

## Consent Forms

The following are Annual Consent Requirements that will have to be completed and returned to the Unit at the start of September each year. They are intended to cover the sorts of Explorer activities that may take place during normal unit meetings.

### Consent for General Scouting Activities

Explorer scouting is based around a progressive programme. At all stages we challenge the Explorers to develop physically, mentally spiritually and intellectually. In particular, they will be involved in activities and award schemes which will emphasise their life skills, development and decision making so that with their increased experience and maturity they can become more independent and less reliant on direct supervision from the adult leaders. Activities may include fire-lighting, cooking, navigation/map reading exercises, pioneering etc.

Please sign below if you have read and accept these principles.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

### Consent for Cycling, including Mountain Biking

Road and Mountain biking have an element of risk of personal injury and as such will require appropriate equipment and protective clothing (helmets must be worn at all times whilst cycling). All cycling activities will be run in accordance with the Scout Association Rules.

Please sign below if you are willing for your child to take part in these activities.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

### Consent for Hikes and Orienteering

Hiking and orienteering require the participants to understand map reading and basic navigation. Explorers will develop these skills in small teams whilst being carefully observed and tracked, with more experience there may be occasions where hiking and orienteering may be used in competitive challenges where participants can plan their own routes and are timed through established checkpoints over different terrains. All activities will be run in accordance with the Scout Association Rules.

Please sign below if you are willing for your child to take part in these activities.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

### Consent for Water Activities

Water activities such as canoeing, sailing, rafting and swimming have inherent risks but also broad appeal. We need to know if your child can swim 50 m in light clothing. Not being able to do so will not necessarily exclude them from these activities as the instructors will ensure that they are always adequately monitored and where possible mentored to improve their skills. Again all activities will be run in accordance with the Scout Association Rules.

My child can / cannot swim 50 m Please sign below if you are willing for your child to take part in these activities.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

**Consent for Photography/Video**

During your child's time in Scouting photographs or video may be taken in the course of an activity or scouting programme. These will be used to record the activity and will be available to you and your child. Occasionally, photographs and video may be used in connection with publicity (on no occasion will personal details be disclosed).

If you content for photographs/video to be taken of your child to record their time in Scouting please sign below:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

If you are content for photographs/video to be taken of your child to be used for publicity for Scouting please sign below

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_