

201st ISLINGTON SCOUT GROUP



**SCOUTING FOR
BOYS AND
GIRLS
AGED 6 TO 25**

WELCOME PACK
2011 - 2012



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Aubert Court Community Centre
Avenell Road, Highbury, N5 1BL
PRESIDENT:- Donald Gibbons



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Welcome Pack

Your son or daughter has expressed an interest in joining our scout group and we are pleased to provide some useful information about us. Also what we do so that you have a better understanding of what is involved.

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Welcome to the 201st

We're pleased that you have chosen to join us, and hope that you will enjoy your time with the group, and learn with the Scouting experience.

This Welcome Pack will provide you with the necessary information to help you and your son/daughter settle in and gain an understanding of the group and Scout life. We are a very active group and are well supported by parents and the local community, thriving in all corners of Highbury since the start of our existence. Our section leaders are all fully trained or are in training and, along with our other adult members, are very experienced in leading all our activities and events successfully. We are also self-sufficient with equipment, boats and our own transport.

Below, you will find details of people to contact if you would like further information on anything. Please do contact us; we will be happy to discuss any issues.

Happy Scouting.

Lesley Bugg
Group Scout Leader.

Mark Darlow
Group Chairman.

Useful Contacts

<u>Name</u>	<u>What they do</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Telephones</u>
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General Information

Who are we?

A scout group called the **201st Islington Scout Group**. We have been established for over 90 years. The group contains a Beaver Colony a Cub Pack and a Scout Troop. We also have a partnership agreement with the Phoenix Explorer Unit. Being a Sea Scout Group we try to aim our activities more at a boating theme (especially the troop), although still doing all the things land scout groups do as well. As part of the Scout Association we are governed by the rules and regulations laid down by them, including training for all our leaders, more information on this is available from www.scouts.org.uk

There is a Group Executive Committee, which is made up of parents and leaders, which in association with the Group Scout Leader, oversees the running of the Group. We also have a fundraising and social committee

Where and when do we meet?

Weekly meetings are held on Monday nights during term time at Aubert Court Community Centre, Avenell Road, Highbury N5, for Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. This is located more towards the middle of Avenell road, at the back of a block of flats called Aubert Ct. Beavers meet at Birchmore hall on Highbury Quadrant N5 in the middle of the blocks of flats

Start times are

- Beavers 6-45pm to 7-45pm
- Cubs 6-30pm to 8-00pm
- Scouts 7-45pm to 9-30pm (arrive between 7.30 and 7.45)
- Explorers 7-45pm to 9-30pm (not on every week)

▪ Who can join?

- Beavers are aged 6 to 8
- Cubs are aged 8 to 10^{1/2}
- Scouts are aged 10^{1/2} to 14
- Explorers are aged 14 to 18

If you are unsure on which section is best to join then please do ask as there is some flexibility.

Joining the group

Normally we ask new recruits to come along for about a month during which time they can see what goes on and if they like it, and at the same time learn some of the history of the movement, the Law and Promise, and do some activities.

If after this period they want to remain then we ask them to formally join the Group by becoming Invested at which time they will need a uniform (see separate sheet) and will make their promise.



MONDAY NIGHT MEETINGS

Our normal Beaver night is a Monday and we have a mixture of games, scout training, badge work, craft and sport. We also have some theme evenings and during the summer we often have trips out or do outdoor activities.

There is a range of badges for the Beavers to try for and we give as much assistance / training / opportunities as possible for them to achieve as many as they can.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

As Beavers we are limited to what we do outdoors because of time. We only meet for an hour, because of the age of the youngsters. During that hour the Beavers have as much fun as we can give them.

We do go out on visits and over the park as well. When we have our group open day the Beavers also get to do some boating.

The Beavers are only allowed to camp for 24 hours and this is indoors only. But we try to give them at least one to two of these a year. One of which is at District camp with loads of activities laid on for them like Rifles, Archery, Swimming, Badge Making, Sports and Games.

We enter all the District activities arranged for the Beavers including the sports day, Uni- Hoc, Football, Halloween, Easter Egg Hunt.





Monday Night Meetings

Our normal Pack night is a Monday and we have a mixture of games, scout training, badge work, craft and sport. We also have some theme evenings and during the summer we often have trips out or do outdoor activities.

