



FIRST CITY OF LONDON (LORD MAYOR'S OWN) SCOUT GROUP



Information for New Group Members

Scouting is a world-wide movement, with the aim of developing young people into responsible citizens through a lot of fun, challenge and adventurous activities.

This Scout Group operates in five sections, covering the age range of 6 to 25 years. The four Sections are:

Beaver Scouts	(6 – 8 year olds)
Cub Scouts	(8 - 10½ year olds)
Scouts	(10½ - 14 year olds)
Explorer Scouts	(14 – 18 year olds)
Scout Network	(18 – 25 year olds)

Membership in all sections is open to both boys and girls.

The underlying values of Scouting are laid down in the Scout Promise and Scout Law, and all young people who join the Scout Movement will work to develop these values.

The Scout Promise

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to God and to The Queen, to help other people and to keep the Scout Law.

Law

1. A Scout is to be trusted.
2. A Scout is loyal.
3. A Scout is friendly and considerate.
4. A Scout belongs to the world-wide family of Scouts.
5. A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
6. A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.
7. A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.

The Cub Scout Promise

I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to God and to The Queen, to help other people and to keep the Cub Scout Law.

The Cub Scout Law

Cub Scouts always do their best, think of others before themselves and do a good turn every day.

The Beaver Scout Promise

I promise to do my best to be kind and helpful and to love God.

The Scout Association has a programme and Award Scheme that runs through all five sections, to ensure continuity and progression for young people.

1st City of London Scout Group was founded in 1908, and is one of the oldest Groups in existence. We are the Lord Mayor's Own Scout Group and are the only uniformed voluntary youth organisation operating in the Square Mile. We are the one of the biggest groups in London.

All sections meet on Thursday evenings (school term dates only) at the times stated below. Because of the fact that we are the Lord Mayor's Own Scout Group, and that we undertake many ceremonial duties in the City, we do have high expectations on uniform standards. Please ensure that your child arrives in good time, and that uniform is always clean and smart, and worn with black shoes.

Uniform

Is obtainable from John Lewis' Department store in Oxford Street, and it is available to order online from www.scouting.outdoors.ltd.uk. The requirements and approximate prices are shown below:

Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers
Turquoise Sweatshirt £9.50	Dark Green Sweatshirt £10.00	Teal Green Scout Shirt £14.50	Mushroom Shirt £18.00
Navy Blue Cargo Trousers £15.00	Navy Blue Cargo Trousers £15.00	Navy Blue Smart Trousers £26.00	Navy Blue Smart Trousers £26.00
		Leather Scout Belt £10.00	Leather Scout Belt £10.00

Badges, scarf and woggle are presented on investiture. Navy blue (embroidered with Group Logo) Group T-shirts are available at a cost of £7.50. This is to be worn at all times under official uniform.

Subscription Payments

These are collected on the first Thursday of each month – except August, (irrespective of attendance) and cover the cost of provision of usual weekly programme as well as membership of the Association at District, County and National levels. This also includes the provision of basic limited liability insurance cover whilst your child is engaged on Scouting activities. Additional activities such as outings, camps and the like will be charged separately, but are usually subsidised from Section/Group Funds.

Subscription payment statements are sent out in the middle of each term.

The Group takes advantage of the Gift Aid Scheme, whereby we claim back from the Inland Revenue, the tax that you have paid to earn the money handed to the Group as subscription fees.

Beaver Colony

Meets from 6.30pm until 7.30pm. Monthly Subscriptions are £6.50.

Cub Pack

Meets from 6.30pm until 7.45pm. Monthly Subscriptions are £7.00.

Scout Troop/Explorer Scouts/Scout Network

Meet from 7.30pm until 9.15pm. Monthly Subscriptions are £7.50.

Activities

Each section publishes its own diary of events for the forthcoming term. Information on extra-curricular activities is provided in timely fashion before each event, and usually requires a specific parental consent form completed prior to the activity taking place.

