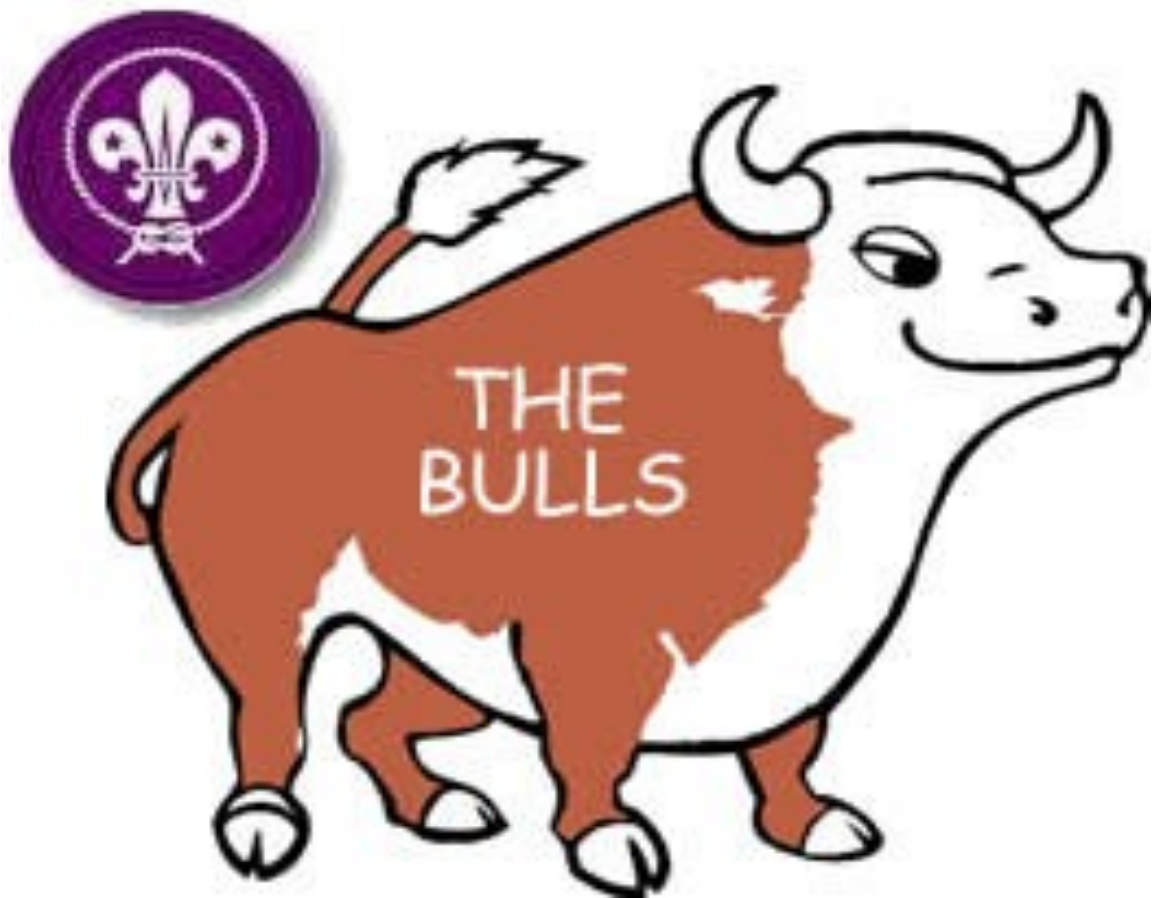


3rd Waltham Abbey Scout Group



Welcome Booklet
For New Scouts

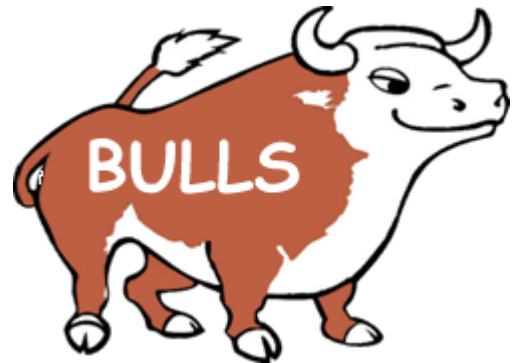
WALTHAM ABBEY SCOUTS

BULLS

We Meet: Wednesdays

Time: 7.15 - 9.00pm

Place: Elphwood Scout Hall.
Cornmill Car Park,
(behind the Town Hall)
Waltham Abbey.
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Troop Logo

