



# WELCOME TO THE ADVENTURE!

Information for Parents and Guardians



## 4TH ITCHEN SOUTH (NETLEY) SEA SCOUT GROUP

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## WHAT IS SCOUTING ?

The Scout Movement is a global, educational youth Movement with a membership of over 28 million members, providing young people with adventure, fun and challenge.

Scouting aims to help all young people reach their full potential. This means assisting the development of young people as active members of the community who are self-reliant, caring, responsible and committed.

## WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ?

The Scout Association's Information Centre can be contacted on **0845 300 1818**. It operates 8am to 7pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 12 noon on Saturday. Visit [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk) for general and Section information.

## DEVELOPING YOUNG PEOPLE

Scouting is open to all young people aged between 6 to 25, regardless of gender, faith, ability or background. There are five Sections in which Scouting takes place:

	Beaver Scouts	6 - 8
	Cub Scouts	8 - 10 ½
	Scouts	10 ½ - 14
	Explorer Scouts	14 - 18
	Scout Network	18 - 25

In Scouting, we believe that young people develop most when they are 'learning by doing', when they are given responsibility, work in teams, take acceptable risks and think for themselves. Development is guided by the Balanced Programme - a continuous progression of training, activities, badges and awards for all young people. Adventure is at the core of Scouting. Through adventure we challenge individuals so that they learn and experience new things that will enrich their lives. The Programme is designed to help young people learn about their community and the wider world, improve their fitness and health and develop their creative talents. It encourages them to enjoy adventure in the outdoors and develop their beliefs and attitudes against the backdrop of the Scout Law and Promise. For more information on the Programme, visit [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk). In addition to meeting nights, young people should expect opportunities for outings, indoor residential and camping experiences and other challenges suited to their age and ability. The Programme is tailored to the interests, needs and pace of each individual, but also recognises group achievement. The highest personal achievement in each Section is the Chief Scout's Award and the ultimate accolade is the coveted Queen's Scout Award. From age 14 it is also possible to register through Scouting for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

## OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

In Scouting, our adults must operate responsibly in accordance with our policies on Safeguarding, Equal Opportunities, Bullying and Safety in Scouting. The Scout Association applies stringent vetting procedures, including criminal record checks, for all adult appointments. All adults must abide by our Young People First code of behaviour. Our policies and procedures are designed to keep young people safe from harm whilst they enjoy the fun and excitement of their Scouting adventure.

## WHEN DO GROUPS MEET?

Each Scout Group is usually made up of a Beaver Scout Colony, Cub Scout Pack and a Scout Troop and these sections meet regularly, usually once a week during the school terms. There are often other opportunities for members to take part in events throughout the year. These might include day outings, camps and expeditions as well as a whole host of other activities. Explorer Scouts and the Scout Network operate in Districts and have a more flexible programme that is shaped by the Young People and guided by adult leadership.

## THE PROMISE

All members make this simple Promise and become part of the Worldwide Scout Movement.

On My Honour  
I promise that I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and to the Queen  
To help other people  
And to keep The Scout Law

The Promise is made easier for younger children and is also available in different forms that recognise the country of origin that an individual belongs to, and their God.

Our young members are supported by almost 100,000 adult volunteers. Adult members of The Association serve as Commissioners (volunteer managers), Leaders, Section Assistants, Administrators, and in many other roles. The support of non-member adults is also welcomed, particularly from parent helpers.



## AN INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT

Scouting is currently active in 216 countries and territories with a global membership of over 28 million. Two thirds of the international membership is in developing countries. The Association promotes international opportunities including camps and projects, with the aim of strengthening links between The Scout Association in the UK and other members of The World Organisation of the Scout Movement. Today, Scouts across the world are involved in development projects as diverse as peace education, drug abuse prevention, provision of clean water and sanitation, literacy, renewable energies and environmental conservation.

## WHAT DO MEMBERS NEED?

For the first few meetings young people need nothing at all to experience the adventure of Scouting. The Scout Association produces a range of uniforms for all age groups as well as an extensive range of books to support the development of members as they progress from the Beaver Scout Section through to the Scout Network.

The Section Leader will agree a time when it is suitable to purchase a uniform and start working on the Programme.

