024 Youth Consultation process. **Thank you in advance!**

## SURVEY CONTENT

A questionnaire-type tool has been developed for the Youth Consultations. It is tailored to four different age groups to ensure that the questions and their presentation align with the developmental stages of girls, boys, adolescents, and young adults. Four questionnaires are provided in both English and Spanish, corresponding to the age groups of the participants.

**Individuals aged 7 to 29 who are active registered members** of an NSO are eligible to participate. For surveys involving individuals under 15 years old, it is recommended that the supervising adult handle the task of reading the information and addressing any queries.

### Structure of the questionnaire

- 1. Introduction:** The consultation tool provides a concise introduction welcoming children, adolescents, and young people to participate by responding to the questionnaire. It includes a brief greeting outlining the purpose of the consultation, emphasizes the respect for anonymity, and highlights that their opinion contributes to the exercise of their rights.
- 2. General information:** Provide the necessary data to document the age range and geographic location of the individual being consulted.
- 3. Questionnaire:** multiple-choice questions and response options are provided immediately after. These questions are tailored to different age groups and are written in the first person.
- 4. Closing:** After you complete your questionnaire, please press the "Done" button to view a message expressing gratitude for your participation and to ensure that your responses are saved.

Age group	Number of inquiries	Projected completion time*	Online questionnaire link
Group of Cubs Scouts 7 to 10 years	10 questions	3 minutes	<a href="https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/7_10">https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/7_10</a>
Scout Unit Ages 11 to 14	11 questions	7 minutes	<a href="https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/11_14">https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/11_14</a>
Venturers and Rover Community Ages 15 to 21	13 questions	7 minutes	<a href="https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/15_21">https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/15_21</a>
Young volunteers Ages 22 to 29	13 questions	8 minutes	<a href="https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/22_29">https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/22_29</a>

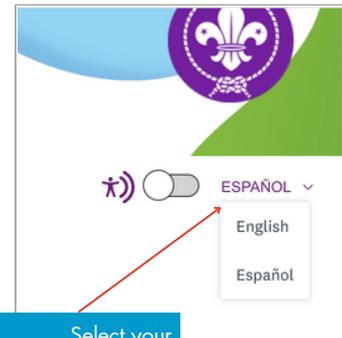
\*It is crucial to acknowledge that the time needed for girls, boys, and adolescents under 15 years old may differ and be more extended than anticipated, but it is vital not to hasten their responses.

[DOWNLOAD THE QUESTIONNAIRES HERE](#)

## QUESTIONNAIRE ACCESS

The digital questionnaire allows responses on electronic devices with Internet access such as computers, tablets, or smartphones in English or Spanish. Participants can navigate forward or backward, respond sequentially, skip questions, and return to them later. Responses are automatically stored in the cloud.

In rare instances, it is suggested to utilize the printed questionnaire. Following the completion of the printed forms, it is required that the individual overseeing the process shares the outcomes via the digital questionnaire.



Select your preferred language.

## THE ADULT'S ROLE IN THE YOUTH CONSULTATION PROCESS



Responsible adults are encouraged to assist children, adolescents, and young individuals during consultations by guiding them through the process of responding to the questions using the appropriate tool for their age group, particularly those under 15 years old. These individuals may include parents, guardians, family members over 18 years old, and scout leaders.

The individuals involved in the process must:

- Ensure optimal conditions for girls, boys, adolescents, and young people to freely and independently exercise their right to participate and voice their opinions in the survey.
- It is important to remember that girls, boys, and adolescents are individuals with rights that should be honored consistently.

- Bear in mind that for some people, this might be their first time engaging in this type of process. Hence, adults should instill trust.
- Consider tailoring your approach to each participant based on their age and acknowledging their capabilities.
- When using the printed or online questionnaire, it is crucial to clarify that it is not an exam. The questions aim to gather opinions and insights on significant topics. Emphasizing that there are no correct or incorrect answers is key. Participants should respond sincerely and individually.
- When dealing with girls, boys, and adolescents under 15 years old, it is essential to provide them with assistance in comprehending the questions and, most importantly, in documenting their responses without trying to sway them.
- Participants should be informed that after completing their questionnaire, they need to press the "Done" button to view the message thanking them for their participation and to have their responses recorded.

## COMMUNICATION AND PROMOTION OF THE PROCESS.

Consultations for the age groups of 7 to 10 and 11 to 14 years will be conducted solely via the communication channels of the NSOs and their territorial and local structures.

The consultations targeting individuals aged 15 to 29 will be conducted via the social media platforms of the Interamerican Region, seeking the assistance of all NSOs in the Region to disseminate the information on their official websites, social media channels, or any other communication channels. NSOs are also encouraged to integrate this initiative into their routine activities.

A range of content and communication tools has been developed to ensure consistent communication. You are encouraged to utilize these tools, customizing the content to suit your specific locations, channels, and target audiences. The primary goal is to increase awareness among scouts regarding the opportunity to take part in the Consultations.

**The link below contains logos, templates, post examples for social media, key messages, and other graphics in both English and Spanish.**

[COMMUNICATION KIT](#)





We aim for the Youth Consultations process to be transparent, accessible, and inclusive for Scouts across the Interamerican Region. To facilitate this, we have created a compelling visual identity to represent the process. We kindly request consistent use of #YouthConsultationsIAR to enable us to track the campaign across various social media platforms.



Capture high-quality photos and videos of the process and share them [via the provided link](#) or QR code.

**THE YOUTH CONSULTATIONS WILL  
CLOSE ON SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2024.**

### **Recommendations:**

- Utilize the hashtags #YouthConsultationIAR and #ScoutIAR to gauge the campaign's impact.
- Enjoy yourself! Exercise creativity in your publications.
- Share the content with your friends and followers.

If you have any suggestions or questions, please email us at [interamerica@scout.org](mailto:interamerica@scout.org)