



## Who are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Frimley Scouts?

We are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Frimley (St. Peter's) Scouts and we meet at the Scout Headquarters, Parsonage Way, Frimley. Within the area we are one of the largest Scout Troops and belong to a large Scout Group with about 70 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Leaders.

## When are the meetings?

Our normal meeting time is on a Tuesday night from 1900 to 2100. We also meet on other occasions but you will be told in advance when these will be.

## Who are the Leaders?

The Leader is Mark Walters and he is assisted by Richard Barnes, Don Bulimore and Les Marsden. They are all volunteers.

## What do we do in Scouts?

We follow a balanced program that will allow you to have a lot of fun as well as let you learn new skills and improve yourself in a number of ways. The program areas are: *Outdoors and Adventure, Community, Fit for Life, Global, Creative Expression and, Beliefs and Attitude.* You will

also be asked what you would like to do and, where possible, we will try and fit it in. Evening meetings will involve a little bit of formal Scout ceremony, activities and games.

## Do I get Badges?

The Programme will be designed around activities and many of them offer you the opportunity to earn badges. If you do any sport or have other hobbies, you can earn badges for those as well.



Everything you need to know about badges can be found on the Scoutbase UK website (details are at the end of this leaflet).



## What do you expect from me?

We expect you to take a full and active part in everything that we do so that you can get the most out of Scouting and enjoy yourself. If you are not enjoying it for whatever reason, then please let one of the Leaders know and we will try to help. You will get out of Scouts what you put in. We have a Code of Conduct which you will be expected to agree to and follow. We have a number of Codes but the two main ones are that we will not tolerate bullying or bad behaviour.

## What is the Scout uniform and where can I buy mine from?

Scouting is a uniformed organisation. You will be expected to wear a Scout uniform on various occasions. When we ask you to wear Full Uniform we expect you to be in:



Scout Shirt  
Group Scarf  
Woggle  
Black school trousers or dark blue activity trousers  
Clean black shoes and dark socks

You can buy your uniform from the Surrey Heath Scout Shop, which is at the 4<sup>th</sup> Camberley Scout HQ, London Road, Camberley. The shop is open Thursdays 19:30-21:00 and Saturdays 1000-1200. Full uniform is normally worn on special occasions which you will be told about beforehand. At the evening meetings you will be expected to wear your scout shirt, scarf and woggle. You should also bring scruff kit to change into for the activities.

## What other clothes and equipment will I need?



Much of what we do is outdoors and takes place throughout the

year so it is essential that you have suitable clothing to cope with our variable weather. A good pair of walking boots is a must. You will be given a Kit List when you join us on outdoor activities which you should use as a guide for the clothes and equipment that we will expect you to bring. There are a whole host of outdoor outlets that you can buy the equipment from, but the Leaders will be happy to give you advice if you need it.

***Make sure that all your clothes and equipment are marked with your name.***

## Will I be in a Patrol?

Yes. We have 4 Patrols: Each Patrol has a Patrol Leader and an Assistant Patrol Leader. When you are older and more experienced as a Scout you may be able to become a Patrol Leader. You will be given your patrol when you join.

## I know it's not free so how much will it cost?

It costs money to run Scouts but we try to keep the costs as low as possible. At the moment subs are **£95** per year. From this we pay a certain amount to the District and the County as well as maintenance for the hall and insurance. We believe that this is really good value for money. In addition, you will also be asked to pay for activities but we will let you know how much in advance. The outdoors is where we have most fun and we try to get out and about as often as we can. Every year we will

have one big camp, normally during the summer, with other weekend camps and activities throughout the year

### **What forms need to be filled in?**

There are a few forms that we use in Scouts but the main ones are:

- **Essential Information Form** – Before you join, one of your parents or carers needs to complete the *Essential Information Form* and return it back to one of the Leaders. This will tell us everything that we need to know about you and, more importantly, who we can contact in an emergency.
- **One Day Activity or Camp/Holiday Information Forms** – Before we go off to do an activity or camp you will be given a *One Day Activity Form* or *Camp/Holiday Information Form* which will tell you all you need to know. The forms also have bits for your parents or carers to complete and return which gives us more up-to-date information about illnesses, medications and contact numbers.

### **Who can my parents or carers contact?**

For any of the activities the details of the leader in charge will be on the One Day Activity Form/Camp Information Form. On any other occasion if your parents or carers need to talk to a Leader the best thing to do is to catch them either before or at the end of a meeting. Otherwise you or they can contact:

Terry Metcalfe (Group Scout Leader)

Home: 01276 500 374

Mobile: 07973 405917

[terrymetcalfe@surreyheathscouts.org.uk](mailto:terrymetcalfe@surreyheathscouts.org.uk)

### **How can I find out more about Scouting?**

Just ask any of the Leaders or other Scouts. If you have access to the internet there are a whole host of websites to visit. The Scoutbase UK website ([www.scoutbase.org.uk](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk)) will tell you everything you need to know about scouting and is worth having as one of your 'Favourite' sites.