Attendance

It is expected that your child will attend each week – that way they will gain full benefit from the planned programme of activities. Attendance registers are kept each week. If your child is not attending, please advise the section leader before the meeting. Unexplained absences of three weeks or more will lead to the assumption that Membership has lapsed, and your child's name will be removed from the register. Full uniform is to be worn for all events, unless otherwise advised.

Adult Leadership

All adults working with young people in this Scout Group undergo a rigorous vetting procedure to ensure that they are suitable to look after your child. A warranted, uniformed leader, who is responsible to the Acting Group Scout Leader, John Cronin, runs each section. Other uniformed and non-uniformed leaders and helpers assist these section leaders. All Leaders undergo extensive training to enable them to provide the best programme possible. If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please contact your child's section leader, or the Acting Group Scout Leader.

There is always a need for more Leaders and helpers. If you would like to know more, please contact the Acting Group Scout Leader.

Contact Numbers

John Cronin	Group President/Acting Group Scout Leader	01354-740847 07774-426966
Veronica Casey	Assistant Group Scout Leader	01354-740847 07989525470
Duncan Hobday	Explorer Scout Leader	07732430468
Danielle Bailey	Explorer Scout Leader	07811619515
Richard Cappin	Scout Leader	07886856652
Conor Mahon	Cub Scout Leader	07787407562
Dawn Hannay	Beaver Scout Leader	07817525718
Richard Martin	Group Chairman	02073979357

All enquiries can be directed to John Cronin.

Group Vehicles

The Group owns a 17 seat LDV Minibus, which assists us to implement a more far reaching programme of activities at an affordable cost. It is a legal requirement that all passengers wear a seat belt. Minibus Drivers are under instruction not to carry passengers who fail to comply with this requirement. The vehicle is fully insured, serviced and maintained at all times in excess of legal requirements.

Safety

Every effort is taken to ensure the safety of your child whilst in our care. At all times, we ensure that the correct ratio of children: adults is maintained in accordance with Scout Association regulations. At Group Headquarters, there are regular Fire Drill/Evacuation Practices.

Website

The group operates www.cityoflondonscouts.org.uk where more information is available together with spare activity consent forms. In addition, there are e-mail links from this site to the section leaders.



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Application for Membership

Surname _____

First Names _____

Date of Birth _____

Religion _____

School _____

Special Interests & Hobbies _____

Parents/Guardians Name(s) _____

Home Address _____

Telephone _____

Mobile _____

E-Mail _____

Are there any dietary restrictions, allergies, behavioural issues, learning difficulties or medical details that you feel the Leadership should be aware of?

National Health Number _____

GP Name & Address _____

Date of Last Tetanus Injection _____

Form Continues Overleaf

As a parent, I am prepared to help the Group in the following way(s):

*	Assisting with transport to/from activities	YES/NO	(*)
*	Driving the Group Minibus	YES/NO	(*)
*	Taking part in Beavers/Cubs Parental Helper Rota	YES/NO	(*)
*	Helping with Trips and Outings	YES/NO	(*)
*	Serving on the Group Executive Committee	YES/NO	(*)
*	Assisting with Interest & Skills Badges	YES/NO	(*)
*	Consider becoming a uniformed Leader/Helper	YES/NO	(*)

I have knowledge of/interest in the following skills & activities:

I accept that 1st City of London Scout Group will be keeping information about my son's/daughter's (*) membership of the Scout Movement for Scouting purposes.

I give explicit consent to the holding of information of my son's/daughter's (*) health; disabilities; religion/faith; race/ethnic origin again for Scouting purposes.

I confirm that I am a UK tax payer and understand that 1st City of London Scout Group will claim Gift Aid on all subscription payments and donations I make to the Group.

I give/do not give (*) consent to the disclosure of any information held to third parties associated with the Scout Movement in order that they may offer products and services which may be of interest.

I consent/do not consent (*) to photographs being taken of my child whilst on Scouting activities for use exclusively on the Group Website and Group promotional materials.

Signed

Name

Date

(*) Delete as appropriate.

Please Note

In order that we can make full provision for your child's needs, it is vitally important that you disclose all relevant information. All such information will be treated as confidential.