There is a range of badges for the cubs to try for and we give as much assistance / training / opportunities as possible for them to achieve as many as they can.

Outdoor Activities

The cubs try to have at least a weekend away each year. In addition we have a number of single day activities.

We try to have at least one camp either under canvass or indoors; the one under canvass is at the District camp (every other year) and activities such as Swimming, Air Rifles, Archery, Rock Climbing, Slippery Slope, Volley Ball and loads of others are arranged.

As we have a Sea Scout troop in the group we do as much boating as we can with them. The group own canoes, Mirror and Enterprise sailing dinghies, a rowing boat and a sport boat with an outboard engine. When we go to camp we train the cubs in basic camping skills (fire lighting / tent pitching / Tracking, campfire songs etc.) and also map reading, pioneering etc. On top of this being a younger age we play more games and do lots of crafts.

We enter all the District competitions such as Uni-Hoc, Swimming, Five a side Football. We also have an annual Christmas Party.





[SCOUTS] ACTIVITIES

Monday Night Meetings

Our normal scout night is a Monday and we have a mixture of games, scout training, badge work and sport. We also have some theme evenings and during the summer we often have trips out or do outdoor activities.

There is a range of scout badges for the scouts to try for and we give as much assistance / training / opportunities as possible for them to achieve as many as they can.

Outdoor Activities

The troop try to have at least three weekends away and a one-week summer camp each year. In addition we have a number of single day activities.

As a Sea Scout troop we try to do as much boating as we can. We have our own canoes, Mirror and Enterprise sailing dinghies, a rowing boat and a sport boat with an outboard engine. We also have links with other organisations to give the older scouts the opportunity of doing offshore sailing on larger yachts. At camps we train the scouts in basic camping skills (fire lighting/tent pitching/cooking etc.) and also hiking, map reading, pioneering etc.

Summer Camps

In 2011 we visited a site in Solothurn, Switzerland. We do visit mostly the UK but have also been to the Netherlands twice as well. Places in the UK we go to include Wales, Norfolk Hampshire, Hertfordshire and others

Weekend Camps

We have a piece of land at Waltham Abbey next to the River Lea that we lease from the Environment Agency. We use this for weekend camps and whilst we normally use tents, there is a hut there as well, which can provide indoor accommodation. We also attend various District / County camps (normally one in May) at one of the official scout sites near London.



BADGES

There are Six Activity Badges staged across all Sections.

Information Technology
Musician
Nights Away
Swimming
Hikes Away
Emergency Aid

The Staged Activity Badges have been designed to provide a seamless approach throughout the Sections. For each stage there are five levels available. This means that a young person can gain whichever badge is relevant to the level they have reached. It is possible, for example, for a Beaver Scout who is an excellent swimmer to gain a higher-level badge than a Scout who has just taken up the activity.

BEAVER BADGES

- Adventure
- Air activities
- Animal Friend
- Creative
- Experiment
- Explore
- Faith
- Health & Fitness
- Healthy eating
- Hobbies
- Imagination
- Safety

CUB BADGES

- Air Activities
- Animal Carer
- Artist
- Astronomer
- Athlete
- Book Reader
- Camper
- Chef
- Collector

- Communicator
- Cyclist
- DIY
- Entertainer
- Equestrian
- Global Conservation
- Hobbies
- Home Help
- Home Safety
- Local Knowledge
- Map Reader
- Martial Arts
- Naturalist
- Navigator
- Personal Safety
- Physical Recreation
- Road Safety
- Scientist
- Skater
- Sports Enthusiast
- Water Activities
- World Faiths

SCOUT BADGES

- Administrator
- Advanced Aviation Skills
- Advanced Nautical Skills
- Aeronautics
- Air Researcher
- Air Spotter
- Angler
- Artist
- Art Enthusiast
- Astronomer
- Athlete
- Aviation Skills
- Basic Aviation Skills
- Basic Nautical skills
- Camp Cook
- Camper
- Campsite Service
- Caver
- Chef
- Circus Skills
- Climber
- Communicator
- Craft
- Cyclist
- Dinghy Sailor
- D.I.Y.
- Dragon Boating
- Electronics
- Entertainer
- Equestrian
- Fire Safety
- Forester
- Global Conservation
- Guide
- Heritage
- Hiker
- Hill Walker
- Hobbies
- Interpreter
- Librarian
- Lifesaver
- Martial Arts
- Master at Arms
- Mechanic
- Meteorologist
- Model Maker
- My Faith
- Naturalist
- Nautical Skills
- Navigator
- Orienteer
- Paddle Sports
- Parascending
- Photographer
- Physical Recreation
- Pioneer
- Power Coxswain
- Public Relations
- Pulling
- Quartermaster
- Small Holder
- Snow Sports
- Sports Enthusiast
- Street Sports
- Survival Skills
- Water Sports
- World Faiths
- Writer

