



74th St. Luke's Watford South Scout Troop



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SCOUTS

A GUIDE FOR NEW MEMBERS
AND THEIR PARENTS

Welcome to 74th St.Lukes Scout Troop

We are a highly active part of the Watford South Scouting District.

Our members are aged between 10½ and 14½, and they take part and enjoy an active, exciting, fun, and adventurous programme of activities.

- We try to camp at least 4 times a year.
 - We take a full and active part in all District events
 - As a troop we camp at least once every year for a week, and there are many opportunities for weekend camps (Including competitions and award based training).
 - We meet on Monday nights from 19:30 – 21:00. Leaders & Patrol Leaders should arrive by 19:15 and everyone else by 19:25 as the meetings start promptly.
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Uniform

The Scout uniform consists of:-

- Green Scout shirt & Scout activity trousers (available from The Complete Outdoors, Bourne End or from <http://shop.scouts.org.uk/>).
 - A Scout belt
 - Black school shoes. Trainers are acceptable on a Monday night.
 - A maroon and grey neckerchief with woggle - to be supplied when invested.
- Scouts are asked to own a complete uniform. Second hand uniforms are occasionally available. Please ask for help if required.
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Camping

We always have at least one troop camp every year, the main one being during the School Summer Holidays. We spend a week away from the local area and normally include activities such as hill walking, climbing, sailing and a visit to a local attraction. Every 3 or 4 years we will attempt an international expedition.

Activities and Supervision

Part of the appeal of Scouting is the provision of adventurous activities whether that be canoeing, climbing or a walk around a campsite in the dark. The Scout Association has strict rules regulating these activities and, when appropriate, trained instructors are used for activities.

As Scouts get older, they are encouraged to take a leadership role in the Scout Troop. This is always done under the overall supervision of the Scout Leaders, again following nationally set guidelines.

Generally, camps and events run for the whole troop are organised with the older Scouts in liaison with the leaders. Information about activities is always circulated in a letter prior to the event. From time to time, training will be arranged in some outdoor sports, such as canoeing, sailing and rock climbing to allow children to gain their own qualifications.

On all Scout events, a first aid kit is carried and at least one leader fully trained in first aid will be in attendance.

Behaviour & Discipline

One of the ingredients of a good Scout Troop is underlying discipline. All Scouts are expected to behave appropriately, and inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated.

Generally, minor incidents will be dealt with a telling off at the time by the leader in charge. More serious examples, such as bullying, will result in the Scout's parents being contacted, and the Scout possibly being suspended. These measures seem obvious, but we feel it important that all Scouts are aware of what is expected of them. Patrol Leaders and the older Scouts in particular will be asked to set a good example to the younger members of the troop.

Commitment and Obligations

Members of 74th St. Luke's Troop are expected to take an active role in the activities of the troop. We would hope for the following to be the minimum commitment from a Scout.

- Attend all Scout meetings unless ill or away.
- Take part in at least one overnight event each year.
- Take part in St George's Day Parade in April.
- Attend the Remembrance Day Service in November.
- Attend the three Church Parades we have each year.

A large number of events are organised for Scouts in the troop. It is hoped that the Scouts will want to take advantage of the activities on offer to them. If Scouts have to miss meetings due to schoolwork or sports commitment, they should talk to the Scout Leader. Scouts who miss three meetings in any month will forfeit their place in the troop unless they contact their Patrol Leader or Scout Leader before the event.

Money Matters

Making Payments

We would be grateful if any payments, whether they are by cash or cheque, are placed in a sealed envelope with the Scout's name and the reason for the payment on the front, please pass these to the section leaders or to the group treasurer. All cheques payable to "74th St. Luke's Watford South Scout Group". We are now able to take electronic transfers. The account name is as above, the Sort Code is 30 96 96 and the Account Number is 65730668. All transfers will need to be accompanied by a reference code, and these are specific to the payment, please read letters carefully to find these.

Subs

Subs are collected once a term on the first troop night. The amount is currently set at £30 per term. This money covers: -

- Badges.
- Equipment needed for Troop meetings.
- Membership Subscriptions (see below)

Membership Subscriptions

Membership Subscriptions is paid, by the group, once a year on or near the first of February. The amount is normally around £35-£45. This is a payment made to the District and on up to the County and to Headquarters, and covers all their admin costs as well as, most importantly, all relevant insurance premiums.

