



Welcome Pack – Part 1

We are pleased to offer your child a place at 1st Chandlers Fords Scout Group. We hope they will enjoy being part of our Scouting family.

We know that starting any new venture can be daunting at first, so we have created this information pack to help cover some of the most common questions we are asked.

What do Scouts do?

Scouts is an International Youth Movement that provides a safe space for young people to make new friends, have amazing adventures and learn new skills. Not only do we go camping, hiking, swimming, abseiling, cycling and canoeing, but we also have fun, play games, work in a team and explore new challenges.

Scouting provides additional skills to help our young people thrive in their future lives; aiding communication, providing experience of how to tackle tricky challenges and allowing space to explore their big dreams.

Everyone's welcome; all genders, races, religions, backgrounds and physical abilities.

The Sections

We have four Sections in our Group:

Squirrels

BEAVERS

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SCOUTS

Young people can join Scouting at any stage, and once invested will automatically progress through the sections if they wish.

Squirrels

Age Group: 4-6 years

Packs: We have a Squirrel drey that meets on Thursdays 17:15-18:15

Uniform: The Squirrels have a uniform which consists of a red sweatshirt and dark coloured trousers/ shorts. Squirrels also wear a Group scarf once they are invested.

What do Squirrels do?:

Squirrels is a brand new Section in Scouting. It is all about lots of fun, making friends, and having a go. You can find out more about being a Squirrel on the Scout Association Web site at <https://www.scouts.org.uk/squirrels/all-you-need-to-know/>

Our Squirrels evenings follow a fixed structure. We start with a welcome song, then have story time before moving on to completing a fun activity. We then play a game (or two) before closing with another song. Like with our more established Sections, Squirrels work for badges during their meetings, and work towards the Acorn Chief Scout Award.



Age Group: 6-8 years

Packs: We have 2 Beaver colonies that meet on Wednesdays and Fridays 17:45-19:00.

Uniform: The Beavers have a uniform which consists of a turquoise sweatshirt and dark coloured trousers/ shorts. Beavers also wear a Group scarf once they are invested.

What do Beavers do?:

Beavers is all about making friends, trying new things and enjoying new experiences together. You can find out more about being a Beaver on the Scout Association Web site at <https://www.scouts.org.uk/beavers/being-a-beaver/>

Our Beaver evenings are each full of fun and games while learning new skills and exploring the world around us. Being a Beaver also allows young people to work for badges, some of which we explore during our sessions and some you can choose to do at home. Beavers work towards the Bronze Chief Scout Award.

You can take a look at some of the badges here <https://www.scouts.org.uk/beavers/activity-badges/>



Age Group: 8-10½ years

Packs: We have 2 Cub packs that meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays 18:30-20:00

Uniform: The Cubs have a uniform which consists of a dark green sweatshirt and dark coloured trousers/ shorts. Cubs also wear the Group scarf. A Beaver who has gained their Bronze Chief Scout Award may wear that award on their Cub uniform until they gain the Silver Chief Scout Award.

What do Cub Scouts do?

The Cub pack is all about having fun, lots of adventures and making friends. A Cub Scout Pack is split into smaller groups called Sixes. There are opportunities to go on visits, explore the outdoors, play games and to go on camps. Cubs work towards the Silver Chief Scout Award. You can find out more about being a Cub on the Scout Association Web site <https://www.scouts.org.uk/cubs>



Age Group: 10½ - 14 years

Packs: We have 2 Scout troops that meet on Mondays and Wednesdays 19:15-21:00.

Uniform: Scouts wear a teal green smart shirt, a pair of navy blue activity trousers and their Group scarf. A Cub joining the Scout Section, who has gained their Silver Chief Scout Award, may wear that award on their Scout uniform until they gain the Gold Chief Scout Award.

What do Scouts do?

In addition to the usual Scout activities such as camping, hiking, rock climbing, pioneering, canoeing and abseiling, the Scout Section focuses on personal development and understanding of the values inherent in Scouting, team working and communication. Scouts work towards the Gold Chief Scout Award. You can find out more about being a Scout on the Scout Association Web site <https://www.scouts.org.uk/scouts>