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WELCOME PACK

CESTRIAN SCOUT GROUP

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Welcome

We are delighted that your child has joined our group. This information pack will provide you with basic information regarding Scouting and the Group. There are examples of some forms at the end of this pack but the forms that we need to be completed will be issued with your joining pack. The purpose and reason for these forms are explained within the pack.

Scouting

The Scout Movement is a global co-educational youth organisation, the largest in the world, with over 28 million Members in 216 countries and territories.

In the UK Scouting is organised through The Scout Association and has a clear purpose:

To help young people achieve their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as Members of their local, national and international communities.

The Scout Association offers everyday (and some more unusual!) adventure and activity to almost 400,000 young people across the UK.

Scouting is open to all young people aged 6 to 25 of every faith and background as long as they are prepared to make a promise. A number of variations of the promise are available to cover a range of faiths and nationalities.

There are also plenty of opportunities for adults to become involved as Leaders, Assistants, Administrators and as Group Supporters. If you would like to be involved with our Group then please contact one of the Groups Leaders.

As a member of our Group we hope and will endeavor to ensure that your child can help to make the world a better place. Scouting makes a positive contribution to society by helping young people to develop as active members of the community who:

- Are self-reliant,
- Are caring,
- Are responsible,
- Show commitment.

However most importantly this continual personal development works best when the young people are working in partnership with adults. They do this by:

- Taking part in a variety of activities and new experiences,
- Exploring the outdoors,

- Participating in teams,
- Taking responsibility,
- Taking part in the Progressive Training Programme

The Programme is a continuous progression of training, activities and awards that covers everything that young people do in Scouting from the age of 6 to 25.

The Group and Sections

The Group currently consists of four sections which meet at the following times:

- **Beavers** 6 to 8 years old. Meet on a Monday between 5:30pm & 6:30pm
- **Tribuni Cubs** 8 to 10 ½ years old. Meet on a Tuesday between 6:00pm & 7:30pm
- **Centurion Cubs** 8 to 10 ½ years old. Meet on a Wednesday between 6:00pm & 7:30pm
- **Scouts** 10 ½ to 14 years old. Meet on a Thursday between 7:00pm & 9:00pm

With all sections there is some flexibility in age ranges.

The Group normally feeds into the DEWA District Explorer Scout Unit, which meets on a Monday from 7:30pm at the Cestrian Scout HQ, however all group members that progress to the District Explorer Unit are more than welcome back at the Group as "Young Leaders" with any of the sections.

The Group can always benefit from assistance either as a Leader, helper or a member of the Group's Executive or even as occasional specialist skills instructor, passing on skills or hobbies. If you would like to help, in any capacity, please contact us.

Whilst the activities they take part in will depend on their age, each Section gives young people the opportunity to learn by doing. The programme objectives are broken down into these five main areas:

- Physical
- Intellectual
- Emotional
- Social
- Spiritual

Leaders are trained to deliver this programme, ensuring our young people stay safe while they enjoy themselves and learn.

The Promise

Our Scout Group is an 'Open Group'; this basically means that as long as your Child meets the general requirements for membership of the Scout Association they are welcome within our Group.

To become a member of the Scout Association and our group your child will be asked to make a promise at an investiture ceremony. This would normally be undertaken on a normal meeting evening, however it can be carried out at any event. We would always try and make this a very special event for your child, however it is your child's investiture and would only be carried out when they were ready. You, of course, would be more than welcome to witness this ceremony.

The promise that they make will be dependent on the section that they are joining. The general promise for each section is attached; the promise can, however, be altered in a number of ways to take into account religious beliefs; nationality and / or special needs.

In the promise your child will undertake to either "love God" or to do their "duty to God" (or their choice of deity). Whilst we are not attached to any particular religious body the Group does attend St Peters Church, Plemstall Lane, Plemstall and the URC Vicars Cross for special church services i.e. Remembrance Day and our Christmas carol service.

Their Leader can generally answer any questions that you or your child may have with regard to the promise.

Uniform

Details of uniform for each section, and the location of badges are attached.

