



Scouts

Lea
Air Scouts

Youth Welcome Pack

#SkillsForLife

Welcome to Lea Air Scout Group!

Lea Air Scout Group provides Skills For Life for Young People aged 5 ¾ to 14. Young people take part in an active, exciting, fun and adventurous programme of activities. You will see references to 'OSM' below, this is in reference to our administration system that we use called Online Scout Manager, you will be given access once your young person is added to the system.

MEETINGS

We have 3 Sections at Lea Air Scout Group. They are:

Beavers

Beavers are aged between 6-8 years. They meet on Tuesday afternoons from 6-7:15pm.

Cubs

Cubs are aged between 8-10 ½ years. They meet on Thursday evenings from 7-8:30pm.

Scouts

Scouts are aged between 10 ½-14 years. They meet on Monday evenings from 7-8:45pm.

ATTENDANCE

Please try to make sure your child comes to all meetings as we plan activities around gaining badges and some things we can't catch up. If your child will be unable to attend please let us know before the meeting through OSM.

LEADERS

If there are any problems or questions please speak to one of us.

All of our leaders have themed names. In Beavers the Leaders have Disney names. They are lead by Goofy who is supported by Alice and Donald Duck. In Cubs the Leaders have Jungle Book names. They are lead by Akela and supported by Kaa. In Scouts the leaders have Nautical names. They are lead by Skip and supported by Bosun and Gunner. You can contact the team leaders through the following emails:

Beavers@leaairscouts.org.uk

Cubs@leaairscouts.org.uk

Scouts@leaairscouts.org.uk

BEHAVIOUR & DISCIPLINE

CODE OF CONDUCT

All young people must follow the rules:

- Listen to the leaders and follow all instructions
- When a leader raises their arm, stand quietly and listen
- Do not interrupt when people are talking
- Be polite and honest
- Be fair and share
- Do not fight, bully or hurt anyone
- Be kind and help people
- Be happy and have fun!

DISCIPLINE

Young people who don't follow the rules:

1. Will be given a warning
2. Will sit out of the current activity
3. Parents will be told
4. Will miss the next meeting

Young people who have to sit out of the current activity will be allowed back once they are ready to join in sensibly.

PROMISE

All members say the relevant promise when they are invested into the section. There are alternative promises available for those of different faiths if required.

Beavers	Cubs	Scouts & Adults
I promise to do my best, To be kind and helpful, And to love God.	I Promise that I will do my best, To do my duty to God and to the King, To help other people And to keep the Cub Scout Law.	On my honour, I promise that I will do my best, To do my duty to God and to the King, To help other people, And to keep the Scout Law.

MONEY

MAKING PAYMENTS

We ask that all payments are made through OSM (GoCardless).

Scouting is for young people of all backgrounds. If you are having financial difficulties please speak to a section Leader.

SUBS

We request a subscription cost that goes towards the running of the group. Subs are due each term. Subs are currently £46 and are reduced to £36.80 if a parent or carer is a volunteer with the group. We also ask for £7.50 for an initial set of investiture badges and the group neckerchief.

GIFT AID

If you pay tax please complete the GiftAid form on OSM.

You only have to do this once. By completing this form we claim an extra £0.25 for every £1 you donate, including the subscription cost.

UNIFORM

Before they are invested we expect young people to start wearing a uniform. This consists of:

Beavers	Cubs	Scouts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beavers Sweatshirt • Navy Blue activity trousers or black/grey school trousers • The group neckerchief • Suitable footwear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cubs Sweatshirt • Navy Blue activity trousers or black/grey school trousers • The group neckerchief • Suitable footwear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Scout Shirt • Air Scout Beret • Navy Blue activity trousers or black/grey school trousers • The group neckerchief • Suitable footwear

These are available online through the Scouts store or certain uniform shops.

BADGES

There are 4 main types of badges: membership, activity, challenge and staged. Young people are also free to work on these at home, you can see the badge requirements through OSM parent portal or online through scouts.org.uk.

CHALLENGE BADGES

Challenge badges are hexagonal shaped badges that go on the right side of the young person's chest. Once they have gained all of the challenge badges for that section they gain the Chief Scouts Award. This is the highest award in each of our sections. We aim to support all young people to work towards their Chief Scouts Award.

ACTIVITY BADGES

There are lots of activity badges that young people will earn in each section. These are worn on the left sleeve.

STAGED BADGES

Staged badges have numbered levels and carry on through cubs & scouts. Ones we do include hikes, nights away & first aid. These have a blue background and also are worn on the left sleeve.

If your child can swim or is learning a musical instrument please let us know as they may be eligible for a badge.

JOINING IN AWARD

The badges are numbered and one is awarded a new badge every 12 months from the time you joined Scouting. These go on the left shoulder above the purple membership badge.

EVENTS

There are several events throughout the year.

Parade

Once per year we parade on Remembrance Sunday. We meet at the Legrave & Limbury Royal British Legion at 10:30am and parade to the memorial opposite Legrave Library.

Trips, Camps and Sleepovers

There are nights away opportunities several times a year. We may need to change or vary the meeting times but we will let you know beforehand. Every Young Person will have at least one nights away opportunity per year.

Please make sure your emergency contact details are up to date. **It is your responsibility to ensure that all emergency contact details are up to date.**

SOCIAL MEDIA

We are available on socials:

Facebook: /leascoutgroup

Instagram: /leascoutgroup

X (twitter): @LeaScouts

If your member cannot be in photographs please inform their section team leader and ensure that their photo permissions are correct in OSM.

HELP

All of our adults are volunteers. We are always on the lookout for more volunteers to join any of our teams. You can see more information on the noticeboard on the hall or speaking to a volunteer.

Please treat all of our volunteers with respect. They do this for free, and frequently at personal cost. Anyone that does not treat our volunteers with respect will be asked to leave and will not be welcome on our property again.

We hope that your young person will have lots of fun with us at Lea Air Scout Group.

If you have any questions or concerns please speak to one of the team.