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Our Mascot 'Moo'

Parent Scout Website: <http://www.scouts.org.uk/parents/>

Scouting Website: <http://www.scouts.org.uk/>

Scouting Website: <http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/>

Essex Scouts: <http://www.essexscouts.org.uk/>

Welcome to the 3rd Waltham Abbey Scout Troop

This booklet is designed to give you and your parents/guardians, the information that you will need to prepare yourself for scouting in our troop. We give you this booklet as part of your pre-investiture package, as it will help you to understand the Scout Group and the Troop you will be joining. We hope this information will help you get the most out of scouting, and make your time in scouting more enjoyable.

You are joining an organisation which is the largest co-educational youth group in the United Kingdom, with around half a million members! Scouting is a worldwide organisation with over 28 million members - the largest friendship organisation on the planet!

The 3rd Waltham Abbey Scout Group welcomes both girls and boys. The group comprises of two Beaver colonies, two Cub packs, and two Scout Troops. We are currently one of the largest Scout Groups in Essex.

Meetings are held at our own headquarters at Elphwood. The building belongs to the 3rd Waltham Scout Group and is hired to other organisations i.e. Rainbows and Brownies and other small groups. Elphwood has its own small forest and open space, which allows all our sections to take part in a wide range of outdoor activities, safely within its own grounds.

Our Group is administered by what we call our Group Executive Committee (GEC), comprising of three non-uniform members. Our 'Head Scout' if you like, is called a Group Scout Leader (GSL). He is responsible for overseeing the running of all Beaver, Cub and Scout sections at Elphwood. The GEC exists to support the GSL in meeting the responsibilities of his appointment. The GEC meets approximately once every 3 months, and Parents or Guardians of any Beaver, Cub or Scout at Elphwood are welcome to attend any of these meetings. Notification of each meeting is usually posted on our lobby notice board about 3 weeks prior to a scheduled date. Meetings are normally held on a Monday evening at 8.30pm.

A little bit about us

There has been scouting in Waltham Abbey since May 9th 1910. Only three years after scouting was first started by Lord Baden Powell. Due to the First World War, records are very difficult to find for the early years but we have details of the following:-

The first warrant was issued to W.H. Gaylor, 2 Farm Hill Villas as Scoutmaster on 9th May 1910. This was for the 1st Waltham Abbey Scout Group. There were warrants for A.J. Brown, Highbridge Street - instructor 26.6.1911 - and an A. Kennedy, YMCA Troop, Scoutmaster 5.7.1911. This group closed around about 1931/33.

In 1928 the leaders of the 2nd Waltham abbey Group were Rev. A.V.G. Cleall, Abbey Lodge. J.C.B. Macbeth, 4 Highbridge Street, E. Wood, Rounton Road, P. Palling, Sun Street and S. Church, Upshire School. This Group, who used to meet in Victoria Hall, closed in 1954.

The 3rd Waltham Abbey Scout Group started on 2nd November 1942 - the Scout Leader was Mr Butler of Monkswood Avenue. In 1961, the Scout association purchased 1,960 acres of land south of Cobbins Bank, behind Highbridge Street, from the War Department for £187. There was a scout hut built on the site which was shared with the Guides and Brownies in the area. In 1990, Epping Forest District Council took part of the land for a much needed car park and in return, built the scout group a brand new hall to replace the old one which was falling to bits.

Today, the 3rd Waltham Abbey Scout Group is growing from strength to strength and is the largest scout group in our district. Long may it continue.