On a normal evening we would normally expect your child to attend in full uniform. However, for specific activities full or suitable uniform activity-wear may be more suitable. Guidance on the expected uniform for each activity would be provided with details of the proposed event or activity.

- **Beavers** Turquoise sweatshirt and Group neckerchief
- **Cub Scouts** Dark green sweatshirt and Group neckerchief
- **Scouts** Teal green smart shirt, Scout belt and Group neckerchief

The Scout Association produces dark blue uniform 'activity' trousers. Navy blue coloured Regatta walking trousers are the same. For events where full uniform is required these activity / walking trousers or dark grey / black 'school' type trousers / skirt would be more than adequate. For Scouts, full uniform also includes a brown leather Scout belt.

The Group neckerchief is red with blue border. These are available from the Group.

For activity wear there is a choice of optional Scout polo shirts, available in turquoise for Beaver Scouts and green for Cub Scouts and Scouts or Group Polo/T Shirts in maroon with the Group logo.

Badge Work

Members of all ages work towards attaining awards both in their chosen activities, and are awarded badges. From Circus Skills and Street Sports to Imagination and Public Relations, there is a wide range of choice of Activity Badges for all Sections. Hobbies that your child has can also be used to help both '**Activity Badges**' and progressive training awards.

These are generally awarded for trying new activities and doing their best at them for the younger sections whilst Scouts do have some badges that specific standards have to be met. Generally the effort needed to obtain the badge or the standard required increases as your child progresses through the sections. In addition though, there are seven '**Staged Activity Badges**' these have been designed to provide a unified approach throughout the Sections.

These staged Activity Badges are:

- Air Activities
- Community Impact
- Digital Citizen
- Digital Maker
- Emergency Aid
- Hikes Away
- Musician
- Nautical Skills
- Navigator
- Nights Away
- Paddle Sports
- Sailing
- Snowsports
- Swimmer
- Time On The Water

All the Staged Activity Badges have 4 or 5 stages, with the exception of Hikes Away, Nights Away and Time On The Water which have badges depicting either the number of Nights Away or Hikes undertaken or the number of Hours On The Water. This means that a young person can gain whichever badge is appropriate 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.

There are '**Joining In**' awards which are presented with the numbering indicating how many years the Member has regularly attended and participated in the balanced programme across the whole Scout Movement. Only the highest numbered badge is worn.

Each section has a number of '**Challenge Badges**'; these can either be done individually or in groups. On completion of a number of these your child can earn the relevant Chief Scouts Award, the highest award earned worn on their uniform.

- Beaver Scouts - **Bronze Chief Scouts Award**
- Cub Scouts - **Silver Chief Scouts Award**
- Scouts - **Gold Chief Scouts Award**

When your child is ready to move onto the next section there are moving on awards for each section.

Occasionally your child may be asked to undertake things at home to go towards badge-work or challenges being undertaken at their meeting.

Subscriptions

At the current time Subscriptions are £38 per term and are due in:

- January,
- April,
- and September

The Subscriptions help to cover the cost of **running** our 'Meeting Place' as well as things like **badges** and **materials** for **activities** carried out at their meetings. It also includes insurance whilst you child is taking part in Scouting activities. Some other activities such as camps, may incur **extra** costs.

In Addition...

during January we have to fulfill the Scout Associations census and pay a membership fee for each member of the Group to the Scout District, Scout County and the Scout Association. This fee is included within the terms subscriptions.

If at any point paying for either subscriptions or for activities becomes an issue please speak to one of the Group's Leadership team.

We can claim the income tax paid on all the monies that are paid to us. This includes money paid for subscriptions, capitation and activity costs. This means that for every £1 paid to the Group we can claim 25p back from the Inland Revenue. In addition to being an easy fund raising method, it means that we can keep costs of activities as low as possible. To enable us to do this though you need to fill in a "**Gift Aid Declaration**" form which is attached. Thanks.

Trips and Activities

Additional trips and activities can be made available in order to supplement the weekly meetings and to ensure that everyone has the best opportunities. There are very few activities that members of The Scout Association are actually banned from doing. Consequently if it is possible, to do something, and there is a large enough request to do something we will try to organise it.