The Leader will advise on local outlets for uniform purchase and other materials. Additionally, Scout Shops Ltd operates a mail order service and can be contacted on:

Tel: 01903 766921 or [www.shop.scouts.org.uk/](http://www.shop.scouts.org.uk/)

## WHAT WILL IT COST?

Subscriptions (subs) are charged to cover the cost of taking part in the Balanced Programme, purchase of equipment and the upkeep of the meeting place. These are usually paid weekly, monthly or termly. There is also an annual membership subscription (included in the subs) which is paid to Headquarters for the day-to-day running of The Scout Association and includes insurance for all members. Section Leaders will let you know the amount required locally as well as how and when to pay.

An extra charge is normally required for special events, camps, and other outings.

## SAFEGUARDING

It is the policy of The Scout Association to safeguard the welfare of all members by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional harm. The Scout Association takes all reasonable steps to ensure that, through relevant procedures and training, members and adults taking part in Scout activities do so in a safe environment.

## GIFT AID

If you pay tax, Scouting can use Gift Aid to claim for every £1.00 you give in subscriptions or donations. All you need to do is sign the Gift Aid declaration that forms part of this information leaflet. All the money will be used to benefit Scouting in your community.



## LEADERSHIP

All adults who deliver local Scouting are unpaid volunteers, who are required to undertake training or learning appropriate to their role. Section Leaders are responsible to a Group Scout Leader, who in turn is responsible to a District Commissioner.

If you have any questions, concerns or complaints please speak initially to the Section Leader. If your concern is about the Leader please contact the Group Scout Leader. If not available, or if you are still not satisfied, please refer to the District Commissioner. Contact details are overleaf.

## PARENTAL PERMISSION

It is taken as understood that you give your permission for your child to take part in Scout activities during the normal meeting time.

Your permission is sometimes needed for specific events, camps and activities that may take place at a different place or time. You will be asked to complete a parental consent form in such circumstances.

## MEDICAL / DIETARY INFORMATION

It is essential that you inform the Section Leader if your son / daughter suffers from any medical condition or if they require any specialist medicines or treatment.

It is also necessary for information to be supplied to the Section Leader about any dietary needs of the member. Please complete the details on the attached form and update the Leaders if circumstances change.

**ESSENTIAL INFORMATION**

To facilitate your child taking part in Scouting safely we ask parents for some essential information by completing and signing this form. Return the completed form to the Section Leader. The information you supply will be held in strictest confidence.

<b>*Beaver / Cub / Scout / Explorer Scout's Details</b>			
<b>Name</b>			
<b>Address</b>			
<b>Postcode</b>			
<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Day :</b>	<b>Evening:</b>	<b>Mobile :</b>
<b>email</b>			
<b>Date of Birth</b>			<b>Gender*:</b> Male / Female
<b>School</b>			
<b>Religion</b>			

\*delete as appropriate

**HEALTH**

<b>Doctor Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Postcode</b>	
<b>Telephone</b>	
<b>NHS Number</b>	

To help Leaders prepare and provide appropriate support, please give details of any medical condition (e.g. allergies, asthma, diabetes, epilepsy), disability or special educational needs of your child:

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Please give details of any special dietary requirements, including food allergies:

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**EMERGENCY CONTACT**

Please give details of where you can normally be contacted if an emergency happens during a weekly meeting

<b>Name (Parent / Guardian)</b>			
<b>Address (if different from above)</b>			
<b>Postcode</b>			
<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Day :</b>	<b>Evening:</b>	<b>Mobile :</b>
<b>email</b>			
<b>ALTERNATIVE CONTACT</b>			
<b>Name</b>			
<b>Relationship (e.g. grandparent,neighbour)</b>			
<b>Address</b>			
<b>Postcode</b>			
<b>Telephone</b>			<b>Mobile :</b>

### SCOUT PUBLICITY

On occasion, photographs and video images of Scouts taking part in activities are submitted to local media and used in Scouting for promotional purposes. This may include newsletters, websites and other publicity material. If you have any objections please indicate that you are not willing for your child's image to be used in this way by ticking the box

### GIFT AID

I would like the Scout Group / District / Region to treat all payments I have made in the past 4 years and all future payments in respect of member subscriptions and other donations for the Group / District / Region as Gift Aid donations.

<b>Name of Parent / Guardian</b>			
<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	

- Notes:
1. You must pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax we reclaim on the payments.
  2. You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the Scout Group / District / Region.
  3. Please notify the relevant body if you change your name or address.

