



Dear Parents

Welcome to 1st Denmead Scout Group, which is part of the Waterlooville Scout District. Scouting is the largest youth movement in the world with over 26 million members. It is a voluntary organisation that is run by people who freely give up their time to organise weekly activities for young people. The leaders undergo training and receive support from other leaders in the group and area. In addition to the leaders there are Skills Instructors, Helpers and Administrators, Committee members, Fundraisers etc. Scout Groups are always in need of help and support, so if you feel you could spare a little of your time, please contact one of the leaders. The Group is supported by a strong Executive Committee, many parents of existing and past members, local businesses and has an excellent relationship with Denmead Parish Council.

The Group consists of 2 Beaver Colonies, 2 Cub Packs, and 2 Scout Troops plus a brilliant group of Leaders and helpers. All meetings take place at the Scout HQ in Kidmore Lane

The Group owns Headquarters in Kidmore Lane on land leased from the Parish Council. The Executive Committee manages the administration of the HQ, including maintenance, improvements, insurance cover and accounting. We run 2 working party days a year to assist in maintaining the HQ.

The subscription for members is currently £30 per term. This money is used to support the Scouting programme, help cover costs associated with the ownership of the HQ, and our annual payment to the Scout Association, which includes comprehensive insurance cover for all members.

To help with the above costs, the group also runs a major fund-raising event in September - The Dinosaur derby which usually raises over £5000 each year. We need all parents to help with this event in order for it to be the success it always is.

Uniform

Scouting is a uniformed organisation and members are expected to wear the correct uniform to meetings and events. The uniform consists of navy blue combat trousers, a sweatshirt or shirt (this is different for different sections) and a Group scarf. These are all available from the Scout Shop, which is open every other Saturday morning in Denmead HQ. Dates and times of opening are on the notice board and on our website.

Denmead Group also have their own tee-shirts; these are available on meeting nights from your leader, and we do have some second hand uniforms that get passed to us so please ask about those before buying new.

Camping is an essential part of Scouting and we encourage all members to take part. The cubs and Scouts run at least 3 camps per year including a week-long summer camp. The Beavers get a taste of this by attending one or two night indoor and outdoor camps. This is sometimes the first time youngsters have been away from home, so it is an exciting experience!

Meetings

Bere Forest Beaver Colony	6-8yrs	Thursday	5.15 - 6.15pm
Creech Wood Beaver Colony	6-8 yrs	Thursday	6.30 - 7.30pm
Merlin Cub Pack	8 - 10½yrs	Monday	6.30 - 8.00pm
Concorde Cub Pack	8 - 10½yrs	Wednesday	6.30 - 8.00pm
Spitfire Scout Troop	10½-14yrs	Tuesday	6.30 - 8.30pm
Vulcan Scout Troop	10½-14yrs	Friday	7.00 - 9.00pm

Contact details

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All enquiries about joining a section or waiting lists should be directed to the *GSL*.

Lots more information about the Scout Group and the different sections is also available on our website:

www.denmeadscouts.com