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Volunteering with the Scouts in Chester



Chester and District Scout Council

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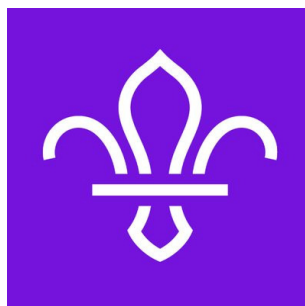


Welcome to Chester and District Scouts!

- ❖ The Scouts offer fun, challenge and adventure to girls and boys across the UK. With over 200 different activities from abseiling and archery to drama, street sports and water zorbing, Scouting helps 6-25 year olds grow in confidence, achieve their full potential and become active members of their communities
- ❖ Our aim in Chester and District is to offer this adventure to as many young people as we can. We welcome all young people who would like to join us as well as adults who wish to volunteer to help bring Scouting to more young people
- ❖ A better future for young people, giving them the character, practical and employability skills they need to succeed

Our vision for UK Scouting

- ❖ We will be preparing more young people with skills for life supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme
- ❖ We will be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities



Contacts

- ❖ Details of our District Team are at <http://www.chesterscouts.org.uk/about/district-team/>
- ❖ You can also view the District Directory (this is only available to authorised members – get the password from media@chesterscouts.org.uk)



Our Scout Shop

- ❖ You can purchase your uniform and other goods from our District Shop at the District Centre. They can be contacted on shop@chesterscouts.org.uk. If you are not sure what you need they will be able to help you
- ❖ You can get badges for yourself and the young people in your Section from the District Shop
- ❖ The shop is open every Thursday during term time: 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm



Training

As part of your role you will receive training to help you gain the skills that you will need. The Scout Association operates a flexible modular Adult Training Scheme, which covers all of the knowledge you will need, and takes into account any skills and experience that you may already have. The first thing to do is to get in touch with your Training Adviser, who will be able to explain the training scheme and help you decide what training is appropriate for you.

The first piece of training that you will need to complete is *Getting Started*. This is made up of three modules: *Essential Information*, *Tools for the Job*, and a *Personal Learning Plan*. The Personal Learning Plan helps you to plan what learning you need to do, and what knowledge or skills you can already bring to your role.

Where to go for more information

There is a wealth of information and resources available to support you in your role, here are some you may find useful!

District Web site www.chesterscouts.org.uk

County Web site www.cheshirescouts.org.uk

The Scout Information Centre

The Information Centre is based at our UK headquarters at Gilwell Park and provides a single point of contact if you are seeking information or resources relating to any aspect of Scouting. Opening hours are: 8 am to 7 pm Monday-Friday and 9 am to 12 pm Saturday

- ❖ Phone: 0845 300 1818
- ❖ Email: info.centre@scouts.org.uk
- ❖ Web: www.scouts.org.uk



Our District Scout Centre

- ❖ The District Scout Centre is at 58 Weston Grove, Upton, Chester CH2 1QJ, next door to Westlea Primary School. Check the location and get directions at <http://www.chesterscouts.org.uk/district-centre/>
- ❖ There is only limited parking, so consideration for our neighbours, both residential and at the school, would be much appreciated. The Centre is served by the number 51 bus route from Chester City Centre



- ❖ Meetings for adult volunteers are held at 8.00 pm on the first Thursday of each month (except August) at our District Scout Centre and are a great way of getting to know other leaders in the District. Other volunteers offer great support, for example just by being able to talk about activities they have tried and how they got on. Meetings coincides with the Scout Shop being open so you can get your badges and other items and then stay on for the meeting. You can also meet up with your training adviser and get more support



Frequently asked questions

Will I get paid/expenses?

The Scout Association is a voluntary organisation, and you will not be paid for your role. However, no adult should feel that cost prohibits them from taking up a role in Scouting, and we are committed to reimbursing out of pocket expenses for all volunteers

Where does religion fit into Scouting?

Members of the Movement are encouraged to make every effort to progress in the understanding and observance of the Scout Promise to do their best to do their duty to God or to uphold Scouting's values, as appropriate; to explore their faith, beliefs and attitudes; to consider belonging to some faith or religious body; and to carry into daily practice what they profess

Who is responsible for administering first aid if there is an accident?

All trained adults in Scouting should have an up to date first aid certificate of First Response level or equivalent and are responsible for the young people in their care. On a camp or activity one person should be designated first aider. If an incident requires any consultation with or treatment by a doctor, dentist or hospital the Information Centre should be notified

What insurance do I/the young people have?

All Members of The Scout Association have personal accident insurance and legal liability cover whilst on Scout activities. Current details can be obtained from Unity (Scout Insurance Services) on 0345 040 7703 or <http://www.scoutinsurance.co.uk/>. You can also talk to the District Commissioner if you have any questions

Can I take young people on camp straight away?

Every overnight event for young people in Scouting must be led by someone who holds a Nights Away Permit. Other leaders attending the event do not need a Nights Away Permit. Contact the District Team to find out more about this, and to find out who your Nights Away Adviser is

