

Hayling Scouts

A Parents' Guide to our
Pathway to Adventure



The generic term for Members from all of these sections is "Scouts"



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Welcome to Scouting on Hayling Island

Your child is now one of 31 million young people in 220 countries and territories who join in the fun of Scouting every week. The experiences your son or daughter has as a Scout are likely to stay with them for the rest of their lives. This guide aims to give you a better understanding of our aims and values, some important information regarding our Group and some ways in which you can help to really make a difference to the lives of young people.

So, what's it all about?

Scouting began in 1907 with a camp for 20 boys on Brownsea Island in Dorset. There have been many changes since that first camp, but our aim remains the same: *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.*

Today, over 400,000 young people take part in the fun and adventure of Scouting in the UK, and each week over 250 young Hayling Islanders wear their Scout Uniform, supported by over 60 adults.



What's included with this pack?

1. Our Annual Report
2. Our latest newsletter (The Woggle)
3. What happens to your subs
4. Paying subs by standing order
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Bear Grylls, Chief Scout:

“Every child has the right to an adventure...”

The Adventure of a lifetime

Scouting is all about adventure – at all levels and in many forms. Rather than just extreme sports, it encompasses the many ways that Scouting challenges and stretches the lives of young people. To a Beaver Scout, waking up in the morning after his or her first night away from home is as much of an adventure as a member of the Scout Network hang gliding or scuba diving. It's all possible in Scouting.

The Programme

Whilst the activities they take part in will depend on their age, each section gives young people the opportunity to learn by doing. The main programme areas are: Outdoor and Adventure, Global, Community, Fit for Life, Creative and Beliefs and Attitudes.

Adult Leaders are trained to deliver this programme, ensuring our young people stay safe while they are enjoying themselves.



Some of our Values

- The welfare of every youth member is our number one priority;
- Young people working in partnership with adults;
- Young people enjoying what they are doing;
- Learning by doing;
- Learning to make choices for themselves;
- Taking responsibility for their own actions;
- Learning to work in teams;
- Taking increasing responsibility for others;
- Taking part in activities outdoors;
- Thinking of others and community service;
- Having the opportunity to develop leadership skills;
- Gaining publicly & industry-recognised awards;
- Structured activities within disciplined meetings;



Trips and visits to learn more about our Country, the environment, our public services and life in general represent an important part of a child's development.

"I have always been impressed by the strength of the Scouting movement on Hayling, which is such a positive influence on so many young people."

"Achievement is personal, the acknowledgement of achievement is public and Scouting has bucket loads of both" – a proud Mum!!

"Scout's is so much more than facts and skills, my children have learnt to work in teams, be responsible and courteous to each other. Thank You."

"I never cease to be amazed at the inventiveness and ingenuity of the Leaders and the positive influence they have on my daughter. She has matured so much in such a short time"



More about Us

- All adults working within our Group are subject to an enhanced CRB check.
- All adults working within our Group have completed First Response and Safeguarding training
- Adventurous activities such as climbing, archery and water activities only take place under the supervision of fully qualified Instructors.
- One of our strengths is that we are all volunteers and do this because we want to

Some Thoughts for You

- We know that your children and family will have other commitments, but please let your Leader know if they are unable to make a meeting.
- Please ensure you have your Leader contact Information.
- If at any time, your child or you are unhappy about something, please speak to your Leader – only then can we do something about it
- Remember – Our goal is to create a safe, happy environment and happy Scouts.

Find out more...

We hope you have found this information pack useful. You will find lots more on our "Parent Information" pages at our web site. These pages also show what badges can be gained, where they go on the Uniform and some common forms. The pages have been developed from questions we have been asked by you the Parents, so if you cannot find the answer, ask your Leader and we will also update these pages.

Thank You from the Leaders

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You could join our Group Development Team, the management committee of the Group that meets 6 times a year.

Or be a member of our Service Crew and help maintain our facilities or provide general support when you can.



Ways in which you may consider helping us



Or take part in your own activities as part of our Active Support Unit (Dreadnought), who also organise events and activities for the sections.

Or you may like to be a Leader or regular helper with one of our sections, or perhaps you have a specific skill you can offer.



Everyone has something to give

You may feel that you have no skills to help with Scouting – but everyone has something to give. Do you have any hobbies and interests that you could share? For example you may enjoy cooking, be proficient in IT, have an interest in nature all of which could provide different and fun evenings for your child's Group. Evenings may be difficult but perhaps you would be happy to organise a visit or a trip at a time to suit you. You may have skills that can help our Group Development Team or can give some time with the Service Crew.



Why help out?

There are many reasons why you might choose to give some time to Scouting:-

- To give something back to the community
- To support the work of the Leaders
- To spend more quality time with your child
- To enjoy and rediscover adventure for yourself

Whatever the reason, volunteering in Scouting is fun and rewarding. You will have the opportunity to learn new skills, enjoy the adventure and make new friends, independent of how many hours you are able to offer!

The myth-busting truth!

- No-one involved with Hayling Scouts is paid – they are all volunteers
- The majority of our Leaders have full time jobs, families, other hobbies and commitments
- Adults often get involved to support their children and remain involved because they enjoy the adventure