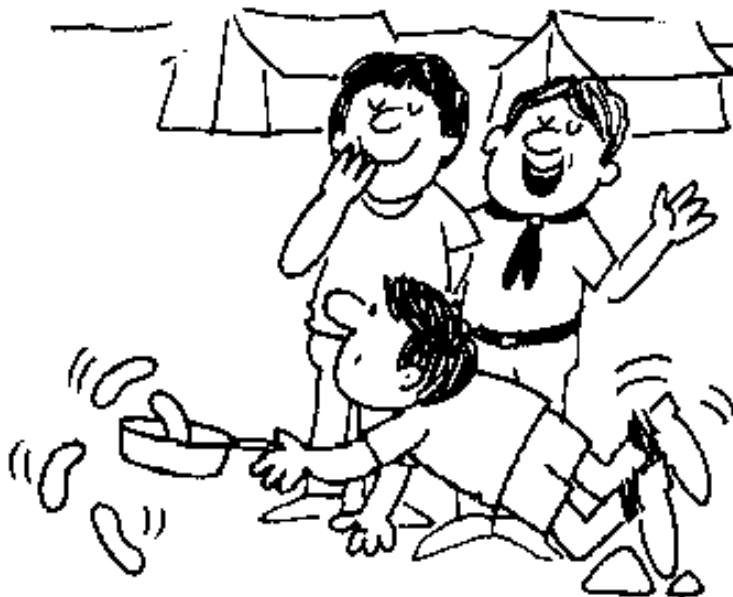


1st Emsworth Scout Group

100 years of Scouting 1919-2019



Information Pack



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Introduction

Dear Parent / Guardian

This handbook gives you information relevant to your son's / daughter's time with us in the 1st Emsworth Scout Group. Our aim is to help you understand what *he/she* needs to commit to Scouting and what *you* need to commit yourself to, so that his/her Scouting career can be enjoyable, rewarding, fruitful and, above all, a lot of fun.

Take a moment to read the Facts and Figures about Scouting. They make very interesting reading and I am sure you will agree, with over 450,000 people involved every week in UK Scouting, we must be offering a successful program to our members.

We like to play our part here in Emsworth too. In recent years we have had members achieve their Queen Scout Award, summer camps to Kanderstag in Switzerland, members taking part in trips to Uganda, Poland, Tanzania and Sweden.

All our leaders undertake rigorous training programs as part of their leader role, including First Aid training. All adventurous activities are carried out with authorized instructors to ensure the safety of your child whilst in our care.

Leaders and parents who help with the Scout Group i.e. on parent rota's, transport, etc. all have to be cleared by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). We require that everyone who helps in any way within the group must complete a DBS form. Please don't be offended, as it is a routine form to make sure that your child is kept as safe as is possible.

We are sure your son/daughter will develop and get tremendous rewards from being an active member of our group, and may I be the first to welcome them and wish them many years of Happy Scouting.

Michael Croucher
Group Scout Leader

Group Headquarters

Our group headquarters is located in Conigar Rd, Emsworth. Normal weekly activities are carried out in the headquarters or depending on weather at one of the parks/woods near the Hut.

Activities

The following additional activities may be undertaken as a part of the balanced programme and these are provided at no additional cost on normal meeting nights.

Swimming, Climbing, Ice skating, Rifle Shooting, Canoeing, Walks, Raft Racing

Full uniform parades

23 rd April	St Georges Day Parade
November	Remembrance Sunday parade



Badge Work

Part of the fun of Scouting is the gaining of badges for activities performed. Some of the badge work is carried out on group nights, but there are a variety of badges to be attained and we encourage parents to become involved with their child's badge work. Full details of the badges and what is needed to attain them, can be found at

<http://www.scouts.org.uk>

or from booklets available through the section leaders. Normally we work towards the Challenge Badges as part of the regular program and as long as members attend regularly we hope that they should achieve their Chief Scout Award on moving up to the next section.

Activity badges can be carried out outside of scouting and once completed, the leader will accept on faith the parent or tutors signature verifying attainment for such activities.

Camp Site at Harting

This group is fortunate in having our own campground high on the Southdowns, at Harting. This campground is a basic woodland site with NO facilities. We have to take our own water and chemical toilets, but it provides an opportunity for the children to experience backwoods camping in a safe and controlled environment. Most of the groups make use of this facility during the year for all sorts of activities at a modest cost.



Volunteering

All our leaders and adult helpers are volunteers. To help support them run an amazing programme we ask all parents and guardians of members to help support the group in some way.

Upon acceptance into the group you will be asked to specify in which ways you are able to assist in the running of the group.

We aim to be a part of the community and so therefore expect the community to be part of us.

There are many ways in which you can be involved. We just ask for a reasonable commitment while your child is involved in Scouting.

Areas of help include:

- Help at section meetings.
- Help on camps.
- Being part of our Executive Committee
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Representing your section
- Membership administration.
- Cleaning and maintenance of the hut.
- Gardening at the hut.
- Helping look after our kit and stores.
- Help with transport to/from camps and activities.

Don't forget without volunteers at every level the Group will not be able to exist and so Scouting will be affected.

Subscription 2022-2023

In order to fund the organisation it is necessary to raise money in the form of subscriptions. The current cost is **£144** per child per year.

This will cover all weekly meetings

The only additional costs will be for outings and camps.