However, when organising trips or activities we often have to impose a cut off date for responses. This is generally due to purchasing tickets, completing all of the necessary risk assessments and making arrangements with the 'Home Contact' for the event.

These cut off dates will be strictly adhered to. Consequently if subsequent to your child being accepted on a trip or activity, if they are unable to attend please let us know as soon as possible.

Another cut off reason may be due to the number of people taking part. For instance if we are only able to take 10 members due to the number of available canoes, it's important that everyone turns up because their place could have been given to another child

Child Protection and Health and Safety

The Scout Association's policies, rules, code of behavior, advice on Child Protection and safety policy are there to ensure our young people stay safe whilst the Programme of activities that we provide is fun, exciting and challenging. Most importantly we must also make sure that all activities undertaken are safe.

It is the policy of The Scout Association (and therefore of the Group) to safeguard the welfare of all Members by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional harm.

The Scout Association is committed to:

- Taking into account in all its considerations and activities the interests and well-being of young people;
- Respecting the rights, wishes and feelings of the young people with whom it is working;
- Taking all reasonable practicable steps to protect them from physical, sexual and emotional abuse, and
- Promoting the welfare of young people and their protection within a relationship of trust.

All adults aged eighteen or over, no matter what their role or involvement within Scouting, are responsible for putting this policy into practice at all times.

All Leaders and regular helpers have been subjected to, and passed, an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) disclosure. In addition all leaders have passed a basic first aid qualification, and completed a Safety and Safeguarding course.

However, accidents occasionally can happen, consequently in order to comply with The Scout Association's own health and safety policy's we require certain information regarding emergency contacts (next of kin, emergency contact numbers etc.). If this information changes e.g. change of address or phone number please let us know. A general information contact form is attached. During activities and trips this contact information, including parent or guardian contact information, will be provided to a third party who will not be related to anyone on the activity or trip. This will be the events nominated 'Home Contact'. If it is necessary to contact you during the event it is likely to be this person who will contact you.

Further information and consent forms may be required for specific activities.

The Group can cope with members that have special needs, however we do need to know of any special requirements, allergies etc. that your child may have.

All information provided is kept in complete confidence. It is normal for us to ask for a new form to be filled in when your child moves sections to ensure that we have up to date information. The only people outside of the Group to have access to any of this information would be a nominated 'Home Contacts' during trips or activities.

Photographs / Video Footage

The various sections regularly take part in a wide range of activities, organised at a Group, District or County level. Many of these involve challenging activities, which the youngsters involved often like as evidence to prove that they have taken part.

In addition, images of the youngsters enjoying themselves can be extremely useful for publicity purposes, internally (e.g. for use on the Group newsletter), externally (sent to local newspapers, 'Scouting Magazine' (which is provided to Leaders in Scouting) etc.), and on display boards etc. in the Scout HQ. Photographs and video footage of the youngsters in the activities may also be used as a training aid (both adult and youngsters) or as validation of adult training.

At Group events it is relatively easy for the Leaders in charge to take suitable and agreeable photographs of the children involved. At larger events such as District or County events, it is not necessarily possible for the Leader to dictate what photographs might be taken or the specific end use of the photographs. However as the photographs would be taken as part of a Scouting event they would need to comply with The Scout Association's Child Protection Policy, as would photographs or video images taken during Group events.

Please ask if you have any questions concerning this. If we wish to use photos for any other purposes we will seek your permission. There is a form at the end of this pack, please fill it in as appropriate, sign to say that you accept it and return.

Further Information

Further details regarding anything about scouting can be found on the Internet at...

<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources>

Websites

Cestrian Scout Group	www.cestrianscouts.org.uk
Chester District Scouts	www.chesterscouts.org.uk
Cheshire Scout County	www.cheshirescouts.org.uk
The Scout Association	www.scouts.org .