The requirements for all of the badges listed and more can be found by visiting the official scout web site given below.

www.scouts.org.uk
There is also an iphone app available called My Badges

Discipline / Behaviour

We try to be as informal as we can in the Group but a certain level of discipline and behaviour has to be maintained to ensure that it is a safe environment for all to enjoy. Also, given the nature of some of our activities (e.g. sailing) we need to have the ability to get the members to do what they are asked straight away and then ask questions later.

If there are problems encountered then we have procedures in place which all parents and members should be aware of. The system works as follows:

1. If a Group member is demonstrating unacceptable behaviour / bullying (verbal or physical), using bad language etc. they will be given a verbal warning about their conduct.
2. If this is repeated or continues, they will be given a yellow card and will miss out on any games during the rest of the evening.
3. If the problem persists then the member will be given a red card and told they cannot attend the next Scouting evening (or if it happens at a camp or activity then they will miss the next camp or activity) and a letter will be sent to their parents / guardians explaining the reasons for this.
4. Should the problem still persist then the member will no longer be welcome in the Group. The matter will be discussed at the next available Group Scouters Meeting and, if agreed, the member will be asked to leave. This will entail a letter and a visit / discussion with the parents / guardians to ensure that they are aware of the reasons for this.

This system is seen as the fairest way to ensure that the group can be enjoyed by everyone and that if the future of the group is jeopardised by the bad behaviour of an individual or more then this can be dealt with along laid down guidelines.

We hope that you will help us in our efforts to ensure that all members act in an acceptable manner towards other members, leaders, helpers etc. and that if a problem is identified you will work with us to try and resolve this.

When we are away on camp or an activity we have set rules and procedures, which we follow to try and ensure that things run as smoothly and safely as possible. This may not be as members are used to at home and we ask them to comply with the rules we set as they benefit all in the long run. These rules will always be explained either in advance or at the start of the camp or activity so that everyone is aware of the standards expected.



Money Matters

Monthly Subscriptions

Each member is due to pay £10.00 per month subs and we ask that this be paid on the first Monday of the month. This helps to pay for the ongoing costs of the Group (e.g. books, materials, prizes, badges etc.) and also the annual Scout Association capitation fee, which is levied on every member.

Camps and Activities

Each camp and activity usually has a cost attached to it, which will be advertised in advance and will vary. For the day activities we try to run these within the funds available from subs wherever possible.

This is more difficult for camps due to higher costs and charges. These will range from between £15 to £60 for a weekend camp to £100+ for a weeklong camp (scouts only).

How to make payments

Monthly subs can be paid by cash or cheque or standing order (ask us first for a form) (payable to 201st Islington Scout Group), which can be paid on a monthly basis (on the first Monday of the month) or in one lump sum. If paying by cash then please place this in a sealed envelope with the scouts name on the front and the reason for the payment.

Financial Assistance

We are well aware that the cost of some camps or activities can be difficult for some of you and we do not want any scout to miss out just because of this.

Given this we are happy to help out wherever possible and will be pleased to discuss a reduced rate or some form of financial assistance or payment plan in order that all those that want to attend a camp etc. can do so.

Just have a quiet word with the section leader, person organising the camp or activity, or the group scout leader or give one of them a call and we can work something out.

Fundraising

Apart from monthly subscriptions, our main source of income is gained through fund raising events such as Quiz Nights, Bag packing, sponsored activities. This is necessary and used to maintain our equipment and minibuses expenses. The bulk of our fundraising is carried out between October and Easter in the "closed season", so that we can do outdoor activities during the summer months. We have a Fundraising Committee if you would like to join this to help please talk to Mark Darlow Tel 07880 713976 for more information.