For those unable to pay there are grants available and these can be granted in confidence by talking to the Group Scout Leader

If you are a tax payer we can reclaim the tax you have paid at no cost to yourself. (via the *Gift Aid* scheme). This helps us to keep the subscriptions down, so please sign the form if you can.

Method of Payment.

Subs are collected by Go Cardless on our behalf and are **£12** per month.

if you are not sure please contact subs@emsworth-scouts.org.uk to confirm

New members are unable to join until all the forms have been returned.

Your first payment will be collected within 4 weeks of joining the Scout group.

If your child decides to leave please make sure you cancel your go cardless payment and notify your section leader

New members normally attend for about 4 weeks before they are invested.

They must have a uniform before being invested.

Uniforms can be purchased from our local scout shop in Bedhampton (details can be found on our web site)

The Group supplies the Group Scarf and woggle at the Investiture.

Uniforms

Beaver Scout Uniform

- a. Items of official uniform:
 - turquoise crew neck sweatshirt
 - blue activity trousers
 - turquoise polo shirt
 - group scarf and lodge woggle
- b. Optional Items
 - navy blue shorts
 - baseball cap

Cub Scout Uniform

- a. Items of official uniform:
 - dark green crew neck sweatshirt
 - dark green polo shirt
 - blue activity trousers
 - group scarf and identifying 'Six' woggle.
- b. Optional Items
 - navy blue shorts
 - baseball cap

Scout Uniform

- a. Items of official uniform:
 - teal green long sleeved shirt or blouse
 - teal green polo shirt
 - navy blue activity trousers
 - group scarf and woggle
 - leather Scout belt and buckle
- b. Optional items
 - navy blue shorts;
 - baseball cap

Explorer Scout Uniform

- a. Items of official uniform:
 - beige long sleeve or short sleeve shirt or blouse
 - group scarf and woggle
 - navy blue activity trousers;
 - Scout belt / Explorer Belt and buckle.
- b. Optional items
 - navy blue shorts
 - baseball cap
 - navy blue skirt

Consent and Data Protection

All parents are made aware at registration of the need to collect certain personal data. We ask you to acknowledge holding this data when you register. Withholding consent is not an option if your child is to remain in Scouting. This data is required for the safe and efficient running of the Group.

You may opt out of the Photographic image consent if required.

The data is managed in accordance with the principles of the General Data Protection Regulations and in line with the policies and procedures of the Scout Association.

Waiting List Policy

Across the UK there are some 44,000 boys and girls on waiting lists to join the adventure of Scouting. Our waiting lists are growing rapidly so we have had to introduce a policy to decide how we allocate spaces as they become available.

On occasion, the number of people wanting to join the group in any section exceeds the number we can sensibly take on and still deliver high quality Scouting, so we need to run waiting lists. With the need to manage these waiting lists and to enable the group to manage the peaks and troughs of children moving between the sections within the group the following waiting list policy has been agreed:

Spaces within the group will be allocated in the following order of priority.

To children -

- Who are existing members moving between sections (this is implied)
- Of current uniformed leaders and formal section assistants, including new adults joining the group in these roles. Note: Parents coming into the group need to commit to taking up their role before their child is accepted
- With siblings already in our scout group
- Who are already in scouting and have moved from another area
- All others

The group membership secretary will hold the records of all children who are on the groups waiting list and will regularly liaise with the leaders of all sections

Facts and Figures about Scouting

1. Scouting is the UK's biggest co-educational youth movement. Each week a total of 450,418 people in the UK are involved in Scouting activities. It offers young people aged 6 to 25 and adult volunteers the experience of a lifetime.
2. The Aim of Scouting is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.
3. Scouting provides activities and development opportunities for young people, regardless of religion, race, social or economic background. Outdoor activities such as camping, hiking expeditions, water activities and adventure are still very much at the heart of Scouting.
4. In 2007, Scouting celebrated its centenary in style with events and activities around the world!
5. Worldwide, 28 million members are involved in 216 countries and territories. Over two-thirds of worldwide membership operates in developing countries.
6. The Scout Association's main training programme covers the 6 to 25 year age range in five Sections. In 1991 Scouting became fully co-educational; girls have been part of the older Sections since 1976.
7. The Scout Movement has a Law and a Promise at its foundation, which applies to every country, with appropriate modifications to meet the requirements of religion, faith or consideration. Open to all faiths, Scouting takes account of the different religious obligations of its Members while upholding the essential spirit of the Promise. Alternative wordings are available to accommodate all.
8. Scouting is a truly international Movement. Every year around 20,000 UK Scouts travel abroad to countries such as El Salvador, Romania, Thailand and Zambia. Scouts take part in a wide range of challenging and community-based projects such as building clinics, providing basic education - and climbing mountains! 16. International Jamborees, usually held every four years, involve as many as 35,000 Scouts from around the world, who all camp together!
9. In 2007 Scouting celebrated its 100th anniversary. The UK hosted a World Jamboree at Hylands Park, Chelmsford in Essex with 40,000 Scouts from around the globe.
10. Robert Baden-Powell (1857-1941), an unconventional but highly decorated soldier, began The Scout Movement in 1907 following an experimental camp for 20 boys on Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour on the south coast of England. He later became Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, Chief Scout of the World.
11. The Queen's Scout Award is the premier training attainment for UK Scouts. Formerly the King's Scout Award, it was introduced in 1909. Since then at least 100,000 have been awarded, to those who have achieved its exacting requirements.