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17th Gillingham Cub Scouts

Welcome Pack

New Cub – Version 3

September 2015





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1. Welcome

Welcome to 17th Gillingham Scout Group – Cub section!

We are excited to welcome your child as a new Cub and hope he/she enjoys our section meetings.

2. Contacts

For general 17th Gillingham Cub pack questions, please contact:

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3. 17th Gillingham Scout Group

The 17th Gillingham Group Section times are as follows:

Beavers (aged 5 ¾ to 8 years old)

Drake Colony meets every Tuesday from 6-7.15pm

Magellan Colony meet every Wednesday from 6-7.15pm

Raleigh Colony meets every Thursday from 6-7.15pm

Cubs (aged 8 to 10 ½ years old)

Cook Pack meet every Monday from 6.15-7.45pm

Scott Pack meet every Friday from 6-7.30pm

Scouts (aged 10 ½ to 14 years old)

Adventurer Scouts meet every Monday from 7.45-9.15pm





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4. Overview

We plan a varied and exciting programme schedule for each week. Details of each programme will be emailed to you at the start of each term. We have a Facebook page for each of the sections – if you befriend ‘**GSL seventeenth Gillingham**’ then you can be added to the relevant page - to protect our Young People, they are set to the maximum security settings, so are accessed by invite only! The Leaders use a mixture of email and Facebook to communicate with parents, so please try to check both of these regularly so you don’t miss instructions or important information! There is also our Twitter feed @17thGillScout !

Events are also arranged by Gillingham District and Kent county which provide events that we may not be able to do as a group like Theme park camps and days out. These will be communicated to you, but are also posted on our district website – www.gillinghamscouts.org.uk

We will also plan special outings and events at weekends and during the holidays. The Cub leader will provide you with details and ask for your permission before members take part in any of the extra activities.

All leaders, assistants, helpers and parents/guardians are CRB checked before helping.

More information is available at:

Group website: www.17thgillinghamscouts.co.uk or

Scout Association website: www.scouts.org.uk or

The Gillingham district website: www.gillinghamscouts.org.uk

5. Joining / Membership

Our Cub section is open to all boys and girls aged 8 – 10 ½ years old. The Scout Association sets the maximum number of members allowed in each section. The Cub Section is limited to 30 members and our Cub Pack section meetings hope to run at the maximum number all the time.

As we know it can be a little daunting for our young people, we give all of our new starters the option to come along for three weeks (free of charge) to see if they will enjoy becoming a Cub. Parents are welcome to stay for the first week. They are then welcomed into the pack with a formal investiture, where they receive their scarf, woggle and badges for their uniform and make the Cub Scout promise. The joining fee for our group is £5.00 - which covers the cost of their scarf, woggle and badges.

Replacement scarves cost £3.50 and woggles are available at 20p each. Lost badges are charged at £1 each.

Our membership subscription fees are £3 per week payable at the beginning of each term. Subs are used to cover the costs of hall rent, badges, insurance, membership fees to the Scout Association, resources for activities and subsidizing the cost of visits.

Once a child is invested in our group, they will automatically receive an invitation to join the next section once they are old enough.





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6. The uniform

Cub Scouts wear a practical smart uniform consisting of a Green Cub polo shirt and Green Cub sweatshirt, group scarf, blue activity trousers or black or grey school trouser and black shoes or trainers. Uniform is available either from Rainham Sports or online from: www.scouts.org.uk

We recommend that you obtain a larger size polo shirt and sweatshirt than you normally would to allow it to fit throughout your child's career in Cubs.

We can sometimes offer good quality secondhand uniform. Please speak to a Leader if you are interested.

If they haven't already started one, all Young People are offered the chance to start a camp blanket. These are taken on camp and are a lovely way of showing others their journey through Scouting. These are available from the group at a cost of £2.35 and more details about this item can be given by Leaders.

7. The Cub Scout, Promise and Motto

The Cub Scout Promise:

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 Cub Scout Law.

(Alternative promises are available for other Faiths and Atheists)

The Cub Scout Law:

Cub Scouts always do their best
Think of others before themselves
And do a good turn every day.

The Cub Scout Motto:

Be Prepared

8. Location

We meet in the scout HQ on the Howard school site in Derwent Way, Rainham – attached to this document is a copy of the site map for your information.