Gift Aid

As a result of new government legislation on Gift Aid, we can claim back from the Inland Revenue an extra 25% on the money you pay in monthly subscriptions. If you are a tax payer, you are likely to be eligible for this scheme. If so, we would ask that you read and complete the Gift Aid Declaration attached to the Group Admission Form, and return it to us, to register.

UNIFORM

Beavers: wear a

Turquoise sweatshirt	£11
Blue scout activity trousers	£16
Or blue activity shorts	£13
Black shoes / trainers	

Cubs: wear a

Dark green sweatshirt	£11.50
Blue scout activity trousers	£16
Or blue activity shorts	£13
Black shoes / trainers	

Scouts:

Whilst, in our opinion, the Sea Scout uniform we wear is much smarter than the ordinary scouts, it does come a bit more expensive.

Sea Scout hat & tally band	£43
Sea Scout jumper	£32
Navy blue / black trousers / Skirt (Not tracksuit bottoms)	
Blue scout activity trousers	£16-£18
Black shoes (not trainers)	
Dark socks / Tights	

Normal black or blue school trousers / skirts are ok or you can wear the optional scout activity trousers.

All the prices quoted are approximate and are liable to change

Where can you buy the uniform?

The main places you can purchase them

Through the 201st is the best option, as we know the right bits to buy!

Just ask for an order form or used the one in this pack and we should have it for you by the following week depending on supplies We often have stock at the halls to make it easier.

We also have a group polo shirt we use as a second uniform with the scarf when its applicable please ask us for details

John Lewis shops (school uniform dept) at Oxford Street and Brent Cross also stock Beaver and Cub uniforms.

You may also find scout uniforms in school clothing shops if they stock them, (call them to enquire).

When is Uniform Worn?

- On Scout nights for parade.
- Whenever we go on public parades (E.g. church parade).
- When we travel to and from camps and at other times at camp.
- When we go on official scout trips out.
- Some fundraising activities.

Being scouts, and especially sea scouts, we are in the public eye and we therefore ask everyone to make an effort to keep their uniform looking smart.

We will supply the Scarf, Woggle and Badges. We also recommend that with the activity trousers you buy bigger sizes as these can be worn in each of the sections. A scout belt is a useful tool to help keep them up or you can take them in this may save you money when they move up a section.

It is also advisable to get a sweatshirt / jumper they can grow in to as you will need these for possibly two years in the younger sections

Internet

You can also purchase uniform on the Internet Via the scout shops mentioned earlier. Use the address below

Once again please ask one of the leaders if you are unsure. We will be pleased to help.

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HQ Aubert Ct Community Centre N5



GROUP ADMISSION FORM

All the information given on this form will be treated as confidential and will only be disclosed to other leaders at the discretion of the leader in charge, unless specified to the contrary by the person/s completing this form.
If you do not tick the photos box we will assume you have no issues and its ok.

Childs Details **Please Use blue or black Ink & PRINT In Block Capitals**

First name _____ Last name _____
Date of Birth ____/____/____ Childs Mobile _____
Childs E-mail address _____
Full Address flat _____ Door No _____ Street _____
Postcode _____

Phone No Home _____ Mobile(Mum) _____ (Dad) _____
Doctors Name _____ Dr's Telephone Number _____

I agree to photos appearing on the Groups web site and in the news
Yes ___ No ___

Ethnic Origin **Black Asian White Mixed Other** (please circle one)

Please give full details & precautions or remedies of any known Disabilities, Special Needs, Allergies, Phobias eg: Penicillin, Travel Sickness, Asthma, Spiders, or any information the leader should know: (if you need more room please use the back of the page)

Date Form Given
/ /

Parent/s / Guardians Details

I give permission for my child _____ to become a member of the **201st Islington Scout Group** and the **Scout Association** and to take part in any Scouting Activities.

