

Group Information

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19TH WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP



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19th Wimbledon Scout Group

Welcome to the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group and thank you for showing an interest in the work we do for the young people of our community. We can trace our origins back over 100 years and can proudly say that we have provided a healthy mixture of fun, challenging and adventurous activities for our members to help them develop and fulfil their potential as young people.

The aim of this booklet is to help you as the parents or guardians of new or potential members of the Group. It also forms a simple reference tool for parents and guardians of children who are already members of the Scout Group and who may be moving from one section to another.

We also try to give you a wider perspective of the incredible amount of work that goes into a Scout Group, both on the part of the leaders and other helpers, all volunteers, who help with the Group. Many of these volunteers are parents, just like you. Any assistance you feel you may be able to offer the Scout Group will be greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions which this booklet does not answer, please feel free to contact your section leader or us directly and we will be more than happy to answer them.

Paul Wilkins,
Group Scout Leader

Richard Bowyer,
Group Chairman



Useful Information

How does the Group raise funds?

In addition to subscriptions, we also try to raise money to fund activities in other ways, involving the young members themselves and parents. In recent years we have enjoyed running a very successful cake stall at the annual Wimbledon Village Fair. We have also held sponsored events, family barbecues and quiz nights. Or you could consider joining the 100 Club for a chance of winning a cash prize every month. We hope you and your family will join us in some of these events in the future.

Who maintains Group HQ?

We do - and we hope you will help! We are very lucky to have our own site with meeting huts, storage huts and outside areas for games and campfires but it does need cleaning, maintenance and general repairs. Over the years, with the help of volunteer parents & leaders we have undertaken many jobs to keep HQ running, and avoiding resorting to expensive professional contractors. We hold regular Tender Loving Care (TLC) days for everyone to come along and help do a few jobs - we hope you can help, there are jobs for all abilities and skills!

What is the site re-development plan?

Our main building, the Phoenix Hut, was actually donated from the Bental Centre building site over 20 years ago and is now in need of replacement. Some parents and leaders are working on a plan to design a new building, raise enough money and/or grants and then contract builders to start work. This is a BIG project and we need more help to achieve it.

Useful Websites

www.19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk	our Group website
www.scouts.org.uk	the national Scout website
www.scoutbase.org.uk	Scout answers & resources

A Brief History of the Group

The 19th Wimbledon Scout Group can trace its origins back over 100 years and is now one of the largest and most successful Groups in the Wimbledon and Wandle District.

We have had a presence on our HQ site at Cottenham Park Road since the 1960s and a cub pack at the Sacred Heart School for at least as long. Most recently in our history the 19th was formed from a merger of the 15th and 4th Wimbledon Scout Groups in 2002. We have a very strong partnership arrangement with the Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit ensuring that, together, we can provide Scouting for boys and girls from 6 through to 18.

We enjoy the support of St Matthews and Sacred Heart churches. The Phoenix emblem has been associated with the Group since the hut was rebuilt following a fire in the late 1980s.



The "Friends of 19th Wimbledon" is a group of past members and other people who have been associated with the Group over the years and wish to stay in touch. We invite the "Friends" to some Group events during the year and appreciate the help and support they give.

Useful Information

What will your child do in Beavers/Cubs/Scouts?

He/she will go through a progressive training programme consistent with the Scouting method and the aims and objectives of the Scout Association - learning through doing and taking increasing responsibility for themselves and others. Above all they will have fun at the 19th through regular weekly section meetings and opportunities for camps, sleepovers, hikes, days out, District competitions and more.

How much does it cost?

£30 per term. You will be sent a letter by the Group Treasurer reminding you when subscriptions are due. Please pay promptly. This represents excellent value for money. All the Leaders are volunteers and do all they can to ensure that all the money the Group raises goes straight into Scouting activities and the equipment needed to run them. Activities and camps are charged separately by the sections on a basis just to cover costs.

What is investiture?

Once your son/daughter is comfortable in their new section, their leader will decide when they are ready to be invested. This will involve a short ceremony to which you will be invited. It's not scary! You will need to get a uniform, available from the District Store, Morden Hall Park or local suppliers, such as, Fields Scouting Supplies, 32 Tolworth Rise, or PMG Schoolwear, 55 The Broadway, Tolworth. A Group scarf and woggle will be provided.

What is expected of your child?

It is true to say that your child will only get something out of Scouting if they are prepared to put something in. We understand that there are a great number of demands on young people and you have to prioritise. We do expect a certain level of commitment, if only in recognition of the work our (volunteer) leaders put in to prepare section meetings and activities. The courtesy of a phone call from you if your child cannot attend is much appreciated.

The Purpose of Scouting

The purpose of Scouting is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Scouting uses a **Method** which is young people, in partnership with adults:

- enjoying what they are doing;
- learning by doing;
- participating in varied and progressive activities;
- making choices for themselves;
- taking responsibility for their own actions;
- working in groups;
- taking increasing responsibility for others;
- taking part in activities outdoors;
- sharing in prayer and worship;
- making and living out their Promise.

The Scout Association started in 1907 with a camp on Brownsea Island and then Lord Baden-Powell's book "Scouting For Boys" was published in 1908 and now there are more than 28 million scouts worldwide. The latest Chief Scout of the UK is Bear Grylls.



Useful Information

What is expected of parents & guardians?

Please help us to support your son or daughter in all their Scouting activities. Read newsletters and section letters, take note of activity dates & times, drop off and collect your child on time. Please respond to requests promptly and fill in permission to camp forms, medical forms etc when required - we are not allowed to take your child away without them. Also, do remember our leaders are all 100% volunteers, giving up their spare time to help our younger generation get the most out of Scouting.

What is the Group Executive Committee?

This is a committee of parents, leaders and supporters of the Group who meet on a regular basis to govern the Scout Group and ensure it is run in accordance with Scout Association Policy and Rules. We are a registered charity and some of the Executive Committee serve as Trustees of the charity.

How are young people kept safe in Scouting?

The Scout Association takes safety and child protection very seriously. All volunteers are CRB checked, leaders undertake regular training (including first aid qualifications) and activities are risk assessed and must fulfil specific health & safety criteria.

How can adults get involved?

Scouting is fun for all ages and the Leaders and Group supporters wouldn't get involved if they didn't enjoy it. If you think you'd like to get more involved please speak to your section leader or the Group Scout leader.