



Dear Explorer,

WELCOME TO WOODSEATS!

The choice of adventure is yours...

So you're 14, and you're wondering what your next step is? Well congratulations, you've just joined one of the best Explorer Scout Unit's in the country!

"We do things differently, we do things bigger, and we definitely do things better!"

SO WHAT DO I GET TO DO?

Well, put simply you get to take part in amazing activities, spend time in the place that matters the most - the great outdoors, but most importantly; laugh with friends - old and new.

You'll gain new experiences, a whole lot more confidence, have the opportunity to challenge yourself, and yes, gain some independence and grow up a little too (only if you wish though).

WHERE DOES IT ALL HAPPEN

We meet on a Thursday night, either at The Unit on Helmtton Road, or if we're heading out for the evening, we'll sometimes ask you to meet us somewhere else. If we're indoors, we normally meet at 7.30pm and finish around 9.30pm. If we're heading out we normally meet for 7.00pm and finish for 9.00pm unless you hear differently.

WHAT ABOUT UNIFORM

We're proud of who we are, and we want you to be too. So that's why all indoor nights that take place at the Unit are in uniform. Don't worry though, all we ask for on indoor Thursday nights is an Explorer Shirt and Unit necker. You can wear your Scout shirt until you buy your own Explorer shirt.

HOW DO I GET STARTED

We know paper work is boring, but it's really important to us as Leaders. Simply get your parents to fill in the attached documents, and bring them back next week, and that's it - the adventure awaits! As soon as you have an Explorer Shirt and Woodseats necker, we'll then get you invested ASAP.

We cant wait to see you get started, and remember - the choice of adventure is yours!

Cheers,

Richard (Sid)

Explorer Scout Leader



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PARENT GUIDE

Dear Parent,

YOUR GUIDE TO WOODSEATS

SETTING THE STANDARD!

Explorers is the next section in Scouting after Scouts, aimed at 14-18 year olds. With the support, direction and guidance of Unit Leaders, Explorer Scouts are encouraged to lead themselves, design their own programme and work towards the top awards that Scouting offers.

With exciting prospects like being a part of camps and expeditions both home and abroad; adventurous activities such as mountaineering, parascending and off shore sailing; Explorers offers fun and adventure for all.

ONLY THE BEST WILL DO.

We're part of Sheaf District, a family of Scout Groups in the South West of Sheffield. We own our multi-purpose building, a fleet of mini-buses, and have a friendly, experienced and dedicated Leadership Team ready to support the Explorer Scouts. Behind the Leadership team is our Group Executive, who manage our resources, finances, building and vehicles, ensuring everything is there for when we need it.

We meet on a every Thursday night. If it's an indoor planned meeting, we meet at 1930, and aim to finish for 2130. However we try to spend a lot of time in the great outdoors, and for those meetings we normally meet at 1900 and aim to finish by 2100, unless advised otherwise.

BECAUSE MONEY MATTERS.

As you can imagine, to support the Explorers and ensure they have resources at their disposal when required, we

have to charge Subs. These are normally £10, and paid monthly by Direct Debit. You'll shortly be invited to login to our Online Scout Manager System, where you can set this up, as well as change any of your Explorer's details, check on their progress and sign them up for any camps and activities we run.

WHAT HAPPENS EACH WEEK?

We're youth led, and a dedicated team of 7 Explorer Scouts, also known as the Unit Exec plan an exciting and varied programme. We've given you this term's programme along with this pack, so you know what's happening and when. Please be advised some nights may change due to weather or availability, but we'll do our best to let you know in plenty of time.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

Along with this letter is a 'Young Person Information Form', Gift Aid Letter and Uniform Letter. Please ensure both you and your child completely fill in and sign the Information Form, sign the Gift Aid letter, and return both back to a Leader next week. This ensures we have up-to date records for your child, and also allows us to collect an extra 25p from HMRC for every £1 you give us - without costing you anything extra.

A NAME YOU CAN TRUST!

We know you may have some more questions, so if you do, either give us an email on the address below, or speak to one of the Leadership Team on a Thursday night, and we'll only be too happy to help.

Here's to a new adventure...

Kind regards,

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