



19th WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP



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Registered Charity Number: 303793

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Dear Parents,

Membership Subscriptions now payable online

The Scout Troop have been using our online system, 'My.Scout', for admin, camps and events for over 2 years. This has been extremely successful and we are now pleased to announce our transition to accept membership subscriptions in the same way.

Membership Subscriptions

For our young people, we ask families to contribute a small amount for subscriptions (subs) at the start of each term. This includes our affiliation fee to the Scout Association and pays for things like insurance, site maintenance, games and camping equipment. We are a registered charity (Reg. Charity No: 303793), and all the subscriptions we receive support the great Scouting that we provide - all our leaders are 100% unpaid volunteers.

The current subscription for a Beaver, Cub or Scout is £40 per term.

The advantages of using My.Scout

- Parents can view and update contact details online
- No more missing bits of paper
- Sign up for events and camps in just a few clicks
- Event and subscription payments can be checked at any time
- You will receive an email letting you know when a payment is due
- Payments are quick and easy
- Reduces time our volunteers spend with administrative tasks, allows more time to plan exciting activities for the Scouts!

There are now 2 ways to pay via My.Scout

Direct Debit

The easiest method is to set up a direct debit. Payments will be collected near the beginning of each term (January, May and September). Parents are always notified in advance of upcoming payments, and they can cancel the direct debit at any time.

One-off payments

If you prefer to make one-off payments this is also possible using the same method.

What happens next?

The transition will take place as of 1st May 2016 for the Scout Troop. Around this time you will receive an email with instructions of how to set up a new direct debit, which takes only a few minutes. If you would prefer to pay in one-off payments, please follow the link in the email to pay this term's subscriptions.

Thank you for your co-operation with this transition. There are some Frequently Asked Questions attached but should you have any questions or problems please let us know subs@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk

Yours in scouting,

Dave
Scout Leader



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Membership Subscriptions payable by My.Scout FAQs

I already have a direct debit set up for camps and events. Do I need to set up another one?

Yes. This is a different direct debit to the one you may have signed up to for camps and events.

Who handles the money?

"GoCardless" handles all the payments. GoCardless is sponsored by the Royal Bank of Scotland and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority as a Small Payments Institute.

Money is collected by GoCardless and sent to our group bank account.

What if my Scout leaves or moves to Explorers?

The direct debit will be cancelled if a member leaves the section and no future payments will be collected.

Will I be reminded when a payment is about to come out?

Yes. If you have set up a direct debit you will receive an email prior to the payment being collected. There is an opportunity to cancel this if you need to.

Can I pay for Beavers and Cubs in the same way?

Not yet. At present, this is being implemented for the Scout section only as 99% of our activities payments are already handled this way. If all goes well with the Scout transition we will roll this out to the rest of the Group in the near future.

What if I have set up a standing order for subscriptions?

Thank you for doing this, this was previously the most effective way to pay. Please could you cancel this and use My.Scout as this significantly reduces our admin time allowing us to dedicate time to run activities.

I have recently received a Subs invoice, is this still to be paid?

Yes. Letters that have previously been sent out are for terms prior to Summer 2016.

What happens if I have financial difficulties?

Support may be available - we believe that no young person should be excluded from Scouting because of cost. Please contact the Group Scout Leader gsl@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk

What about Gift Aid?

The Gift Aid Scheme enables us to reclaim basic rate tax on membership subscriptions and is an essential source of finance for the Group, without posing any further obligations on the payer. We will send you an email to complete a quick declaration online if you are eligible and willing to Gift Aid your subscription.