This is collected as part of the termly subs, which makes prompt payment of them especially important.

Gift Aid - Please complete the Gift Aid form.

This allows us to get the income tax you paid back on the subs. This gives us approximately £30 extra per person, for just a signature on your part. Scouting is for all children, regardless of their background. Financial help is available to allow Scouts to attend camps who otherwise would be unable to take part.

Please contact a leader in the strictest of confidence for help in any way

Leader Contacts

Scout Leader	Toby Stromberg	Tel: Mbl: E-Mail:	01923 816842 07811 276457 dsltoby@gmail.com
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Assistant Scout Leader	Toby Hosker	Tel: Mbl: E-mail	tobyhosker@hotmail.co.uk
Assistant Scout Leader	James Harvey	Tel: Mbl: E-mail	
Assistant Scout Leader	Dan Evans	Tel: Mbl: E-mail	
Assistant Scout Leader	Helen Dexter	Tel: Mbl: E-mail	0208 879 6062 07801 231668 mrsaitch@sky.com
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If you have any problems or queries, please don't hesitate to contacting any of the leaders. We are there to help you and your child.

If you are interested in helping out with the Troop, or the Group as a whole, please contact us. There are no payments for being a leader or helper, but what you get out of it is much better than that - seeing the children having fun and enjoying themselves and learning valuable life skills. (New enthusiastic members are always welcome!)

The Group Executive Committee supports the Scout Group. The role of the committee is to organise fundraising events to support the Group, to purchase new equipment and to maintain the Group. If you can spare a little time - a couple of hours one evening a month for a meeting, or a few hours to help at events - please make yourselves known to one of the leaders.

What is Scouting?

Sir Robert Baden-Powell started scouting over 100 years ago. He was a soldier, and got the idea while he was serving in the African town of Mafeking. He brought this idea home to England after the war, and tried it out with several groups of young boys from all over the country, and from different walks of life. This ended up with him organising a camp on the now famous Brownsea Island.

The old fashioned approach of 'DYB DYB DYB' and wide brimmed hats went out of the window at the review of Scouting in 1967, so we won't make your child wear silly hats unless they want to!

Scouting still remains one of the biggest movements in the world. It differs from other youth organisations in that it requires all Scouts to make a promise "The Scout Promise" and to follow a few simple rules "The Scout Law".

Scouts are the next step on from Cubs in their personal learning curve. Here, they will learn even more skills than before, as well as expanding on the ones that they already have.

The activities that your child participates in will test them to the limits both mentally and physically. As your child gets older, these will get easier and your child will want to learn new skills, and try even more testing activities. The leaders will try to encourage your child to do this as much as possible, but in the end, it is down to them to show us what they can do.

There are adult leaders on hand to help your child as much as they want us to and when they need it.

"It is a movement, because it moves forward. As soon as it stops moving, it becomes an Organisation, and is no longer Scouting. -- Sir Robert Baden-Powell.

The Scout Promise and Law

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

The Scout Law

A Scout is to be trusted
A Scout is loyal
A Scout is friendly and considerate
A Scout belongs to the worldwide family of Scouts
A Scout has courage in all difficulties
A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property
A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.

The Scout Motto

Be Prepared

What do we do?

The Training Programme

The nine stages of the Progressive Training Scheme in the Scout Section are:-

- The Personal Challenge
- The Teamwork Challenge
- The Creative Challenge
- The World Challenge
- The Expedition Challenge
- The Outdoor Challenge
- The Skills Challenge
- The Adventure Challenge
- The Team Leader Challenge

Completing these nine challenges will gain your Chief Scout Gold Award.

Most of these challenges will be completed by taking a full and active part in our programme over a 3 or 4 year period, but some will require extra effort and some “homework”

In addition to these there are Proficiency Badges, Group Awards and many more.

How do I find out about these activities/events?

The mailing service tends to be via your child. They will get both written and verbal information on a troop night. I always recommend asking them for letters (or just check the pockets of their trousers) after a troop night. However, if at any time you are not sure about the arrangements for a Troop activity do have a chat with the Leaders after a Troop meeting or contact them at home by phone or email.