Our Administration & Officers

Our Scout Troop is part of the 3rd Waltham Abbey Scout Group which includes Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. Our Group belongs in the Royal Forest District (overseen by a *District Commissioner*), which is in turn, part of Essex Scouts – a division of the Scout Association, the UK governing body.

The **Group Executive Committee** is the official overseeing body of our Group and membership comprises:

- Chairman
- Treasurer
- Secretary

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held each year to approve the annual report of the Group Executive Committee and audited accounts, and also elect members of the GEC. Ideally several members of the GEC should comprise a parent of at least one member of each Section (Beaver, Cub or Scout).

Leaders' Responsibilities

Adults who run Scout Groups are called *Scouters*. They are unpaid volunteers who are required to undertake training appropriate to their role. Section Leaders (Maureen Stanger and Nick Harvey) are responsible to the Group Scout Leader (Ken Stanger) who is in turn responsible to our District Commissioner (Yvonne Whiting)

Note for parents - All adults must operate responsibly in accordance with the Scout Association's policies on Child Protection, Equal Opportunities and Safety In Scouting. The Scout Association applies stringent vetting procedures, including criminal records checks.

Your Leaders

Your warranted *Scout Leader* is **Nick Harvey** – He is overall in charge of the 'Bull' Scout Troop. (A "warrant" is the document awarded by the Scout Association to fully qualified Scout Leaders, as all Leaders must undergo considerable training before they are allowed to run a troop). Scout Leaders (also known as a 'Section Leader') are helped by Section Assistants and Helpers (usually non-uniformed parents of children who attend scouts).

Your Patrol

When you become a full member (once Invested) you will, if numbers and combinations permit, be allocated a Patrol to join. Each Patrol is led by a **Patrol Leader (PL)** and assisted by an **Assistant Patrol Leader (APL)**, usually chosen from among the older Scouts. There are normally about 6 or 7 Scouts in each Patrol, and sometimes these Patrols may have more. Most activities involving groups and teams, will take place with you and your Patrol. Sometimes Patrols are combined if we need larger teams, and sometimes your Patrol could be split up. However, it is up to you to help and support your Patrol as much as possible. Your Patrol Leader should be able to help you if you get stuck with anything that you might not have tried before. Your PL and APL will also occasionally take part in a "Patrol Leaders meeting", which is a meeting they hold with the Scout Leader, to discuss general progress and present some ideas for future directions and activities. You should respect your PL and APL at all times, and if they ask you to do something, they will expect it to be carried out.

Young Leaders (YL) These are Explorer Scouts who are between the age of 14 and 18 who are training to become adult leader once they have reached the minimum age of 18.

Attendance

Obviously we realise that it is rare that a scout will attend every single scout meeting or event.

Scouting is voluntary for all scouts. However, we would like you to be aware that there are waiting lists for all our scouting sections (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts). If a scout is absent from scout meetings for three weeks in a row without having first informed us, we will deem that scout to have left the Troop and his/her place will be offered to the next person on the waiting list. It is also our policy to encourage scouts (and their parents) not to take part in the practice of “cherry picking” the events/meetings that you choose to attend. Certain events themselves might have more appeal than others, but it is also the turning up and joining in with your scout friends and colleagues at each meeting which is important.

What We Do – Our Programme

What exactly do we do on a Wednesday evening? Well, we do a wide variety of different & exciting activities, some of which you’ll already have taken part in, but they’re all designed to follow a plan which the Scout Association calls “The Balanced Programme” (or just “Programme” for short). The “Programme” is, basically, *everything* you do as a scout. All Scout Troops follow the aims of the Programme but that does not mean all Troops do the same activities. The Leaders put together a weekly timetable of events based on six “Programme Zones” – each Zone represents a different area of Scouting. These “Programme Zones” are:

- Scout Craft & Adventure
- Global
- Community
- Fit For Life
- Creative Expression
- Beliefs & Attitudes

