

Dear Parents

We are very pleased to welcome your son/daughter into the 1st Hampton Magna Scout Troop. We hope that he/she will be happy and enjoy their time with us. We are quite an active troop and from time to time we take part in activities other than on our troop night. Hampton Magna Scout Group is part of Warwick Scout District and there are a number of events that are put on which involve the whole District and which we as a Scout Troop get involved with (i.e. football, swimming, outings and other activities). It is a good way of meeting new friends who are also in Scouting.

**Investiture:** Before your son/daughter may be invested, he/she should take part in at least four troop nights, during which time he/she can get to know other Scouts and Leaders. All Scouts must know the Scout Law and Promise and, more importantly understand what they mean. They will be asked to recite their law and promise at their investiture.

**Uniform:** Scouts wear a Shirt with blue Scout activity trousers or grey school trousers/skirt, grey, black or white socks, black shoes and the group neckerchief. An optional part of the uniform is a red polo shirt, which is unique to 1<sup>st</sup> Hampton Magna and is available through the group. The group provides all badges, woggles and neckerchiefs.

**Meeting Nights:** Scouts meet on Thursday evenings from 7.00 till 8.30pm at the Community Centre, Hampton Magna during term time unless they are taking part in any special activities.

**Badges and Awards:** Scouts will work towards many badges during their time in the Troop. Please speak to leader or visit [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk). If you are interested in gaining interest badges. Scouts may begin working towards badges as soon as they first come into the troop. Badges will not however be awarded until they are invested. Various badges will be gained with the troop but others can be gained by working with others or at home. If your child wishes to undertake any badges, please discuss it with a leader.

**Pack Night Programme:** The Scout Section works to a programme of events, activities, and themed evenings which are planned by the leaders.

**Scouts are always expected to:**

- ♣ Come in full, clean uniform (unless otherwise stated)
- ♣ Turn up to Parades
- ♣ Bring with them in their folders - Logbook, note book and pencil
- ♣ Have a handkerchief, with them.
- ♣ Attend as many meeting as possible

- ♣ Attend other events as far as possible
- ♣ Join in with activities and take an active part in achieving badges and awards
- ♣ Work towards awards and activity badges in their own time
- ♣ Work as a team
- ♣ Show an example
- ♣ Complete the Group Agreement

As Leaders we are there because we enjoy Scouting- a lot of hard work and time is put into planning activities and an exciting programme for the scouts. In return we hope that you will support us in ensuring that your son/daughter comes regularly -it is very disheartening to have planned an activity and find that instead of the full Colony expected only a handful attend. If your son/daughter is not able to come for any reason could you please let the leaders know so that they can adjust what they are doing?

**NOTE:** If a scout is absent for four weeks consecutively, without giving a reason, it will be assumed that they have left and his/her place will be allocated to someone else.

If your son/daughter has any problems, then please do not hesitate to contact or see any of the leaders i.e. if they are not happy for any reason please tell someone so that we can try to sort out the problem

We often ask for parental help in the way of transport, or help with particular crafts, interests etc and if you are interested to help in this way or share a particular skill with the scouts they shall be delighted. Due to the legislation Scout Groups are guided by, we require all adults to complete an Occasional Helper Form.

If you have any other questions or queries, please feel free to contact us and we will only be too happy to help.

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