9. Time keeping

We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child arrives promptly for the start of the meeting or activity – we ask that you wait in the lobby until a Leader appears at the doors, as often we only have 5 – 10 minutes before a session starts to organize ourselves and get resources ready!

Please note that we require at least two leaders to be present before we can take responsibility for the young people. Equally, please arrive on time to collect your child, although we do ask for you to bear with us if we are running a few minutes late!



10. Behaviour

All group members are expected to behave with due consideration to themselves and others. Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated. This, along with any persistent disruptive, violent or anti-social behaviour, may be dealt with by a formal warning, meeting suspension or, in extreme cases, removal from the group.

We do ask that all members and their families remember that leaders are volunteers who receive no payment for the work they do or the time that they give up to running sessions and camps, training and planning.

11. Payment methods

We offer three ways to pay:

1. Our preferred method of payment is by bank transfer. The details are outlined below for which account to pay it to:

Bank:	Barclays bank
Account name:	17 th Gillingham (St Margaret's) Scout Group
Sort Code:	20-54-11
Account number:	50037397
Reference:	your child's name+SUBS

Please also inform your leader via email if you pay by bank transfer as we do not have direct access to the accounts and rely on parents to tell us they have paid so we don't chase you later in the term!

2. We also accept cash payments, handed in a sealed envelope with your child's name, amount and what it is for written on the outside.

3. We also accept cheque payments (made payable to 17th Gillingham Scout Group)

12. Personal Details

Please complete all consent and personal details forms for your child so that we can complete your child's membership to our scout group.

It is also important that we have details of any medical issues and food allergies so that we are aware of them when running our programmes, and for when we have them overnight at sleepovers and camps.

Please ensure we have up to date contact details to ensure that we keep you up to date with any news and information concerning Cubs and the Scout Group, or in the event of an issue or emergency.

13. Parental Help

Our sections can only run successfully with the active participation of the parents, whether simply by encouraging the children to join in activities or occasionally helping at a meeting.



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We will also need help when we run outings or visits as, for sessions away from the HQ, we must have one adult for every eight Cubs.

If you are interested in helping the Group-whether it be as a parent helper, behind the scenes (perhaps on our executive or fundraising committees), or as a uniformed Leader, please speak to the Scout Leader. We can organize a DBS check for you and let you know about the different opportunities there are for assisting the Scouts!

We appreciate that you may only be able to help at specific events or activities, whilst others can commit to an hour or more a week – we can guarantee that there is a position suitable to your availability and would love to hear from you!

14. Fund raising

We occasionally participate in various activities in order to raise funds for the Group. Please get involved when we ask for assistance in this area as we can only run the activities offered to our Young People if we can afford them.

15. Gift Aid

At the 17th Gillingham Scout Group, we make use of the government gift aid initiative as a way of raising additional funds for the group, this helps to allow us to keep subs low and to support group / district activities and towards repairs to the HQ.