To achieve the Programme we work through a number of ‘Scout Challenges’, at the end of the successful completion of these you are awarded the appropriate Challenge Badge. These Challenge Badges are awarded after you complete a number of tasks and/or projects and can include activities which cover several of the Programme Zones listed above. Confused ?? Don’t be. You concentrate on the Challenges below (*the fun bits*) and the Leaders make sure that the activities fit in with the Programme Zones above. The Challenges are:

- Outdoor
- Outdoor Plus
- Adventure
- Expedition
- Fitness
- Creative
- Global
- Community
- Promise

Scouting Badges

During your scout “career” (until you’re about 14 - 14½) you’ll be working towards the highest award you can receive as a Scout – the **Chief Scout’s Gold Award**. To get this very prestigious award, you will need to complete the Outdoor Challenge, plus at least 5 of the other Challenges during your 4 years as a Scout. Additional badges you may want to earn are called **Activity Badges** - There are over 70 of these, and cover such varied topics as Aeronautics, Chef, Electronics, Librarian, Photographer, Fisherman & Writer, plus many more. There are too many to list in this booklet, but if you want to know more and how to earn them, there is a very useful scouting website that will hopefully answer all your questions on badges and much more. Please visit <http://www.scoutbase.org.uk>

Behaviour

While we're all keen to have fun and a good time, we do not tolerate bad behaviour at scout meetings. We have a disciplinary system in place where you will be given a polite 'ticking off'. If your behaviour is persistently disruptive or dangerous, your parents will be involved. If after talking to your parent/guardian and your behaviour does not improve, you will be asked to leave the troop and be excluded from both scout troops.

Bullying has no place in scouting and the leaders will act immediately, positively, sensitively and confidentially if they detect it is taking place. Serious bullying will result in the *immediate* warning of dismissal to the bully. All reports of bullying will be taken seriously. If you are being bullied – either physically like being hit, punched or pushed, or if it's name-calling and teasing – then please come and tell one of the leaders immediately. Parents – if you suspect your son or daughter is being bullied at scouts, then please come and talk to the leaders at the earliest opportunity.



Camping and Outdoor Activities

At Waltham Abbey Scouts we like to play outside... *a lot!* We have ideal weekend camping and sleepover facilities at Elphwood and we also like to camp elsewhere in and around the Essex and Hertfordshire area. On average, we would normally run at least one weekend camp per "term", more in the spring and summer months, and one major summer camp of about 7-10 days in August. February is when our annual Brass Monkey competition is held. This is where scouts spend one night, usually in extremely cold and sometimes wet weather, under a Bivouac (basically a DIY shelter using natural materials that are found on the campsite). Your Troop expects you to take an *active part* in our camping and outdoor programme. We hate to be blunt but if you don't take part in some of our camps, then there's very little point in you being a scout. So come along, get dirty, have a great time with the many friends you will make, and get away from that PlayStation for a while.

Camping Equipment

When you come on a camping trip with us you will need some extra personal gear. We will supply the tents, cooking equipment and activity equipment, but you will need to provide your own personal gear. This consists of:

Sleeping Bag – buy as good a sleeping bag as you can afford, a good night's sleep is essential when on camp. Synthetic materials are fine. Natural materials like goose down-fill are excellent (they are lighter) but are more expensive. It is very important to keep warm at night, the temperature overnight will drop dramatically.

Sleeping Mat – again, essential for that good night's sleep. Self-inflating foam filled ones are a bit more expensive than the "closed-cell" type but are more comfortable and pack-up to a smaller size. Inflatable "Li-Lo" types should *not* be used as they are heavy and have very poor insulation against heat loss, plus they take up quite a lot of tent space.

Rucksack – try out several types before you buy and make sure it'll be comfortable after wearing it for some time on a hike. If you are not hiking to your camp, a large sports bag may be more convenient.

Eating – plate, bowl & mug (plastic or metal, not ceramic) knife, fork & spoon. Please remember to put your name on every item, as there is always another scout who has brought the same matching plate, bowl & mug as you.