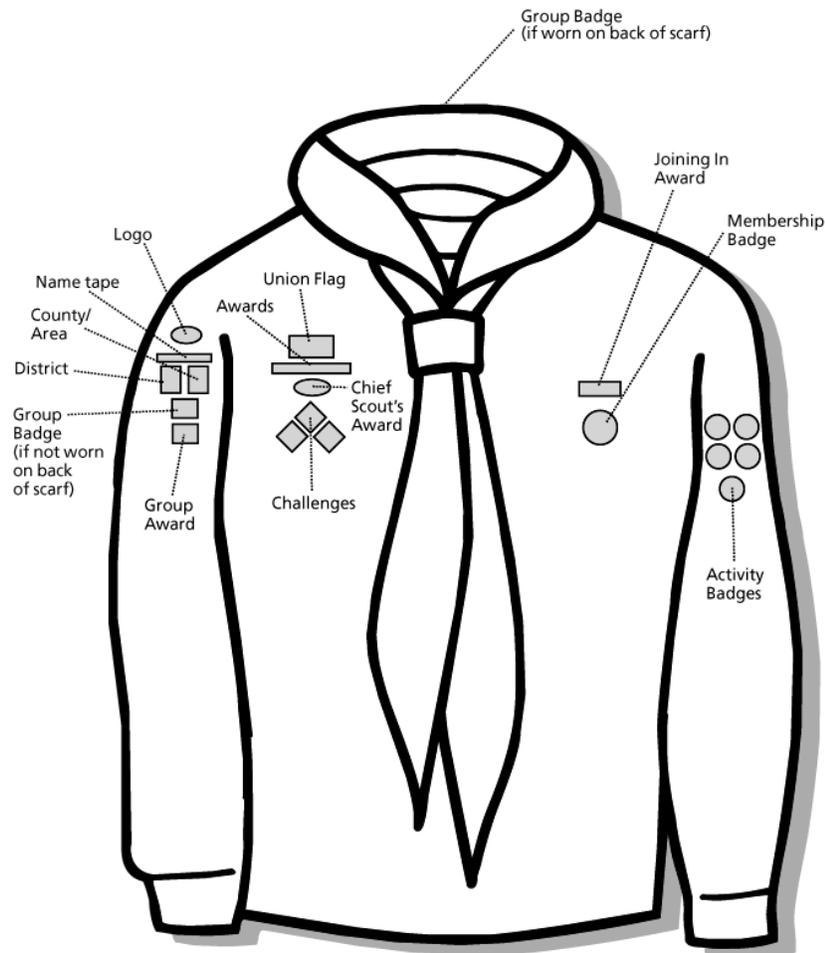
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Facebook

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Chester District Scouts	Chester Scouts

