



Scouts

10th Royal Eltham Scout Group
Welcome Pack

Do more.

Share more.

Be more.

Welcome to the XRE

Scouts 

Welcome from Skip

Dear Parents and Carers

I wish you a very warm welcome to our wonderful Scout Group on Shooters Hill.

This information pack will hopefully answer any questions that you may have regarding the Scout Association and us at the 10th Royal Eltham Scout Group.

If you have any further queries or concerns about our Scout Group, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We ask that all our parents take an active role in the Group to support our dozens of unpaid volunteers that give up their precious time and work hard to give your child the very best experience of scouting possible!

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So, what is Scouting?

Scouting is an International Movement, which began in 1907 founded by Lord Robert Baden-Powell; there are over 50 million members in over 200 countries worldwide with over half a million members within the UK.

Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. Everyday Adventures and skills for life! Scouting: for 4 to 25 year olds. Adventure is at the core of scouting. Through adventure we challenge individuals so that they learn and experience new things that will enrich their lives and teach them skills for life. When a Beaver Scout wakes up the morning after a sleepover, or a Cub Scout has confronted their fear of heights, or a young Scout leads a hike, that is adventure.

Being involved is exciting and through the adventure of scouting, young people and our adult volunteers regularly experience new challenges that enrich their lives. Scouting offers a diverse range of activities and opportunities that challenge young people to be the best they can be physically, emotionally, spiritually and morally. It is this that makes scouting unique.

We act with care, respect, integrity, cooperation, exploring our own and others' beliefs, we believe it's a priority to reflect the diversity of the communities we are in.

Find out lots more about Scouting on www.scouts.org.uk or on our own website www.10throyalelthamscouts.org.uk

#SkillsForLife

As Scouts, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We encourage our young people to do more, learn more and be more. Scouting is flourishing and each week, we give half a million young people within the UK the opportunity to enjoy fun and adventure while developing the skills for life, now and in the future.

We're talking about teamwork, leadership and resilience – skills that have helped scouts become everything from teachers and social workers to astronauts and olympians. We believe in bringing people together. We celebrate diversity and stand against intolerance, always.

We're a worldwide movement, creating stronger communities and inspiring positive futures.

We believe that skills for life can prepare better futures:

- for young people – by giving them the character, employability and practical skills they need to succeed
- for volunteers – by equipping them with better skills, tools and support to deliver inspiring programmes
- for society – by bringing people together and improving the lives of those in our communities.

About the XRE

The 10th Royal Eltham Scout Group (XRE) was established in 1938 at Christ Church Hall, Shooters Hill, and after 87 years we now have five flourishing sections of Squirrel Scouts, Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts and Explorer Scouts.

At the XRE, we deliver an exciting programme to more than 150 young people aged between 4 and 18 years. Scouting changes lives by offering fun and challenging activities, unique experiences, and the chance to make a positive impact in our communities. Young people of every background have the opportunity to discover their potential, benefit from a positive, supportive environment and make a difference.

Our sections meet in two locations on Shooters Hill :

Squirrels from 09.30 - 10.30 on Saturday mornings at Shrewsbury House

Beavers from 17.00 - 18.30 on Monday evenings at Shrewsbury House

Cubs from 18.00 - 19.30 on Thursday evenings at Shrewsbury House

Scouts from 19.30 - 21.00 on Tuesday evenings at Shrewsbury House

Explorers 20.00 - 21.00 on Wednesday evenings at our Scout Hut, behind Christ Church Hall

Our Adult Volunteers

The five scout sections in our Group are run by a small team of volunteers consisting of a Group Leadership Team and a Board of Trustees, supported by Parental Helpers.

The Group Lead Volunteer (GLV) heads the team of Leaders and Trustees and ensures that the development of the young people is coordinated as they move through scouting. Our Board of Trustees, led by its Chairperson, focusses on effective governance and ensures that our assets, resources, finances and the interests of our adult volunteers and members are maintained within the Charity Commissions rulings.

To find out more about joining the leadership team or becoming a trustee, please contact the Group Lead Volunteer:
gsl@10throyalelthamscouts.org.uk

What We Wear

One of the things making Scouting different from other youth organisations is that we have a uniform. The uniforms have combined common and specific elements to create a sense of identity both within the wider world Scout Movement and our own local Group, images of the uniforms and badge positions can be found on our website at 10throyalelthamscouts.org.uk

Each Scout Group has their own unique scarf, ours is royal blue with a white border and a Severndroog Castle logo on the back and is held together by a woggle. All our sections wear full scout uniforms including scout activity trousers or scout activity shorts.

