



Scouts

Health & Safety - General



Coming Up Tonight

- District Updates
- Section Meetings
- Recap

District Updates

What Have We Been Up To...?



Training

- Safety & Safeguarding Training
 - A reminder that Safety & Safeguarding Training must be completed every three years
 - HQ, District Teams & Group Scout Leaders will send reminders
 - Please complete training refreshers as soon as possible, it helps keep our adults and young people safe
- First Aid Training Courses
 - 1st Aid Training Courses are available to book onto

Growth & Development

- A Welcome to our newest Group, 1st Kirkland & Catterall Scout Group
 - Initially opening with Squirrel Scouts
 - Further recruitment will focus on Trustee recruitment & working to open Beaver Scouts in the Autumn term
- As a leadership team, how often do you talk about recruitment of adult volunteers and young people? Can you make it a topic for your next discussion? How can you help us enable more young people to gain skills for life?

Growth & Development

- Section Sizes & Ratios
 - **Squirrels**
 - POR Recommended Maximum Size - 24
 - Indoor ratio – 1 adult to 6 members, plus the leader in charge
 - Outdoor ratio – 1 adult to 4 members, plus the leader in charge
 - **Beavers**
 - POR Recommended Maximum Size - 24
 - Indoor ratio – minimum of 2 adults present
 - Outdoor ratio – 1 adult to 6 members, plus the leader in charge
 - **Cubs**
 - POR Recommended Maximum Size - 36
 - Indoor ratio – minimum of 2 adults present
 - Outdoor ratio – 1 adult to 8 members, plus the leader in charge
 - **Scouts**
 - POR Recommended Maximum Size – No recommended maximum
 - Indoor ratio – minimum of 2 adults present
 - Outdoor ratio – 1 adult to 12 members
 - **Explorers**
 - POR Recommended Maximum Size – No recommended maximum
 - Indoor ratio – minimum of 2 adults present
 - Outdoor ratio – minimum of 2 adults present

What are your current section maximum sizes?

How does this relate to the recommended sizes?

How can you enable more young people to join the adventure?

Programme Team Updates

Sharing your programme!

- It is important to ensure copies of programmes are forwarded to ADC's (or access given to OSM if programmes are recorded there).
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Programme Team Updates





Programme Events to put in your diary...

- 30 June – 2 July County Explorer Camp, Cheshire
- 8th July District Cub Challenge Day – Gt Ecc
- 12th Sept Wyre AGM
- 23rd September County Cub Challenge Day - Waddecar
- 7th October County Beaver Outdoor Skills – Bibbys Farm
- 15th October County Cub Air Activities Day – Manchester Air Museum
- 1 – 3 Dec Scout/Explorer Link Event – Waddecar
- 8 or 9th Dec County Cub Seasonal Sleepover
- 9th December Volunteers Christmas Social Evening

2024

- 26-28 April Wyre District Camp – Waddecar
- 3-10 Aug Red Rose Camp – Westmorland Show Ground

Red Rose 2024

- The event will be taking place 3rd – 10th August 2024, and is open for anybody in the Scouting and Guiding community between the ages of 10 and 17, with day programmes for Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs to join in too!
- If your group books on & pays the deposit for Red Rose 2024, before the 31st October 2023, you'll receive:
 -  1 mug per group(whilst stocks last!)
 -  Ice cream voucher per person
 -  Group behind the scenes tour of site
 -  An "I'm going to Red Rose" badge per person
- What are you waiting for? Get your group booked on now! -

<https://redrose.org.uk/group-booking/>



EARLY BIRD OFFER!

Book on & pay your deposit before 31st October 2023 so you don't miss out!



International Opportunities for Adult Volunteers

- West Lancs Scouts is now recruiting leadership teams for international activities taking place in 2025!
Are you interested in taking Scouts abroad on one of the following trips:
 - Ski Alpine 2025
 - Cub Scouts – Summer 2025
 - European Jamboree – Summer 2025
 - Explorer Belt – Summer 2025
 - Community Project – Summer 2025
 - Scouts Go 2025 – October 2025
 - Climbing – October 2025
 - Yachting – October 2025
- Interested – visit <https://westlancsscouts.org.uk/members/overseas/> for more information

Safety & Safeguarding – A Reminder



- If you are concerned about the welfare of a young person or there is a concern, complaint or allegation about an adult or yourself, inside or outside Scouting please contact a Group Scout Leader or District Commissioner immediately.
- In the event of an incident, after having dealt with the immediate situation, please contact the District Commissioner.
- DC Telephone Number : **07917273309**

Transformation



Transformation

- Introducing Our Volunteer Culture
 - **What is it:** Our Volunteering Culture is a shared set of principles that outline how we behave, in line with our values.
 - **What can we do now:** Read it, digest it, live it...
- Transition to Trustee Boards
 - **What is it:** We are renaming Executive Committees and Executive Committee Members as Trustee Boards and Trustees respectively. Trustee Boards will focus on governance activities. Support activities (such as fundraising, premises management or administration) currently led by Executive Committees will move to other teams in the Group/District.
 - **What can we do now:** Adopt the title of Trustee Boards; Adoption of the new constitution; Prepare for changes of responsibility

Transformation

- Preparing for our New Digital Tools
 - **What is it:** During 2023 and 2024, new digital tools for welcoming, learning and adult membership management will be introduced. They'll be accessible at scouts.org.uk.
 - **What can we do now:** Ensure your Compass profile is up to date with a unique email address. This will aid the transition to the new digital tools.
- Finding Out More
 - Further information about additional changes will be shared in due course.
 - Keep your eyes peeled for an invite to further information evenings.

Section Meetings

[30 Minutes]

Thank you