



Scouts

4th East Grinstead Scout Group
Welcome Pack

Get set for adventure

Welcome to the 4th East Grinstead Scout Group!

We are thrilled to have your young person join us on their exciting journey into Scouting. Our group meets at the Trinity Methodist Church, located on the roundabout connecting Lingfield Road to the London Road. We have been proudly serving the local community since 1981. Our mission is to provide a safe and welcoming environment where young people can learn life skills, develop leadership qualities, and form lifelong friendships.

At the 4th East Grinstead Scout Group, we are committed to making scouting available and empowering for all. Our dedicated team of leaders work to create fun and engaging activities that promote personal growth, encourage teamwork and foster a sense of responsibility towards others and the environment.

What distinguishes the 4th EG from other Scout groups?

Experience unique Scouting with the 4th East Grinstead!

From our Beaver sleepovers to Cub and Scout camps on green field sites, we use traditional patrol tents and open fires. Our unique camping style relies on our expert leadership team and enables us to offer one-of-a-kind experiences.

We are committed to providing a welcoming space for young people to explore their potential and develop important life skills. Whether it's through outdoor adventures, community service projects or team-building activities we will work hard to create a safe, fun and engaging environment for all our members.





Join our executive committee and help plan fundraising events, or share your skills at one of our section meetings. We need Occasional Helpers to run exciting and challenging activities, so let us know if you or someone you know can help! Bring new ideas and activities to our group!

We believe that Scouting can be a transformative experience for young people, and we're excited to have your young person be a part of our community. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Yours in Scouting,

Heather Furminger- Acting Group Scout Leader

Sections and Meeting Times

Section / Meeting times	Section Leaders	Full Name / Scout Name
 <p>Squirrels</p> <p>Age 4 - 6</p>	<p>A Brand-New Section</p> <p><u>We are currently looking for individuals interested in helping with this section, support can be provided.</u></p>	
 <p>BEAVERS</p> <p>Age 6 - 8</p> <p>Thursdays: 5:20-6:20pm</p>	<p>Beaver Scout Leader (BSL)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>----</p> <p>Assistant Beaver Scout Leader (ABSL)</p>	<p>Kristina Parsons (Kanga)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>----</p> <p>Sarah Adams</p>
 <p>cubs</p> <p>Age 8 – 10 ½</p> <p>Thursdays: 6:30-8:00pm</p>	<p>Cub Scout Leader (CSL)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Assistant Cub Scout Leader (ACSL)</p>	<p>Jill Beckingham (Akela)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Tim Winkley (Kaa)</p> <p>Maria Dias</p>
 <p>Scouts</p> <p>Age 10 ½ - 14 ½</p> <p>Fridays: 7:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>Scout Leader (SL)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Assistant Scout Leaders (ASL)</p>	<p>Chris White (Whitey)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Claire Goold (Bagheera)</p> <p>Jake Sheeran (Jake)</p>

Note: We meet regularly in term periods corresponding with the local school's calendar.

Our **Acting Group Scout Leader** is Heather Furminger, she is responsible for the overall management of the Scout Group. If you have any questions, issues or need support please let us know. She can be contacted at Heather.Furminger@egscouts.org.uk.

Safety

At our Scout Group, safety is our priority. We take precautions to ensure that all our activities are carried out safely and responsibly. These include but are not limited to:

- Comprehensive risk assessments for all activities and events
- Trained first responders present at all meetings and events.
- Appropriate levels of supervision for activities, based on the age and abilities of the young people involved
- Clear safety guidelines and procedures for all activities and events.

We ask parents and carers to support our efforts to create a safe environment for all our members by:

- Informing us of any medical conditions, allergies, or other needs that may affect their child's safety
- Reporting safety and well-being concerns to the Group Scout Leader
- Providing appropriate clothing and equipment for activities, as specified by the Group
- Encouraging their child to follow safety guidelines and procedures

Additional Needs

We believe Scouting should be an inclusive movement that welcomes people from all backgrounds and abilities. We are committed to ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to participate in Scouting and reach their full potential.

If your young person has additional needs, we will work with you to provide the necessary support to help them fully participate in our program. We will make reasonable adaptations to program activities to ensure they are inclusive and accessible.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's additional needs, please don't hesitate to contact our Group Scout Leader.

Uniform

Each section also has their own uniform, after your young person has decided, they would like to join we encourage you to speak with the Section Leader about what and where to get that section's uniform.

Subscription, Fundraising, Spending and Gift Aid

New joiners are allowed a 4-week trial period without charge, after this we charge a subscription of £45 per term. We prefer electronic payments through Online Scout Manager (OSM). Subs cover approximately two-thirds of operating costs for hire of the hall and equipment store, Scout Association capitation and meeting consumables.

The remainder (£3,000 to £4,000 a year) is our fund-raising target. This helps to finance purchases of camping and transport equipment so that we can provide camping and outdoor activities for our section members. By accepting this opening for your child, you are also agreeing to help out on one or two occasions each year at various fundraising event

Gift Aid is a tax relief scheme that allows charities in the UK to claim an extra 25p for every £1 donated by a UK taxpayer. This means that for every donation made, the charity can claim an additional 25% from HMRC. To be eligible for Gift Aid, the donor must have paid UK income or capital gains tax.

We believe no one should be excluded from participating due to financial reasons. If unable to pay subscriptions for any reason, please contact your section leader in confidence to discuss other payment options/assistance which may be available.