Your termly subs letter has a place you can fill in your email address, please do so carefully so that any letters or changes to programmes can be emailed out directly to parents / guardians

Do You Want to Help?

Your child may come home from a Troop meeting and say, "I need to know how to build an open fire for camp!"

Your child expects you to be interested and will get much more out of Scouting if you are prepared to offer your support. There are lots of ways in which you can help, for example:-

- Helping prepare refreshments for a Group event
 - Helping transport Scouts to events and outings or move kit to camp
 - Supporting the Scout Group's social events, Annual General Meeting, and Open Evenings
 - Joining the Scout Group Executive Committee to help them raise funds for the Scout Group.
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The Group Executive Committee

Each year, the Scout Group elects an Executive Committee consisting of a number of parents and various Leaders in the Group to carry out the day-to-day tasks of running the Scout Group. They are responsible for purchasing equipment and maintaining Group property. The function of the Group Executive Committee is also to support and help the Group Scout Leader carry out his or her role in maintaining an effective and successful Scout Group.

What do you gain from helping?

You will have the opportunity to meet a variety of new people and make a real contribution to help your local community. Please do not be shy to offer your help and if you feel you have any skills to offer to the Scout Troop please contact your Scout Leader. By playing your part and supporting your child you will share the enjoyment, friendship and fun of the Family of Scouting.

Health/Contact Information

Below, you will find a form; a similar form is also issued before each and every camp. It is important that you complete the Camp form fully and honestly - no matter how small or trivial the problem. It is important that we are able to contact the parents should the need arise. I recommend you fill out the form below and keep it safe, it makes filling them out so much easier. You will be asked to fill in a new form every time we go away.

74th ST. LUKE'S WATFORD SOUTH SCOUT GROUP

CUB/SCOUT PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM

NAME.....

Please fill in this form and return it with the payment asap. This information is needed for your child to have a happy and safe camp and every effort will be made to that end. Toby and Jenny are fully qualified first aiders with the St Johns Ambulance and Red Cross, and will be coming with us. The leadership team reserve the right to send your child home from camp or expedition – at your expense – on grounds of poor behaviour.

Has your child been immunised against tetanus within the last 5 years? YES/NO

Has your child any allergies or sensitivities eg. Penicillin, Plasters, Disinfectant etc.? YES/NO
If YES please give details on the back.

Will your child need, or be taking any medicine during the camp? YES/NO
If YES please:

a) fill in details on back

b) please inform Toby of the details and give him the medicines with clear instructions, before the camp.

Does your child have any condition that we should know of eg. *Bed Wetting, Sleep Walking, Hyperactivity?* YES/NO
If YES please give details on back.

Does your child require any special diet for medical or religious reasons? YES/NO
If YES please give details on back?

His/Her National Health No is

Name and address of family doctor

Please tell us if your child comes into contact with any infectious diseases within 3 weeks prior to the event.

In the event of any illness or accident requiring emergency hospital treatment, I authorise Mr T. Stromberg or the CAMP LEADER (from the 74th WATFORD SOUTH CUB / SCOUT GROUP, to sign on my behalf any written form of consent required by the hospital if the delay required to obtain my own signature was considered inadvisable by the doctor or surgeon concerned.

The First aid kit is the same as before so rather than have you all view the contents again, if you are happy with them then signing below will also authorise any leader or assistant to administer any first aid that they feel fit - from our first aid kit (excluding the Nurofen and aspirin). if you have not seen the first aid kit, please see Toby or Jenny on a Monday night before signing below.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Address

Date

Contact address during camp

Tel number/s

Gift Aid Declaration

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Name of charity:

74th St. Luke's Watford South Scout Group

Please treat as Gift Aid donations:

- The enclosed gift of £ _____ OR
- All gifts of money that I make today and in the future as Gift Aid donations OR
- All gifts of money that I have made in the past four years and all future gifts of money that I make from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations.

Please tick the appropriate box

Donor's details

Title: _____ Initial(s): _____ Surname: _____

Home address:

Postcode: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs), that I donate to, will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

Please notify The Scout Association if you:

1. Want to cancel this declaration.
2. Change your name or home address.
3. No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay income tax at the higher rate, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return if you want to receive the additional tax relief due to you.

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