Boots – like sleeping bags, buy as good as you can afford. Make sure they are waterproof and, if leather, be sure to wax them often.

Jacket – must be waterproof and preferably breathable (Gore-Tex or similar). Non-breathable jackets will cause you to sweat too much.

Leggings – same as for Jackets.

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Clothing – wear several layers rather than one thick garment. Please do not wear “nice” clothes as (a) they will get filthy and (b) we never go anywhere “Special”.

Personal First Aid Kit – can be bought from all camp/outdoor shops for around £8-£10, or make one up yourself.

Other Items – Torch and spare batteries, sun-hat, gloves, woolly hat, etc. The Leaders can advise on equipment purchases. A full check-list of equipment required for specific camping events can be downloaded from the Group website under the Bulls section -

Funding

When you join our Troop you will have to pay a subscription (“subs”) at the start of each term, currently standing at £2.50 per meeting. This money is used to pay our annual fees to the Scout Association which also includes scout insurance cover. The “subs” also includes money to help cover the costs involved keeping Elphwood Hall running. The subscription does not cover expenses to fund troop activities such as camps and external events. For these we will charge a nominal, “cost price” fee. For example, weekend camps currently cost between £5 and £15 to cover food purchased for the weekend and will carry extra charges, if activities we undertake cost the Troop money to take part in. For instance if we take the scouts swimming at a local pool, or go ten-pin-bowling then we need to charge extra. Should the subscription cost prevent you from letting your son or daughter join the scouts, please speak to the Scout Leader or Group Scout Leader at your earliest opportunity. This will of course, be in strict confidence. Leaders and members of the GEC volunteer their time to scouting, and none are paid to undertake their duties.

Group Fundraising

Group fundraising is organised by our GEC and GSL.. They organise various social events including the very successful “Quiz Night” in December. Our other main source of income is the hiring of Elphwood Hall. We hire our hall out to members of the public for private functions at weekends i.e. weddings, birthday parties etc. The income we gain from this, helps keep subscriptions low.

Troop Fundraising

Much of our income comes from Bag Packing at a local supermarket or a sides stall at the annual Town Mead Show. We welcome the ideas of any other form of fundraising that will benefit our troop.

Troop Records

Once a young person starts attending our meetings, he/she will be given a blank 'Personal details' form, which is required to be filled in by a parent or guardian and returned to the Scout Leader. This form contains areas of personal information that the leaders will need to know, i.e. home address, contact numbers, doctor, medical history etc. We also need to know if your child can swim. It is important that we get this form back fully completed as soon as possible. At the beginning of each subsequent year this form may be re-issued, where you can take it home and make sure any new information is forwarded to us. To comply with the Data Protection Act, parents and guardians can request at any time, to view the information we currently hold on your child. This data is deleted once you either leave scouts or you move on up into the Explorer Unit. Every time we plan an external event like a camp we will also give you a specific Permission Form (sometimes called a "Permission to Camp Form") to take home and fill in, which will give permission for their children to take part in events and activities. Again, it's important that you bring this form back as soon as possible, or by the dated requested.

Notices

Notices and Information etc are either sent by e-mail or are made available for download via the troop website. This is are main form of communication and requires the leaders to have a valid email address for this purpose.

Group Website

A Group Website located at "www.walthamabbeyscouts.org.uk" is made available to everyone, including other Scout Groups in our district. The website centralises communication between all members of our 'Scout Group'. Any 'Group' member can contribute to it as often as they wish.

Email / Text Messaging

The troop uses e-mail and text messaging as an additional form of contact between the Section Leader - Parents - Scouts. It is not compulsory to give us your e-mail address, but if decide not to, we cannot guarantee you will receive last minute information and activity details.

