



Scouts



The adventure starts here

A quick guide to being an occasional helper with scouting

You're joining a winning team!

Thank you for agreeing to become a member of our rota team as an occasional helper. You have joined a team of volunteers who help scouting to provide fun, friendship, everyday adventure and skills for life to over 470,000 young people across the United Kingdom!

We aim to get you settled in as quickly as possible so that you too can enjoy all the benefits that scouting has to offer. To help with this the leaders that you are working with will support you in getting to grips with all the things you need to know. This quick guide will highlight some of the things that you will find useful early on.

Understanding the basics...

All adults in scouting where new at some point! We really don't expect you to know everything from the word go. If you don't yet have the knowledge or skills that you need to feel confident, don't worry! We provide lots of support and an easy to access and complete online orientation to help you understand some of our key policies and ways of doing things.





Keeping young people safe

It goes without saying that all our activities need to be run safely. Our safeguarding policy is explained in the enclosed “yellow card”. Please read through the do's and don'ts and put them into practice when you are working with our young people.

In hand with our safeguarding policy it is the responsibility of all adults involved in running scouting to seek to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that all activities are conducted safely, without risk to the participants. Our “purple card” is enclosed with this guide and details our safety policy and code of practice.

We know that you will understand that these policies aim to keep our young people and adults safe whilst taking part in scouting activities.

We encourage you to spend 30 minutes looking through our essential information module. It will provide you with lots of information that will really help you get started you can find it at:

southlondonscouts.org.uk/rota



Our top tips...

Below we have listed some helpful points to enable you to be an active member of our team...

- our team goal is to ensure the smooth and effective running of the evenings programme
- if you are unable to come along on a date you have selected please swap with another parent and please let us know
- your younger (or older), child(ren) may accompany you on your rota evening and they can take part in certain programme items but they remain your responsibility at all times
- please interact with the young people and help and encourage them to do their best during activities and games. Encourage them to find the solutions to tasks themselves by working in a team
- encourage everyone to join in the games and help to referee and ensure fair play!
- As tempting as it maybe, try to avoid staying close to your own child(ren) – encourage them to work away from you. By doing this both of you will have more fun!
- ensure you familiarise yourself with the location of our equipment so if you are asked to get things you know where to find them
- make sure you are familiar with our evacuation procedure and where the fire exits are
- be mindful of our yellow card and purple card guidance at all times
- last, but not least, have lots of FUN and enjoy working with our young people

Don't forget: If you have any queries or concerns at all please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the team who will be able to help you or point you in the right direction.



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