



Scouts



19th Wimbledon

BEAVERS

6-8 years old

cubs

8-10½ years old

SCOUTS

10½-14 years old

EXPLORERS

14-18 years old

HQ: 106 Cottenham Park Road, West Wimbledon SW20 0SZ

www.19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk



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. Our website is also a good source of information and is regularly updated: www.19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk.

We hope you will enjoy your time with the 19th Wimbledon.

Paul Wilkins,
Group Scout Leader

Ros Barnes,
Group Chair



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, community service, charity fundraising and more.

How much does it cost?

The current subscription for a Beaver, Cub or Scout is £45 per school term. Subs are due just after each half-term (November, February and June) and are payable using our online system '**Online Scout Manager**'. Parents have an option to set up a direct debit or make a one-off payment for the current term.

Subs represents excellent value for money. The Leaders are volunteers and do all they can to ensure that all 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 the Epsom & Ewell District Scout Shop (22 The Broadway, Stoneleigh) or PMG Schoolwear (393-395 Hook Road, Chessington). A Group scarf and woggle will be provided. Diagrams of where to sew the badges on are in the 'Useful Information' section of the Group website: www.19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk.

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 or email from you if your child cannot attend is much appreciated.

The Fundamentals of Scouting

The **Purpose** of Scouting is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Scouts are guided by **Values** of Integrity; Respect; Care; Belief; and Cooperation.

Scouting uses a **Method** which takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun;
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors;
- learn by doing;
- share in spiritual reflection;
- take responsibility and make choices;
- undertake new and challenging activities;
- make and live by 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 and 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 DBS (CRB) checked, leaders undertake regular training (including first aid qualifications) and activities are risk assessed and must fulfil specific health and 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.



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. 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 age 6 through to 18.



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

The Friends of 19th Wimbledon

The "Friends" 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.

Please contact secretary@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk for more information.



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 held sponsored events, family barbecues, cake stalls and quiz nights. Or you could consider joining the 100 Club for a chance of winning a cash prize every month. Please also sign up to the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group on www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk and raise money for us while you shop online.

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 and leaders we have undertaken many jobs to keep HQ running, and avoiding resorting to expensive professional contractors. We hold regular Site Working Party 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 was the Phoenix 2 Project?

Our main building, the Phoenix Hall, is in its third incarnation—the original hut was destroyed by fire over 20 years ago, the second one was donated from the Bentalls Centre building site as a 'temporary' replacement and then the current new buildings were completed in 2014 following a fundraising campaign which also involved grants and significant loans from the national Scout Association and our local District. We are fortunate to have secured a variety of lettings throughout the week which help repay the loans. We also take occasional lettings for children's parties and other events, please enquire at

lettings@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk.

However we still need to raise money for the Group, and help ourselves by doing maintenance work on the buildings and around the site.

Useful Websites

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

Protection of your Personal Data is important to us. Please see our Data Privacy Notice posted on our website, along with our Data Inventory.



We also have a private '19th Wimbledon Scout Group' **Facebook** page, to which section leaders post activity updates.

Group Information

The Group HQ is at 106 Cottenham Park Road, West Wimbledon, London SW20 0SZ
(at the junction with Oakwood Road)

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Mayhew Beaver Scout Colony

Thursdays

5.30 - 6.30pm



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Oakwood Beaver Scout Colony

Mondays

6.15 - 7.15pm



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Mayhew Cub Scout Pack

Thursdays

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Oakwood Cub Scout Pack

Tuesdays

6.30 - 8.00pm



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Scout Troop

Wednesdays

7.30 - 9.00pm



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Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit

Thursdays

7.30 - 9.15pm



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