Beaver Scouts Uniform and Promise

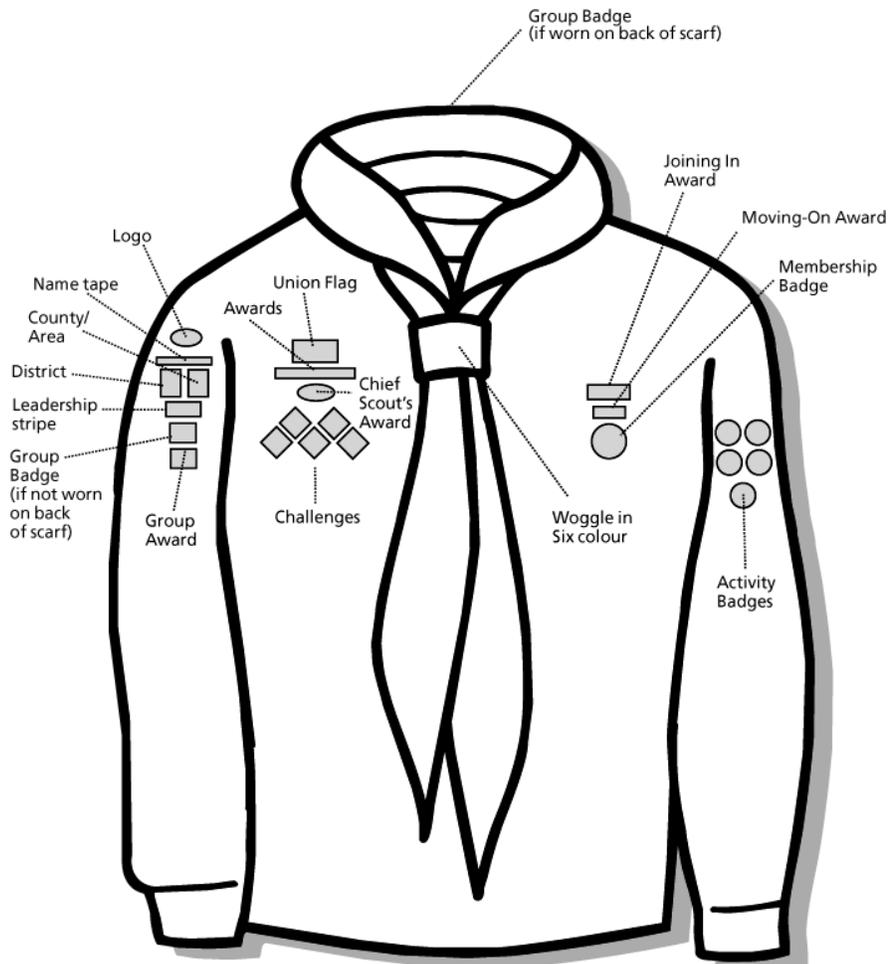


The Beaver Scout Promise

I promise to do my best
To be kind and helpful
And to love God.

There are variations of the promise that can now be used depending on a persons faith, including atheist or no faith.

Cub Scouts Uniform, Promise and Law



The Cub Scout Promise

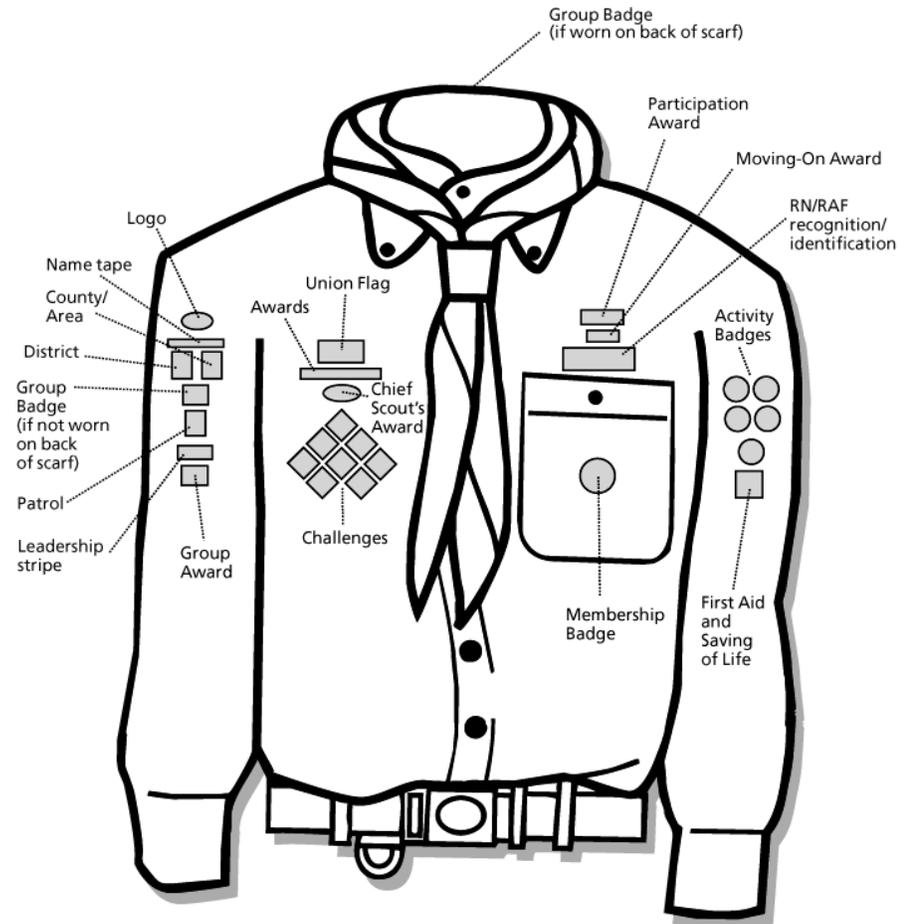
I promise that I will do my best
 To do my duty to God and to the Queen,
 To help other people
 And to keep the Cub Scout Law

The Cub Scout Law

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

There are variations of the promise that can now be used depending on a persons faith, including atheist or no faith.

