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Scouting

Beaver Scouts

The Beaver Scout Motto is 'Fun & Friends'. Lots of games and trips will make sure you have plenty of each!

You will be able to make things, to sing songs, to listen to stories and to visit places like a fire station. You might also be able to have a sleepover, where you spend a night away from home with the rest of the Colony.

Cub Scouts

There are loads of fun things that you can do as a Cub Scout. You will get a chance to try lots of different activities like swimming, music, exploring, computing, and collecting. If you do them properly you will get a badge which you can wear on your uniform.

Cub Scouts also get to go on trips and days out, to places like the zoo, theme parks or a farm. Sometimes you will be able to go camping with the rest of your Pack. This will mean you sleeping in a tent and doing loads of outdoor activities.

Scouts

Scouting is for young people aged between 10½ and 14 years who want to make friends and develop their widening interests in way that are both educational and fun - young people who want a break from the usual after school routine of homework, games and watching television.

Our activities are about action and involvement and mean more than just camping. Hiking, rock climbing, gliding, sailing, pioneering, canoeing, parascending, abseiling, putting on shows and exhibitions, motor mechanics, electronics, photography - the list is endless!

Scouts are also given the chance to learn skills in survival, cooking and first aid.

There are often opportunities to go abroad as well. Recently, 2000 Scouts from the United Kingdom attended the World Jamboree in Chile, South America. The next World Jamboree is in Thailand.

Explorer Scouts

As a Explorer Scout, you will be able to decide, along with the rest of the Unit, what you want to do - whether it is powerboating, socialising, hiking, or enjoying a trip abroad. Some Units hold their meetings in a hall, or at someone's house, or even up a mountain!

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The Scout Network

As a member of the Scout Network, you will be able to decide, along with the rest of the Unit, what you want to do - whether it is power-boating, socialising, hiking, or enjoying a trip abroad. Some Units hold their meetings in a hall, or at someone's house, or even up a mountain!

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Adult Volunteers

Leaders - At all stages, Leaders work with the young people they lead. They provide young people with exciting and challenging experiences and then help them use those experiences in their personal and social development. Leaders are encouraged to develop their own skills through formal and informal training experiences and sharing ideas with each other. (Age Range 18-65)

Management - The roles of Group Scout Leader and Commissioner are some of the most rewarding jobs in Scouting. They are responsible for ensuring that the young people in their care get the best Scouting that can be offered. 'GSL's' and Commissioners enjoy working with a team of adults towards a common aim and often find that the skills they develop through Scouting can help them in their work life. (Age Range 21-65)

Skills Instructors - Skills Instructors help Leaders with training young people on specific activities or interests such as swimming, cooking, climbing, computers, or crafts. Becoming a Skills Instructor takes up less time than being a Leader, but many people often find that the role of Skills Instructor is a good introduction to Scouting and go on to be Leaders.

Becoming a skills Instructor is also an excellent opportunity to complete service projects for schemes like the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. (Age Range 16 upwards)

Administrators and Committee Members - Besides all the other roles in Scouting, each Group, District and County will have a team of adults and young people who provide support chiefly with administration, and fund raising. These people take on the roles of Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary as well as any other role agreed upon locally. Again, training is available and people who take on these roles find that the training and experience they receive help them in their own personal development. (Age Range 18 upwards)

Supporters and Helpers - Adults often find that becoming an occasional Helper or Supporter is a



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rewarding way of offering a little of their spare time. The exact function of Helpers and Supporters will vary locally but examples are as wide ranging as making drinks for Beaver Scouts to driving minibuses for Venture Scouts. Many Helpers and Supporters choose to join the Scout Fellowship - the Movement's 'active supporters club' - who not only help but also usually have an active social life. (Age Range 18 upwards)