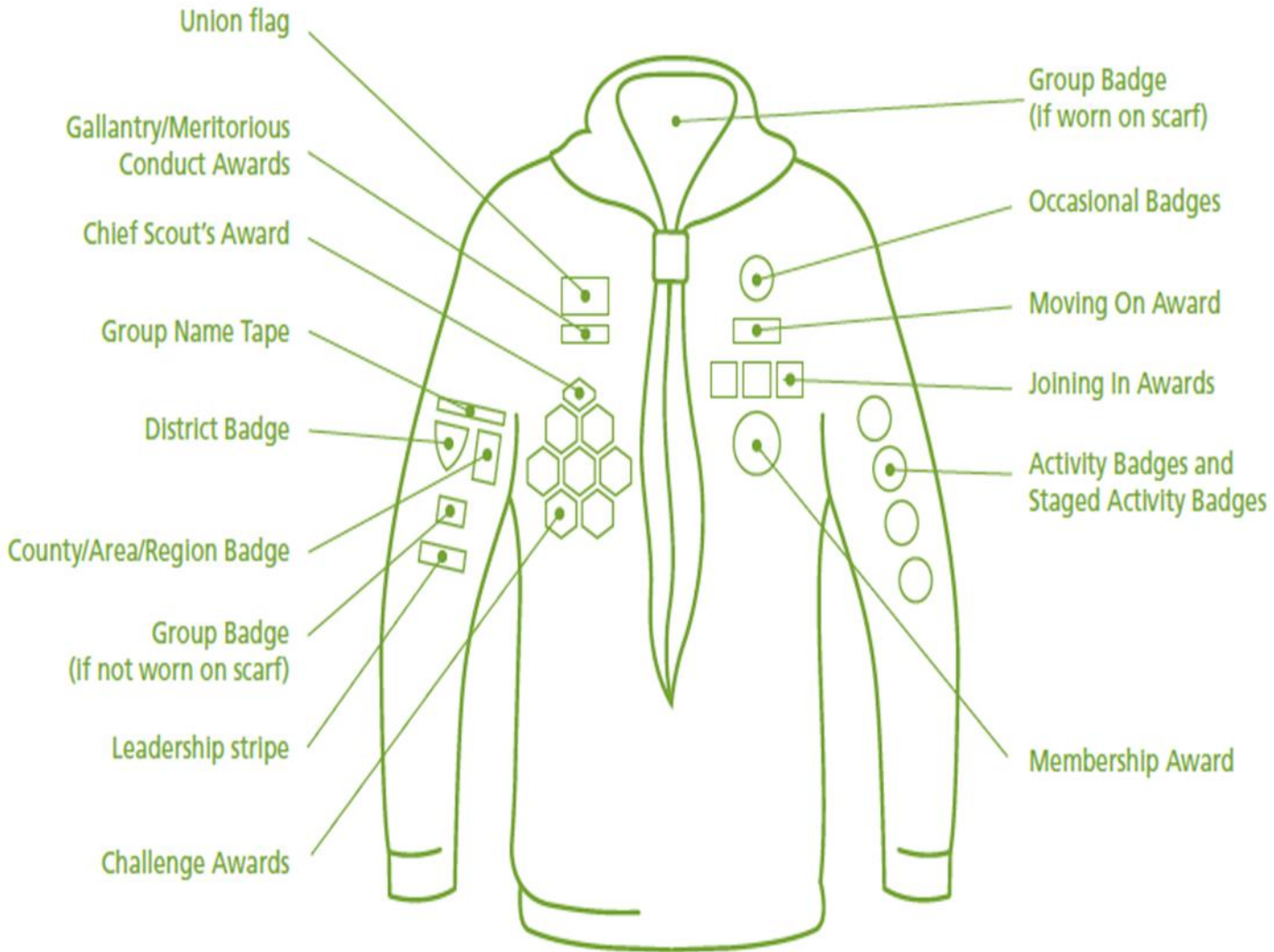
Gift Aid is a simple government initiative which allows you to increase the value of your donations (which includes subscriptions) at no extra cost to you. For every pound you give, the group can claim an extra 25 pence from HM Revenue & Customs, helping your donations go further within the group. If you are a UK tax payer, please could I ask you to complete the new gift aid form attached and return it to your sections leader in the next couple of weeks.

Further details can be found on the following web page:

<http://scouts.org.uk/what-we-do/fundraising/gift-aid/>

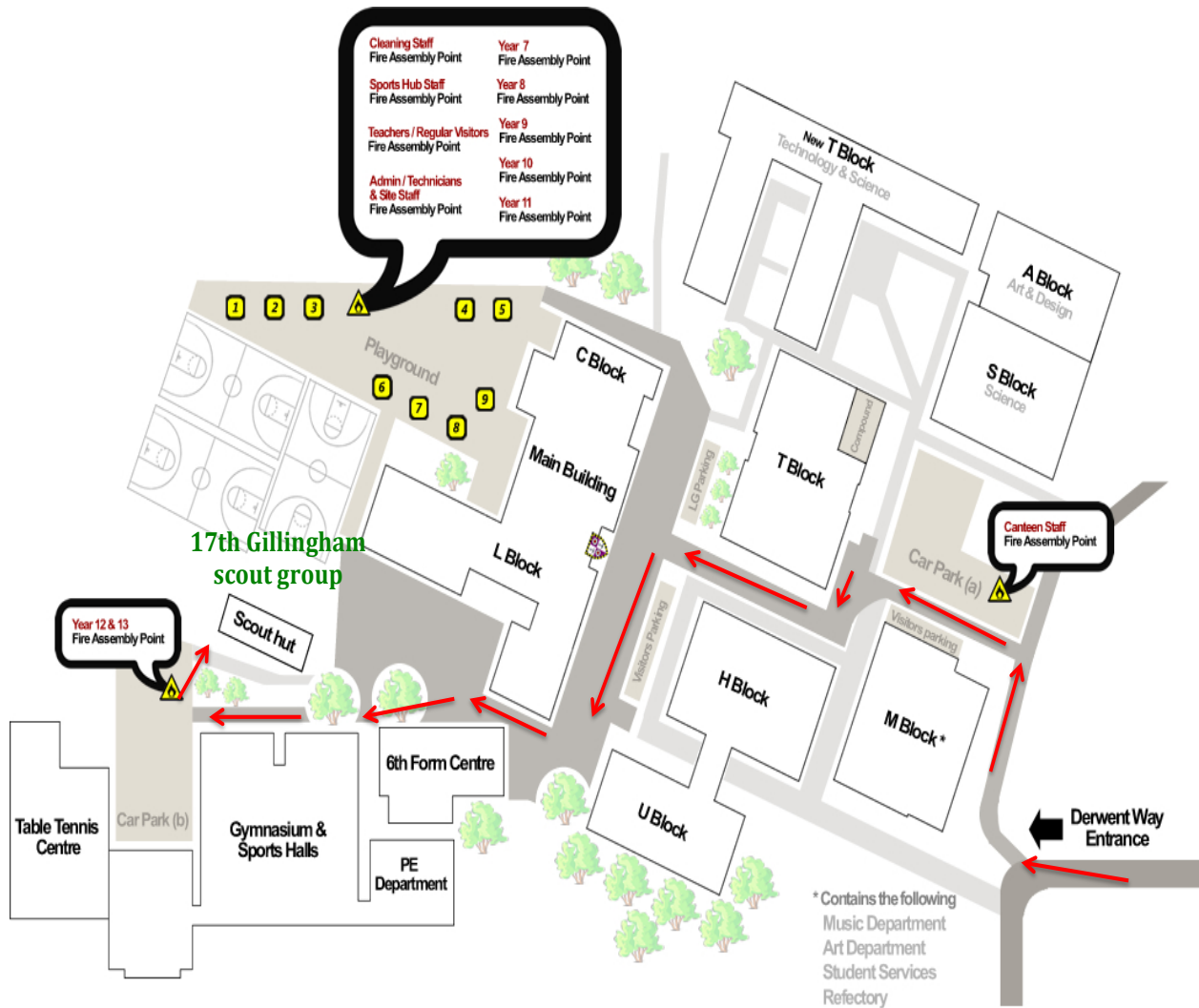


Uniform & badge positions



If you are ever unsure of where a badge should be positioned, please ask!

Howard School Site Map





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Gift Aid Declaration

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Name of charity: **THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION**

Please treat as Gift Aid donations:

- The enclosed gift of £ _____ OR
- All gifts of money that I make today and in the future as Gift Aid donations OR
- All gifts of money that I have made in the past four years and all future gifts of money that I make from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations.

Please tick the appropriate box

Donor's details

Title: _____ Initial(s): _____ Surname: _____

Home address: _____

Postcode: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCS), that I donate to, will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

Please notify The Scout Association if you:

1. Want to cancel this declaration.
2. Change your name or home address.
3. No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay income tax at the higher rate, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return if you want to receive the additional tax relief due to you.

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17TH GILLINGHAM SCOUT GROUP ACTIVITY AND MEDIA CONSENT FORM

Name of Child: _____

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

This form, once signed, gives the parents/carers permission for the above child to attend the following planned events/excursions which the 17th Gillingham Scout Group carry out:

- Short walks & visits in around Gillingham / Rainham Kent
- Visit to religious buildings, police/fire station, places of natural interest or heritage, vets/zoo, museums, play centres
- Visits to Scout Camp
- Football or other games activities
- Torch Hike

EMERGENCY AID

In case of emergency involving my child, I understand every effort will be made to contact me. If I cannot be contacted by telephone or any other means to authorise this, I hereby give my general consent to any necessary first aid / medical treatment and authorise the Scouter in charge of the activity to sign any document required by the hospital authorities.

