5TH CARLTON (ST JOHN'S) SCOUT GROUP

WELCOME PACK

This Information Pack gives an introduction to the Group, its policies and contains various forms for you to complete.

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Welcome to 5th Carlton...

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child into 5th Carlton Scout Group.

This Welcome Pack has been produced to give you an introduction to the Group and its policies. It also contains some important forms for you to complete and return.

At 5th Carlton we try to deliver an exciting programme all year round, by offering 6 to 14-year olds the opportunity to take part in fun and challenging activities, unique experiences and everyday adventure, along with helping children to reach their full potential.

We boast a superb team of Leaders and Helpers who all take an active part in contributing to the success of the Group by delivering exciting programmes and along the way, teaching the young people vital skills, which ultimately prepare them for their adult life.

I hope that your time with us will be an enjoyable one, but if you do have any concerns or queries, then please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or one of the Section Leaders.

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Group Scout Leader

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5th Carlton...

The Group consists of the following Sections:

The Beaver Colony

The Beaver Colony is the first Section of the Scout Group and is for young people aged between 6 and 8 years old.

Beavers enjoy all that Scouting has to offer, being introduced to outdoor activities, having the opportunity to be creative, explore their local communities and experience the excitement of a Beaver Scout sleepover with their friends.

Beaver Leader:
Lizzi Gadd
(07941 687 282)

Meeting time:
Wednesday
5.15pm - 6.30pm

The Cub Pack

The Cub Pack is the second Section of the Scout Group and is for young people aged between 8 and 10½ years old.

For Cubs, excitement and adventure are key ingredients. Their programme offers a huge variety of activities surrounding areas of fitness, global interest and beliefs, whilst allowing them to be creative and get involved in their local communities. Cubs are introduced to exciting outdoor skills and take part in adventurous activities, as well as camps and residential experiences.

Cub Leader:
Mark Brown
(07985 420 933)

Meeting time:
Wednesday
6.45pm - 8.30pm

The Scout Troop

The Scout Troop is the third Section of the Scout Group and is for young people aged between 10½ and 14 years old.

Scouts aim to build and develop young people's confidence, sense of adventure and outdoor skills, as well as encouraging them to explore their beliefs and attitudes and to be creative. It offers them the independence to put these skills into practice at camps and even on international trips.

Scouts are encouraged to work together and take the lead on all sorts of projects, from community-based work to planning games and activities for their meetings.

Scout Leaders:
Natalie Bashton & Aaron Prout
(5thcsg@gmail.com) (07837 744 789)

Meeting time:
Friday
7.30pm - 9.30pm

Other Members of the Scout Group...

Group Scout Leader: Steve Baker

Chairman: Geoff Allen

Treasurer: Adam Lester

Secretary: Vacancy

Beaver Scout Leader: Lizzi Gadd
Assistant Beaver Scout Leaders: Jo Wilson, Charlotte North

Cub Scout Leader: Mark Brown
Assistant Cub Scout Leader: Sam Farnsworth, Andrew Colton
Section Assistants: Linda Allen, Deidre Bashton, Charlotte Farnsworth

Scout Leaders: Natalie Bashton and Aaron Prout
Assistant Scout Leaders: Melvin Parry, Ross Bashton

Marching Band...

5th Carlton has its very own Scout Marching Band (one of only two in Central Notts District), which consists of Leaders and members from the Cub and Scout Sections. The band plays two types of instruments, drums, and glockenspiels, to some well-known songs. If you would like to join the band or have any questions, please contact the Bandmaster.

Bandmaster: Steve Baker (07788 406 078)
Meeting time: Friday 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Parent Representatives...

Parent Reps are an important link between you and the Group. You may wish to talk to them about any worries or queries you have or alternatively you can contact your Section Leader or Group Scout Leader. More about Parent Reps can be found on our website at ***http://www.5thcarlton.org.uk/parent-reps***

Beavers: Katie Hicken
Cubs: Emma Kind-Smith
Scouts: Andi Bridgmount and Andrea Morley
Band: Mike Prest

Uniform...

Beaver, Cub and Scout uniforms can be purchased from:

- Blackwoods Scout Group, 447 Hucknall Road, Nottingham NG5 1FW (Open Wednesday 6 -8 PM)
- The Scout & Guide Shop, Sheffield
- The Official Scout Shop
- Glasgow Scout Shop

Links and contact details for the above outlets can be found on our website at ***http://www.5thcarlton.org.uk/uniform***

Group Scarf (Necker)...

To be purchased from the Group at a cost of £5.00, when your son/daughter is invested.

Group Polo Shirts...

Smart 'Fruit of the Loom' polo shirts, in Royal Blue with our modern logo printed/embroidered, can be purchased from the Group Scout Leader.