The Scout Movement in the UK is a membership organisation. To enable it to operate - and to communicate with its members - it is necessary to maintain records about them. This will include all the information on this form. We will also be keeping details of your son/daughter's progress through Scouting (badges gained etc). Information held in our Group may be shared from time to time within Scouting including the Headquarters of the Association.

New legislation came into force in March 2000 which covers the protection and processing of personal data. Adults and young people have the same rights under the Data Protection Act 1998. The Act covers paper based (as well as computer based) information.

Certain information is classed by the law as 'Sensitive Personal Data'. In a Scouting context this may include information about your son/daughter's:

- Health (to ensure that we are prepared for medical emergencies it is important that we hold relevant information).
- Disabilities (to ensure a safe integration of your child's participation in activities, details of any disability need to be known).
- Religious or similar beliefs (this will help us ensure that we make appropriate arrangements when necessary).
- Racial or ethnic origin (again this will help us ensure that we are sensitive to cultural needs of our members).

To allow us to hold this 'Sensitive Personal Data', we will need your explicit consent. This can be given by signing this form. All the information will only be used in connection with your son/daughter's membership of the Scout Movement in the UK - this will include membership management and communications. None of the information provided will be passed to third parties outside the Scout Movement without your consent. You can give your consent by signing below.

<b>Name of Parent / Guardian</b>			
<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	

In order to help Scouting provide effective activities and opportunities for all sectors of society and to help it to measure whether it reflects the local community, The Scout Association occasionally asks for information on the ethnic origin of its Members. To help your Leader provide this information accurately please tick the appropriate box indicating your child's ethnic origin:

- White     
  Mixed or multiple ethnic groups     
  Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British     
  African  
 Caribbean or Black     
  Other ethnic group

### YOU CAN JOIN THE ADVENTURE TOO!

If you feel you might be in a position to help support young people in an adult role at meetings and / or events please indicate as follows:

<b>I can help at meetings</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Once a month	<input type="checkbox"/> Once a term	<input type="checkbox"/> More regularly	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	
<b>I can occasionally help with</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Transport	<input type="checkbox"/> Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Camps	<input type="checkbox"/> Administration	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>I can share the following skills, interests and resources.</b>				
<b>Full name</b>				
<b>Contact details if different from overleaf.</b>				



## SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

The Scout Association encourages you to support your child's involvement in Scout activities. Please ensure:

- You deliver and collect your child at the appropriate times and place, as advised by the Section Leader. Always check that an adult leader has arrived before leaving your child. Please tell the Section Leader if somebody different from usual will be collecting them. Members are never left unsupervised, but if you are persistently late the Section Leader may ask you to make other safe arrangements for collection.
- Your child wears suitable clothing and footwear for activities.
- You return forms and payment on time. If you have difficulties completing forms or making payments then please speak in confidence to the Section Leader.
- You inform the Section Leader of any additional needs that your child may have and any medication required e.g. inhaler.
- You inform the Section Leader of any change in the family situation that is likely to affect your child's behaviour. It is not necessary to give details. All information will be treated in confidence.

## HELPING SCOUTING

The Scout Association is run by volunteers and it encourages parents and guardians to assist in the leadership team on a regular or occasional basis. Any support that you or your family can offer Scouting is welcomed, appreciated and valued.

Help is particularly appreciated with practical skills, outdoor activities, as well as with transport, equipment and fund-raising. You may also be willing to assist occasionally with the Section meeting night, with administration and fund-raising.

See information on 'You can join the adventure too'.

## SECTION INFORMATION

To be completed in full by the Section Leader before being issued to the parent or guardian of a new member.

Scout Group	4th Itchen South (Netley) Sea Scout Group		
Section	<input type="checkbox"/> Beaver Scouts <input type="checkbox"/> Cub Scouts <input type="checkbox"/> Scouts <input type="checkbox"/> Explorer Scouts		
Meeting Place			
Meeting Day			
Start Time		Finish Time	
Section Leader Name			
Contact Telephone Number		Contact email	
The subscription fees are (subs)	£		
The subs are paid	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Termly <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)		
For other information, concerns / complaints not adequately addressed by the Section Leader contact:			
Group Scout Leader	Kevin Earl Home : 023 80 456953 Mob: 07860 240565 kevinaearl@btinternet.com		
District Commissioner	Matt Easton Mob: 07739 900664 matthew.easton@isdsc.org.uk		