Holidays

We generally follow the same pattern as the local schools. We do not meet during a school holiday, except on special occasions and when camps have been arranged i.e. Summer Camp

Complaints Procedure

Should you have any complaints about any aspect of your child's involvement with our Scout Group, you should first contact your son's/ daughter's Section Leader. Should you feel that this is not possible, then please speak to one of the Assistant Leaders, or the Group Scout Leader.

Before Your Investiture

Before an investiture can take place, there's a few things scouts, parents & guardians will need to know. Firstly, you'll need to buy a **Scout Shirt**.- These are dark green in colour and cost about £18. If 'moving on' from our cub section, you can use the existing Maroon and Gold scarf. If new to our group, we will give you a Group Scarf (Free of charge) and Woggle at your investiture. Unfortunately, if you lose these items we will ask you to buy replacements.

before chucking them in the linen basket! **Trousers** - you can buy official scout uniform trousers but we do not insist on these. Instead an ordinary plain black pair will be fine, but please – no jeans or jogging bottoms!

A **Belt** - an optional scout belt is preferred and costs around £10. **Shoes** - should be chosen carefully depending on what we're going to be doing during a particular scout meeting. If we're doing indoor activities then trainers will be fine. If we're going outside (as we do most of the time) then outdoor shoes are preferred. Scout uniform requires clean black shoes and not trainers.

Scout Progress Book

A Scout Progress Book is pocket sized that allows individual scouts to record their progress towards gaining badges. The book costs £3. These books are normally kept in the shirt pocket so **BEWARE!** they are easily forgotten when the shirt requires a wash.

Replacements

If you need to replace items lost, we carry a few of each in stock at the following prices;

Scarves £2.00 Woggle £1.50 Scout Record Book £3.00

Replacement Troop Activity Polo Shirt £11.00 (1 week to order)

Your Investiture

On the night of your investiture you need to be smartly dressed in your uniform. Don't forget to invite your parents (and friends if you want to) to the ceremony. Remember to bring a camera to record this occasion. You should not be on your own as there's usually several of you invested at any one time. In a horseshoe, you'll be asked by the Scout Leader to step forward from your patrol, and asked to repeat the Scout Promise in front of the whole Troop.

Pre-Investiture - What you need to know

Please don't be alarmed at the amount you need to know about scouts before you join our troop. It's all very easy and you will get all the help you need from the leaders. To gain your membership badge at your investiture, you will need to know the following;

The background of Scouting

Look on the internet, and find out as much as you can about our founder, Lord Baden Powell and how Scouting actually began. You will need to have a basic understanding of how Scouting was formed.

The Scout Promise is:

“On My Honour, I promise that I will do my best
To do my duty to God and to the Queen,
To help other people
And to keep the Scout Law”

The Scout Motto is: **“BE PREPARED”**

The Scout Law is: (although you won't be asked to recite it at your investiture) it should be learnt and memorised:

1. A Scout is to be trusted.
2. A Scout is loyal.
3. A Scout is friendly and considerate.
4. A Scout belongs to the worldwide family of Scouts.
5. A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
6. A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.

7. A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.

Scout Sign

The Scout sign shows you are a Scout. Give it each time you recite the Scout Law and Promise. When a Scout or leader raises the Scout sign, all Scouts should make the sign too, and come to silent attention. To give the Scout sign, cover the nail of the little finger of your right hand with your right thumb, then raise your right arm, bent in a 90-degree angle, and hold the three middle fingers of your hand upward. Those fingers stand for the three parts of the Scout Promise. Your thumb and little finger touch to represent the bond that unites Scouts throughout the world.



Scout Salute

The Scout salute shows respect. Use it to salute the flag at the opening ceremony. You may also salute a Scout Leader or another Scout. Give the Scout salute by forming the scout sign with your right hand, and then bringing that hand upwards until your forefinger touches the arch of your right eyebrow.

Scout Handshake

Scouts greet each other in a special way. They always shake hands with their left hand. The origins of this custom came from when Baden-Powell was a soldier in Africa. He saw lots of tribal chiefs who carried spears and shields. He noticed that it was a sign of great trust to offer your left hand when shaking hands. This is because if you shake with your left hand you will have to put down your shield while the other person still has a spear in their hand!