Age on Joining ____

Signed _____ Print Name _____ Date _____
Mothers Surname _____ Forename _____
Fathers Surname _____ Forename _____
Guardians Surname _____ Forename _____
*Parents E-mail address (Mum) _____
(Dad) _____
Address if different from the child _____

Please list the names and relationship of those who are allowed to pick up your child from Scouts on a Monday the section (parent of) if you allow another parent in the group to take your child home (List the scouts name please)

Name _____ Relationship _____ Parent of _____
Name _____ Relationship _____ Parent of _____
Name _____ Relationship _____ Parent of _____

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If you change any of your details you must inform us ASAP so we can amend our records. This information is very important to us in case of an emergency or accident



Would you be interested in supporting the leaders on a rota basis on a Monday night..... this is a non uniformed role and when you can only. If you reply yes the GSL will be in touch with you to discuss further. Thank you

GIFT AID DECLARATION

Title _____ Forename _____ Surname _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Name of child _____ Section _____

Name of child _____ Section _____

Name of child _____ Section _____

I want the Scout Group to treat all payments I make in respect of the membership subscriptions for the group as Gift Aid Donations.

Signed _____ Date _____

Notes

1. You must pay an amount of Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax equal to the tax we reclaim on the payments (currently 25p in every £1 you give).
2. You can cancel the declaration at any time by notifying the Scout Group.
3. Please notify the Scout Group if you change your name or address.

STANDING ORDER

Full name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

This is the first Standing Order I have made in favour of 201st Islington Scout Group; *OR*

This replaces an existing Standing Order to 201st Islington Scout Group (*please tick*)

To The Manager, _____ Bank plc

Bank address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Please pay to the account of The 201st Islington Scout Group at Lloyds TSB Bank plc, Church St Enfield Branch, PO Box 99, BX1 1LT, Sort Code 77-91-14, Account No. 83258768 the amount of £____ per week/month/quarter/year (delete as applicable) from _____ until further notice.

Please make each payment with the following reference:

Signed _____ Date _____

Account no _____ Sort code _____

For 201st Islington Scout Group Use

GIFT AID

Full name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

I am a UK tax payer. Please treat all gifts of money that I have made to the 201st Islington Scout Group in the last 6 years and from the date of this donation as Gift Aid donations.

Signed _____ Date _____

1. You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year that is at least equal to the amount of tax that the Charity will reclaim on your gift for that tax year.
2. If you are a higher rate payer then you should be able to reclaim the difference between basic and higher rate tax during your Self Assessment tax return.
3. Please inform the 201st Islington Scout Group if you want to cancel this declaration, if you change your name or address, or if you no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

Child's Name: _____
Beaver/Cub/Scout

STO Ref:

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CHILDS NAME _____ **SECTION** _____

- BEAVER SWEATSHIRT** – CHEST SIZES = 26", 28", 30" £11
- CUB SWEATSHIRT** – CHEST SIZES = 28", 30", 32", 34" £11.50
- SCOUT JUMPER** – CHEST SIZES = 34", 36", 38", 40" £32
- SCOUT HAT** – please ask for size details and stock up to £41
- EXPLORER SHIRT** – SIZES = S, M, L, XL £20

- UNIFORM ACTIVITY TROUSERS** – all sections, NAVY £16
 AGE 5–6 and 7-8 unisex
 AGE 9–10, 11–12, 13 yrs, BOYS or GIRLS
 YOUTH SIZES = 26" AND 28" WAIST £18

- GROUP POLO ACTIVITY SHIRT** – all sections, BLUE £6.50
 AGE 7-8, 9-11, 12-13 yrs £6.50
 SMALL, MEDIUM, LARGE, X LARGE £7.50
 BASEBALL CAP £6.00

ITEM	SIZE	PRICE
	TOTAL COST	£

Please make payment with your order.
 Cheques payable to 201st Islington Scout Group.

Your order will normally be available for the next meeting.

Parents name _____ **Contact number** _____

Please return to Lesley or your section leader

Parent /Guardian Questionnaire

Dear parent Please fill in this form for our information
We ask in case you have sets of skills we can draw on should we need them to help the group

Name of child:
please circle the section your child is in

Section: Beaver Cub Scout

Parents/Guardian names: /

P/G 1 what do you do for work?

P/G 2 what do you do for work?

Do you have any hobbies or interests that may be of interest to the group?

Would you like to get involved as a volunteer in the group?

If yes please circle the ones that interest you.

Leader *(this is a role that requires time and training)*

Helper

Executive committee member

Fundraising and social committee member

Occasional helper

Skills instructor

At fundraising events

Other please put details here-

Thank you for filling in this form please return to the section leader or GSL