Please note that all invested members are expected to wear their uniform to weekly meetings, unless informed that it is a 'non-uniform' event.

During your child's trial period they are not expected to wear the uniform, however they will require one for their investiture ceremony, the date of which will be provided in plenty of time.

Uniform can either be bought from The Scout Association online shop – [Scout Store](#) – or from our local supplier Royal Greenwich District Scouts, District Scout Centre, 19 Waverley Crescent, Plumstead, SE18 7QT. Monday Evenings 7.30pm – 9.00pm (Except bank holidays and August)

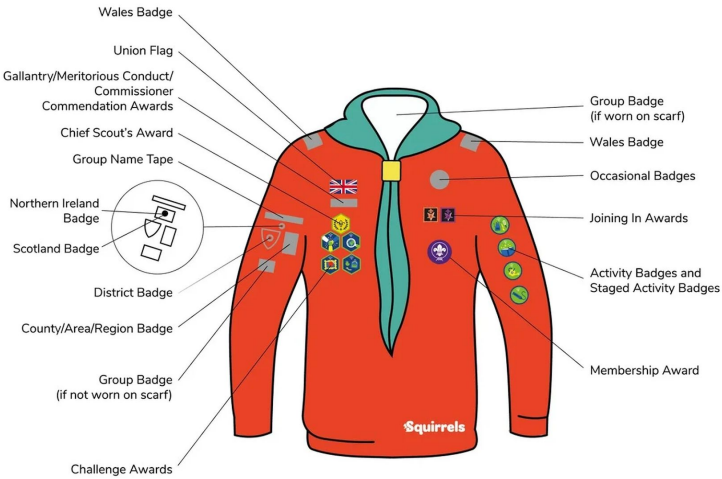
Badges Placement

Where do my badges go?

BEAVERS

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EXPLORERS



OSM

On joining, you will obtain a login to Online Scout Manager or OSM our database which revolutionises the way leaders communicate with parents.

You child will be unable to join the group formally until the fields on OSM are completed.

It enables you to:

- Pay for monthly fees and activities
- Sign up to events
- View the programme of activities
- See badge requirements
- See your child's badge progress
- Keep your contact and medical info up-to-date
- Get automatic reminders



Squirrels

In April 2023 we opened a new provision for girls and boys aged four and five called Squirrels, to help young people gain skills for life at a time when it matters most and where it's most needed.

Every week, Squirrels gather in a Drey to grow and learn their way through lots of different games and activities. Squirrels can achieve anything they set their minds to – and they have lots of fun along the way.

The one-hour sessions are a brilliant opportunity for young people to take their first step into being part of Scouts. Squirrel Drey meetings are packed with outdoors activities, fun, games, adventure, laughter, and so much more.

There are many badges and awards to achieve; from the Brilliant Builder and Local Superhero activity badges to the All About Adventure and All Together Challenge Awards! The ultimate goal in Squirrels is the Chief Scout's Acorn Award.

After 4-6 weeks of going to meetings, a new Squirrel Scout will make a promise at a simple investiture ceremony and this makes them a member of the the Drey.

To find out more about Squirrels, click [here](#).

Squirrels meet at Shrewsbury House on Saturday mornings from 09.30 – 10.30am.



BEAVERS

Beaver Scouts are girls and boys aged from 6 to 8 years old. The Beaver Colony is organised into smaller groups called Lodges. An older Beaver can become a Lodge Leader who takes on a peer leadership role.

Our Beaver Colony follows a programme each term, prepared and run by the leaders and consisting of: mastering new skills, having fun and going on adventures outdoors, making friends, being curious about the world around them, helping others and making a difference, on their own doorstep and beyond.

They also take part in days out and go camping in tents 'sleepovers' usually are held at weekends. Beaver Scouts can earn lots of badges after regularly attending meetings and completing a number of challenges these include 6 Challenge Awards to learn more and be more and 38 Activity and Staged Awards with activities from book reader to space and global issues. The ultimate goal in Beavers is the Chief Scout's Bronze Award.

After a 6-8 weeks of going to Colony meetings, a new Beaver Scout will make a promise at a simple investiture ceremony and they are welcomed into the colony. Beavers meet at Shrewsbury House on Monday evenings from 17.00 – 18.30.





Cub Scouts are girls and boys aged from 8 to 10 and a half years old. The Packs are organised into small groups called Sixes. An older Cub Scout, called a Sixer, leads each Six.

Our Cub Pack meet during school terms and there are other activities covering the environment, personal safety, finding out about the local community, cultures and customs of other people.