Scout Motto

Be Prepared!

Know and Understand the Scout Law and Promise

The Scout Promise Explained

"On my honour, I promise that I will do my best" You will do as well as you are able, because it is very important to you. You will not always succeed with what you are doing, however you will always know whether you have given your best attempt!

"To do my duty to God and to the Queen" Duties are those tasks which you have to do. You should try to do those things you know need doing before someone else tells you to do them. Your duty to the Queen includes showing respect for her and what she stands for as the head of your country. This includes obeying the laws of your country (and any other country which you visit).

"To help other people" Whenever you see someone in need of help, don't let them struggle, find out if there is anything you can do to help

"And to keep the Scout Law" You will always do your utmost to obey the rules of the Scout Law.

The Scout Law Explained

- 1. A Scout is to be trusted.**- Always keep your promises, if you agree to do something, then make sure that you do it.
- 2. A Scout is loyal.**- As a Scout, you are dedicated to Scouting, your family, friends and your work.
- 3. A Scout is friendly and considerate.**- As a Scout you must always think about how what you do may affect others (including people that you do not know). This includes such things as not making noise which may disturb your neighbours and always disposing of your litter carefully.
- 4. A Scout belongs to the world-wide family of Scouts.**- The Scout movement is like a large family, and as such you will find that you can share in Scout activities through out the world.
- 5. A Scout has courage in all difficulties.**- Whatever you are doing, when the going gets tough, you will do your best to overcome your difficulties.
- 6. A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.** - Plan what you are going to do and when. For example, when you get home from school, plan your evening, do your home-work first! Always look after the items you own and the things you use, and everyone else's for that matter. When you are at school, look after the books and equipment you are given to use.
- 7. A Scout has respect for himself and for others.** Look after yourself; don't rely on someone else to tell you when to do things. For example, your parents will not always be with you to tell you to get washed in the morning, or dress smartly. You may not always agree with other people, but you should always be willing to listen to what they have to say, and you should respect their views and opinions even when they do not match your own point of view.

The Rules of the Troop

There are only three rules at scouts

- (1) Absolutely No Bullying
- (2) No Profanities (Swearing or Hand Gestures)
- (3) Silence when leaders are giving out instructions.

The Investiture Procedure

Our investiture procedure is very basic and straight forward. The troop will stand in a horseshoe in their patrols. The Scout Leader will call out your name and will invite you to stand in front of him. Facing the leader, you will be asked if you wish to join the 3rd Waltham Abbey Scout Group as a Scout. The Scout Leader will await your reply. You will then be asked if you know your Scout Law and Promise. The Scout Leader will again await your reply. The Scout Leader will ask the troop to stand at alert and make the Scout Sign.

Scout Leader to You - *Please will you recite the Scout Promise to the troop.*

You to the Troop - *On my honour, I promise that I will do my best, to do my duty to God and to the Queen, to help other people, and to keep the Scout Law.*

The Troop will remain at the alert - The Scout Leader will then place the Group scarf around your neck and fasten it with a woggle. He will then award you the Membership badge, the Group nametape, your area and district badges, your patrol badge and if you have moved on

from the Cub section, a moving-on award and finally your scout progress book. Once these have been given to you, the Scout Leader will shake your hand, where you will then turn round and face the troop. You will then salute the troop.

Scout Leader - Troop Salute

The troop will salute you in return, and applaud you into their troop. You then re-join your patrol as an invested scout.

Your Uniform

You'll be expected to wear your uniform to *all* Scout meetings and events unless told otherwise. You'll be inspected on your uniforms completeness and tidiness at each meeting and your Patrol will lose points if your uniform is not correct. You should also bring your Record Book to each meeting (so every time you learn a new skill or do a new activity it can be recorded). It is a requirement of the Scout Association that, for insurance purposes, uniforms must be worn by any Scout while travelling to and from a Scout event taking place away from his or her "home base". It also helps Leaders to locate Scouts within a crowd of "civilians".