Scouts Uniform, Promise and Law



The Scout Promise On my honour, 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 Scout Law

The Scout Law

- 1) A Scout is to be trusted.
- 2) A Scout is loyal.
- 3) A Scout is friendly and considerate.
- 4) A Scout belongs to the worldwide family of Scouts.

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- 5) A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
- 6) A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.
- 7) A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.

This is an example only as an sheet suitable for signing will be issued separately.

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Gift Aid Declaration

Name of charity: **THE CESTRIAN SCOUT GROUP**

Please treat:

- The enclosed gift of £ _____ as a Gift Aid Donation 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*

You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April one year to 5 April the next) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that the Cestrian Scout Group will reclaim on your gifts for that tax year.

Donor's details

Title: _____ Forename(s): _____ Surname: _____

Home address: _____

Postcode: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please notify The Cestrian Scout Group 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.

*The Cestrian Scout Group, Thackeray Drive, Vicars Cross, Chester
Registered Charity number 514106*

Photographic & Video Footage Permission Form

I acknowledge that during the course of Scouting events (weekly meetings, days out, camps, etc.) photographs and / or video footage may be taken, and could be used for any of the purposes outlined below.

I also acknowledge that on larger events photographs and / or video footage may be taken that the Group's Leaders have no control over.

I understand that all photographs and / or video footage taken by or on behalf of Scouting events will comply with The Scout Associations Child Protection Policy. However, the Group has no control over the photographs and / or video footage taken by Third Parties and their proposed end use for the photographs and / or video footage.

Use	I give my permission	I withhold my permission
To be provided to you after events		
Recruitment of Members or Leaders		
As a training aid and validation of Leader training		
Internal publicity (Group Newsletter, promotion of future events to members of the Group etc.)		
External publicity (submission to Local newspapers, 'Scouting Magazine' etc.)		
To be shown at Group events / on the Groups notice boards in the Community Centre		

Signature:

Date:

Name (Printed)

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General and Emergency Contact Information Form

Cestrian Scout Group Member Information Form



Personal Details	
Full Name	_____
Address	_____ _____
Postcode	_____
Tel No	_____
Date of birth	_____
Gender	_____
Religion	_____
School	_____

Medical Info	
Doctor	_____
Address	_____ _____
Tel No	_____
NHS No (if known)	_____
Known Allergies	_____ _____
Known health problems (e.g. Asthma, epilepsy). Please give details of precautions, remedies etc. Continue overleaf if required	_____ _____ _____
Dietary restrictions	_____ _____

Contacts / Next Of Kin	
Mother	_____
Mobile	_____
Father	_____
Mobile	_____
Other (if req)	_____
Relationship	_____
Tel No	_____
Email 1	_____
Email 2	_____

I will inform the Scout Group of any change to the above information

I accept the Scout Group will be keeping information about my child's membership of the Scout Movement for Scouting purposes I give explicit consent for the holding of information of my child's health; disabilities; ethnicity, religion/faith, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998

Information may be shared within Scouting for administrative purposes. No information held will be shared with third parties outside of Scouting without prior written consent.

If it becomes necessary for my child to receive medical treatment and I cannot be contacted by telephone or any other means to authorise this, I hereby give my consent to any necessary medical treatment and authorise the Leader in charge to sign any document required by the hospital authorities*

This permission is valid until my child leaves the Scout Movement

*Note: The medical profession takes the view that parent's consent to medical treatment cannot be delegated. This view is explicit in the Child Act 1989. Thus medical consent forms have no legal status and a doctor/nurse insisting on the consent of a parent to particular treatment has the right to do so. For this reason we do not insist on parents signing the statement above. However, it can be comfort to medical staff to have general consent in advance from parents or to have a leader on hand able to sign forms required by medical authorities. Please delete this part of the statement if you do not wish to sign it.

Name	_____
Signature	_____
Date	_____