Cubs go camping, have days out and compete in district cub events. Cub Scouts work towards awards and badges.

These include joining-in badges for each year of membership of the pack, challenge badges for demonstrating skills in five different areas and up to 32 activity badges. The ultimate goal in cub scouts is the Chief Scout's Silver Award.

After a few weeks of going to pack meetings, a cub will be welcomed into the Pack at a simple investiture ceremony to recite the Cub Scout Promise.

Cubs meet at Shrewsbury House on Thursdays from 18.00 – 19.30



SCOUTS

Scouts are girls and boys aged from 10 and a half to 14 years old. Some will have been Beaver and Cub Scouts before joining the Scout Troop and we also welcome those who are new to Scouting. Scouts are encouraged to become involved in the planning and development of their own program.

A progressive patrol system is operated within the section – new scouts begin as a member of a patrol and progress to Assistant Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader, taking an increasingly active role in the organisation and leadership of the Troop.

Activities include camping, conservation, backwoods cooking, pioneering, map reading, climbing, day and night hikes and involve taking part in District and County activities with members from other Scout Troops.

Participation badges are awarded for annual membership and there are eight challenge awards for achievements and over 70 activity badges in the scout section. The ultimate goal in Scouts is the Chief Scout's Gold Award.

Scouts meet at Shrewsbury House on Tuesday evenings between 19.30 – 21.00



EXPLORERS

Explorer Scouts are young people aged between 14 and 18 years of age. Explorer Scouts have the opportunity to get involved with life-changing experiences both at home and abroad. This stage of Scouting is an incredibly exciting time for young people where they get to fully put into practice all they have learned as they progress through the stages of the Scouting family. And for those who have just joined the Scouts, there's plenty of friendly assistance on hand to help new recruits grasp new skills and meet the challenges that are to come.

Whether that's getting involved with canoeing, shooting, mountaineering or caving, Explorers are in safe hands with a highly experienced leadership team. At the heart of Explorer Scouts is the belief that young people really get a say in what activities will happen. They are encouraged to become Young Leaders and help with our other sections Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

For those who want to gain awards along the way, explorers are able to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme, and the ultimate goal in scouting the Queen's Scout Award.



Joining Us

On joining the 10th Royal Eltham Scout Group you will be asked to fill out your information on Online Scout Manager or OSM. This ensures we have the correct information to keep your child safe in our care.

Being a charity, we have to raise funds to cover ongoing costs of things like badges, materials for activities and general running expenses, one of those ways is the Membership Fee. Importantly, the membership fee also covers your child's insurance. Camps and some other activities will usually have a charge attached.

All members pay £25 per month to be a member of our Scout Group which is payable via OSM. These details are correct at 1st January 2024 and are reviewed regularly because our costs change. If there are any changes we will let you know with as much notice as possible. If at any point paying membership fees causes concerns do speak to the GSL confidentially, we may be able to help.

Gift Aid

The Group is able to recover income tax on any donation, including Subs - we can recover 25p for each £1 of subscription. The only criteria is that the individual making the donation has to pay income tax or capital gains tax of at least the amount to be recovered by the Group.

Code of Conduct

At 10th Royal Eltham we aim to provide a safe and engaging programme, in line with Scout Association recommendations, for all the young people in our Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts Sections.

In order to achieve this, we have produced a 'Code of Conduct Policy' which aims to outline expectations, standards and behavior for all those involved.

In order to help us promote good behaviour, we ask all our young people to follow the guidelines in the Code of Conduct.

The full Code of Conduct Policy is detailed on the XRE website [here](#).



Other Information

We would like scouting activities to be fun and safe at the same time. We recognise that there is no such thing as a risk-free event while, at the same time, we seek to ensure that all reasonable measures are taken to ensure that no member, leader or helper comes to harm as a result of our activities

Special Needs

Please discuss any special / additional needs of your child with your Section Leader, on a confidential basis, so that we may work together to enable all of our members to get the most out of Scouting.

Data Protection Act

We maintain the minimum of personal information necessary for the safety of all those involved in the Group and to meet the requirements of the Scout Association. Information held is not made available to any other party outside of Scouting.

Safety and Child Protection

The Scout Association takes pride in its safety record. Guidance is provided to Leaders through their District and County support. Safety issues are covered in our Leader Training. For more adventurous activities, we have special authorisation arrangements to ensure all our members are in safe hands. The Scout Association provides public liability insurance and we take out additional personal injury insurance for leaders and regular helpers.





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Website: 10throvaleltham.org.uk

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