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24th Hastings

Ark William Parker Academy

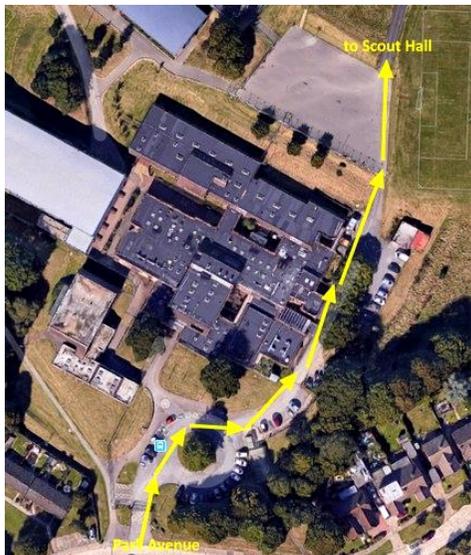
This booklet will give you a quick idea of what to expect when you join Scouting.

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Where to find us



Our headquarters is the building between the cricket field and the Rugby Club at Ark William Parker Academy. Come onto the School grounds

via Park Avenue, keep the buildings to your left, and go up to the top playground. You can park here in the evening and at weekends.

Joining

The minimum age for joining is $5\frac{3}{4}$.

If you are aged $5\frac{3}{4}$ - 8 you join **Beavers**.

Between 8 and $10\frac{1}{2}$ you join **Cubs**.

Scouts are aged $10\frac{1}{2}$ to $14\frac{1}{2}$.

Explorers start at 14 and you can stay until your 18th birthday.

You can come along on a trial basis for a few weeks, to see if you will enjoy being part of our great Movement.

Once you have decided to join, we will invest you.

You will need to obtain a uniform. You can buy the clothes from Superstitch, or you can order them online from Scout Store at <https://shop.scouts.org.uk/>. We will explain exactly what you need to get for your uniform.

We keep a stock of Group scarves, which you can purchase from us, and we also provide your woggle.



Your commitment

When you join, you will make the Beaver, Cub or Scout Promise, and you will be expected to live up to it in your everyday life.

You need to attend your meetings regularly.

If you cannot come, please let us know in advance.

You will have to pay subscriptions to the Group, which we collect three times a year in January, May and September.

What we aim to provide

We hope you will enjoy the fun and adventure we offer and pick up lots of life skills on the way.

The Beavers aim to get the Chief Scout's Bronze Award by gaining Challenge Badges; these are: Adventure, Outdoor, Skills, World, Personal, & Teamwork.

The Beavers do creative skills, play lots of games, go out on visits, have barbecues, sleepovers and parties, and do lots of other activities.



The top award in **Cubs** is called the Chief Scout's Silver Award, which is gained by completing 7 Challenges: Adventure, Outdoor, Skills, World, Personal, Team Leader, & Teamwork. There are lots of other badges Cubs can get.

Cubs go on short camps, often with other Packs from the District, as well as hikes and other visits. We have visitors to help with training and play lots of games.



Cubs are organised into Sixes, shown by the colour of their woggle.

Scouts aim to gain the Chief Scout's Gold Award by completing a series of Challenges, called Adventure, Creative, Outdoor, Skills, World, Personal, Expedition, Team Leader, & Teamwork. They can also gain badges for about 70 different activities of all kinds.

The Troop consists of Patrols of about 6 members, each one with its own Patrol Leader. The PLs consult their Scouts regularly and meet with the adult Leaders to plan the activities.

Typically, there are lots of games, both indoors and out, training in all kinds of activities like survival skills, cooking, first aid, map reading, hiking and camping, fire lighting, knife, axe and saw, and so on. We also have sleepovers at the HQ from time to time.

There are outings to various venues for rock climbing, dry slope skiing, ice skating, swimming, gliding etc.

The Troop has a camp every year at the end of the summer term, when lots of other adventurous activities are available. We hope all Scouts will attend. This is not an optional extra, but a vital part of the overall Scouting experience.



Explorers can achieve the Chief Scout's Platinum and Diamond Awards, and the Queen's Scout Award, and gain the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Bronze, Silver and Gold Level.

Explorers are part of District provision, which means that some meetings and activities are organised for all the Explorers in the area to take part in; as an Explorer you can go to any meeting of any Unit. You can also become a Young Leader, and get trained to help with Beavers, Cubs or Scouts.

In the Unit we aim to build on your previous achievements, as well as opening new horizons.

We understand that you could be busy with exams, school or college work, and a whole lot of other commitments, so we won't fuss you if we don't see you for a while.

We want you to have fun, enjoy new experiences, build new friendships, try new challenges, and be a valued part of our community.



Staged badges Some badges, for example for first aid, swimming, music and hiking, can be gained by any member, and you can progress to different levels as you move up through Scouting.



Everyone gets the chance to join in District activities like the Gang Show, St. George's Day, Sports competitions, etc.

Adults

All the Leaders and other adults working in the Group are volunteers. No-one is paid for what they do.

We are part of the Scout District of Hastings and Rye. The District is responsible for vetting all potential Leaders to make sure they are suitable people to look after children, and there are well established procedures which are always followed.

Adult Leaders undergo training in many aspects of their role. Completion of the training is recognised by the award of the Wood Badge.



We are an educational charity in our own right. We have an Executive Committee to run our affairs, led by the Chairman. Its members are the charity trustees of the Scout Group and are appointed or elected each year at the AGM in May. We publish an annual report and accounts, which go to all members' families, as well as many former members that we stay in touch with.

Other information

Data protection Personal data gathered as part of the joining process is necessary for the new member; as such, it is required and aligns to a lawful purpose - legitimate interest. Please see the privacy notice on our website for more details.

<http://24thhastingscouts.org.uk/data.htm>

Photography We take photos of youngsters taking part in activities, for display and publicity purposes. Because of the nature of these activities, it isn't usually possible to exclude particular individuals; we ask for your consent to take photos of our members and use them in this way.

Fund raising Running the headquarters is very expensive. As well as collecting subscriptions, we do various kinds of fund raising. Parents can help by signing up for Gift Aid, collecting used stamps for us, and buying on line through easyfundraising. There is a link on our website at

<http://www.24thhastingscouts.org.uk/funds.htm>.

Adult help If you would like to get more closely involved with the life of the Group, we always welcome offers of help, in whatever way you feel you could be useful.

Any questions?

Please e-mail us at gsl@24thhastingscouts.org.uk.

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