This is how your uniform should be seen -

Shirt clean and (ideally) ironed; all badges sewn on correctly; buttons all present and fastened; shirt-tails tucked into trousers all around.

Scarves clean and ironed; neatly rolled; symmetrical around neck (both ends the same length) woggle correctly in place.

Trousers clean and (ideally) ironed;

Shoes Black and polished

Scruff Kit

After the opening flag ceremony we recommend scouts to change out of their uniform and change into clothes that can be used for messy activities. A scruff kit comprises of either an old tee shirt or troop activity polo shirt, jeans or jogging bottoms. Before the closing flag ceremony we ask scouts to change back into their uniform for flag down.

Uniform Badges As you progress through scouts, you will hopefully gain many activity, challenge and staged badges. These badges are sewn onto your uniform shirt to show everyone, especially other scouts, how you are progressing in your scouting career. Wear each badge with pride. On the next page is a diagram showing where your badges should be positioned

What else should you bring?

You should, bring a torch and spare batteries. The schedule of your meeting can change without prior notice and in the winter months it may include an activity outdoors. By not having a torch with you may prevent you taking part. Mobile phones should *not* be brought to scout meetings, but if you do please switch it off! The Leaders or the Scout Association cannot be held responsible for losses of any personal property, on or off scout premises. If we are going outside you should also bring a waterproof jacket with you and a jumper if it's likely to be cold. Gloves are also useful, not just to keep your hands warm, but to handle wood thus preventing splinters. We do not allow young people to bring Penknives to Scouts until they have proven to be responsible in using one. Please note that penknives with blades longer than 2 inches, fixed-blade (sheath) knives, flick-knives, or clasp/lock knives (knives with locking blades) are strictly not allowed under any circumstances at scout meetings or at camp.

Troop Activity Shirt.

When your child takes part in scout activities away from Elphwood Hall, we ask that your

child wears their scout uniform. This allows leaders to identify Scouts from a distant in a crowd. On occasions, our activities have attracted attention from other youths who see our uniform in a different light and sometimes become hostile towards us. To prevent potential incidents occurring, leaders believe that on certain occasions it is not essential to wear scout uniform, but in order to identify our organisation as a Scout Group and comply with Scout Association rules, we encourage the purchase of an activity polo shirt with our logo. This allows our Scouts to dress more appropriately for an activity and reduce the risk of interference. The activity shirt can form part of your child's scruff kit. {*Scruff kits are a secondary set of clothing that scouts change into after Flag break, thus preventing their uniforms from getting dirty or damaged during activities.*} Activity shirts (example below) are paid for in-advance via the investiture fee. It is particularly important that growth is taken into consideration when placing an order, as the polo shirts we buy should last 3- 4 years.



Please ensure that the correct size has been ordered, as mistakes cannot be taken back or exchanged afterwards.

Payments

Payments for subscriptions, camps, sleepovers and other events or activities can be made in cash or by cheque. Please remember that we are a charity and any cheques that are returned to us unpaid, will cost the troop at least £4 for each cheque that bounces. Therefore you can expect the leaders not to be very happy if this occurs.

All cheques should be made payable to: 3rd Waltham Abbey Scouts (Bulls) except for subscriptions, which must be payable to the Group, which is: 3rd Waltham Abbey Scout Group

Where do the badges go?



Where to buy your uniform

Scout Uniform And Badge Shop
Burgess Hall
(2nd Cheshunt Scout Hall)
Next to 41 Goff's lane
Cheshunt
Hertfordshire
EN7 5EG

Open on Monday's
(Except Bank Holidays)
In Term Time Only
4.30pm - 8pm

Please Note : When purchasing from the above outlet, please indicate which Scout Group you are from, as we get a percentage returned from sales.

Forest Casual and School Wear
144 High Road
Loughton
IG10 4BE

0208 508 2848

Basic Scout Clothing

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