

Becoming a Scout...

By Katie



Scout traditions



- Within the first couple of weeks of joining Scouts you will be enrolled.
- You will be given a neckerchief (when unrolled a triangular size which can also double up as a bandage!), the Scout emblem badge (worn by over 31 million Scouts in 216 countries), as well as group badge, district badge and patrol badge.
- Robert Baden-Powell launched the Scout movement in 1908, on Brownsea island.
- Each Scout group has their own troop colours, ours being blue and white.



Beavers



Cubs



Scouts



Explorers



Leaders

Scout laws and rules

Scout laws

- A Scout is to be trusted
- A Scout is loyal
- A Scout is friendly and considerate
- A Scout belongs to a worldwide family of scouts
- A Scout has courage in difficulties
- A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property
- A Scout has self respect and respect for others
- These laws are very important and what are expected of every Scout

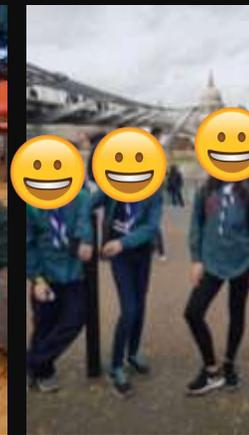
Scout rules

- Try not to be late
- Respect the leaders
- Wear your scout uniform
- Always “be prepared”
- Listen to safety advice when doing activities
- Be friendly to all
- Help others
- Be responsible
- Rules are just for your safety and happiness while doing fun activities and more!

Activities!

Now time for the fun stuff! The activities and camps are my favourite part of Scouts. Some of the activities we do are:

- Camping (obviously)
- Water-sports (kayaking, sailing, raft building, dragon boating etc)
- Climbing activities (climbing, abseiling, ice climbing, Jacobs ladder etc)
- High and low ropes
- Ice skating
- Sleepovers and movie nights
- Hikes
- Challenges
- First aid
- Survival skills including campfire cooking



Leaders

The leaders are the people who make all this happen. The Scout leaders of 2020 are... Marty, Mark and David. They aren't very strict they just want everyone to have a good time but safely. They are nothing like school teachers, no way. They are fun, active and adventurous meanwhile helping and encouraging us to take every opportunity. For example there are lots of fantastic opportunities in Scouts like the chance to go to Norway or Iceland and lots more! Our leaders will also teach you skills that schools cant teach such as; how to read a map, first aid, how to put up a tent, how to light a fire without matches, how to fire an air rifle, how to cook, how to tie knots and make rafts and hobbies like kayaking, sailing etc.



Patrols

I may be slightly biased when talking about patrols! However just to make it clear I am in Snow Wolves (we have won the cup 3 years in a row). We have three patrols: Lions, Panthers, and Snow Wolves, each with a patrol leader (PL) and an assistant patrol leader (APL). Whether you are a PL or APL is decided by age or maturity/responsibility. Our scout group can be very competitive between patrols.





Join us, learn new things,
make friends and have fun.