I give consent for a Scouting Leader to dispense, if necessary, common over-the-counter medicines to my child with due diligence. These medicines include paracetamol in all forms, junior basic linctus, piriton solution, antihistamine creams or ibuprofen in all forms.

MEDIA CONSENT

The use of camera and video equipment is now a commonplace occurrence at Section meetings and Group events. However, the 17th Gillingham Scout Group is required to obtain written permission from a parent or guardian before using photographs or videos that contain images of their child.

Sometimes photographs and video images of members (Beavers, Cubs or Scouts) taking part in activities are submitted to the local newspapers, the Group, District or County newsletters/websites or put on display. The purpose of this form is to seek your permission for us to use photographs and videos that contain images of your child.

Please hand this to one of the Leaders. Any child without a permission slip may miss out on a planned external event. Thank you.





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17TH GILLINGHAM SCOUT GROUP ACTIVITY AND MEDIA CONSENT FORM

Name of Child: _____

The 17th Gillingham Scout Group follows the Scout Association guidelines on the use of photographs and we have produced our own Website Policy which, amongst other things, specifies how photographs may be used on our website / Facebook pages. Copies of our website policy can be requested from your child’s Section Leader. In essence:

- Only photographs and videos containing images of members for whom consent has been given will be used.
- We will not identify any child or young person by name, only by the group and section e.g. 17th Gillingham Cubs on a visit to..... or 17th Gillingham Cub Scouts camping in.....

I give permission for..... currently a member of 17th Gillingham Cub section.

(A) To participate in the activities above - Yes | No

(B) The use of images of my child to be published in print media - Yes | No

(C) The use of images of my child to be published on the Group or Scout Association websites - Yes | No

(D) To receive first aid or emergency medical treatment as outlined above - Yes | No

I understand that this permission will be deemed to be valid for all Activities and for all photographs and videos taken during the time my child belongs to Beavers, Cubs and Scouts within the 17th Gillingham Scout Group, unless I inform the Scout Group otherwise.

Your name (please print)
(parent/guardian)

Your signature

Please hand this to one of the Leaders. Any child without a permission slip may miss out on a planned external event. Thank you.



FAMILY INFORMATION FORM

To help your child's leader please provide the following details

CONTACT INFORMATION

Child's name:

Gender: M/F

Date of birth:

Religion:

Child's address:

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Child's email address (if applicable):

Primary contact:

Tel:

Email:

Partner contact:

Tel:

Email:

Alternative contact name (please state relationship):

Tel:

Email:

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Please list any medical conditions, allergies or special requirements your child has (full information on the appropriate way to cater for these should also be given to your child's leader):

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Please give details of any dietary requirements your child has:

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FURTHER INFORMATION

Can your child swim? yes no

Permission to use photos for Scouting publicity purposes: yes no

Details of previous Scouting (parent or child)

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Parent(s) occupation(s):

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Have you or your partner/spouse ever been a member of the Scout or Guide movement?

Primary contact: yes no

Partner: yes no

Time available per week/month/year for assisting with the group:

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Please give details of any skills or hobbies you have that could contribute to the running of the group or the provision of activities: eg, first aid, DIY or office administrative skills.

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Make your gift do more. By ticking here you will increase the value of all donations and subscriptions you have made for the past four years, and all future donations until you notify us otherwise.

To qualify for Gift Aid you must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) reclaim for that tax year (currently 25p for each £1 you give). Taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify.

Parent's signature:

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Data protection

All information given will be used in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Information given will only be used in connection with your son/daughter's membership of the Scout movement in the United Kingdom.

The Scout Association, at all levels, may itself use your contact details (post and email) to keep in touch with you about Scouting. However, by law we need your express permission for certain direct marketing services. By giving this permission we can provide you with access to additional opportunities and services.

Please tick the box if you are happy to be contacted:

I am content to receive details by post and email about new products and services being promoted directly to The Scout Association or its subsidiary companies.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S LEADER.



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