Children sizes - £9.50

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)...

To ensure that all the young people are safe whilst in our care, we require that any adult who helps at meetings, outdoor activities (including camps) or assist with transport are cleared by a 'disclosure check' through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

To complete a 'disclosure check', you will need to fill in an 'Adult Application Form', which will be used by the Group Scout Leader to enter your details on to Compass (the Scout Association's membership system). This will enable a 'disclosure check' to be applied for. The request is then passed onto the Scout Association's online disclosure processing system (Atlantic Data) and the applicant will then need to meet up with the Group Scout Leader who will check various forms of ID to confirm their identity.

Please note: completing an 'Adult Application Form' does not commit you to volunteering but it does cover you if, at any time, you offer to help with transport or volunteer your services in other ways.

Group DBS Policy

It is part of the Safeguarding Policy of 5th Carlton Scout Group:

- To keep an up-to-date list of all adults who have been cleared through DBS.
- To **NOT** allow contact with the young people for those who fail a DBS check.
- To reserve the right to exclude contact with the young people for those who do not complete the DBS process.

An 'Adult Application Form' can be obtained from the Group Scout Leader.

Subscriptions...

The subscriptions payable to the Group are to cover the costs associated with running a Scout Group and go towards:

- Membership payment to The Scout Association
- The rent for the use of the Church Hall and facilities
- Admin and establishment expenses (insurance, printing etc.)
- Badges
- and many other things...

The cost is **£102.00** per child/per year.

Please pay this by direct bank payment or Standing Order of
12 monthly payments of £8.50.

A 'Standing Order Form' is included at the back of this Welcome Pack.

Gift Aid...

If you pay Income Tax, then the Group can claim Gift Aid, set against the tax that you will have paid on the amount of your child's subscription or any donations that you may make to the Group.

Donating through Gift Aid means we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give and it will not cost you anything extra!

The rules for 'Gift Aid' are simple:

- you must sign a 'Gift Aid Declaration Form'
- your donations will qualify as long as they are not more than 4 times what you have paid in tax in that Tax Year (6 April to 5 April).
- you must inform the Group Treasurer if you stop paying enough tax

A 'Gift Aid Declaration Form' is included at the back of this Welcome Pack.

Our Website...

We have an excellent website (www.5thcarlton.org.uk) which we use to communicate with our members and their parents.

You can:

- see what the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been getting up to with news on recent activities and photos in our gallery
- find out information on forthcoming events
- access forms, activity letters, and information
- view our calendar
- learn about your child's particular Section
- view our Subscriptions
- see details of our fundraising events

- and lots more...

News by Email...

Our website incorporates an emailing system which sends out the latest news direct to your personal e-mail address, ensuring you do not miss out on anything relating to our Scouting activities and fundraising events.

If provided on your 'Youth Member Information Form', your e-mail address will be automatically registered with our 'News by Email' system. You are, however, able to unsubscribe, if you do not wish to receive e-mails from us.

As always, we would welcome any views and/or suggestions you may have regarding our website or this system.

Church Parades...

A Church Parade Service is usually held once each term, on the second Sunday of the month (during school terms).

We encourage all our members to attend the Service, no matter what their religion. It is a way of supporting the Church, which is our sponsor. Those who have gained badges are presented with them during the Service and this gives an opportunity for our young people's hard work to be recognised.

Families are very welcome to come along. Refreshments are available after the Service and parents will have an opportunity to chat to Leaders about their child's progress.

Compulsory Forms...

'All-in-one' versions of the following forms are available on our website at http://www.5thcarlton.org.uk/forms-and-policies.html

Youth Member Information Form
To provide us with important details about your child. The information will be used to upload onto Compass (the Scout Association's membership system).

Please complete the form attached and return it to the appropriate Section Leader as soon as possible.

If your details change at any time, please complete a replacement form.

Health Form

To provide us with important information about the health of your child, so that we can provide a safe environment. The details, which you give on this form, will be kept on file by the appropriate Section Leader for all future activities.

Please complete the form attached and return it to the appropriate Section Leader as soon as possible.

Please note: No young person will be allowed to undertake/participate in any activity unless a current Health Form has been completed.

If your details change at any time, please complete a replacement form.

Other Forms...

Standing Order Form
If you would like to pay your Subscriptions by Standing order, please fill in the form included in this Pack and send it to your Bank.

Gift Aid Form
If you pay Income Tax, please complete the 'Gift Aid Form' included in this Pack and return to the Group Scout Leader, so we are able to claim an extra 25p on every £1 you donate.

Disclosure Check Form
This is to enable a Disclosure Check to be made in line with the Group's Safeguarding Policy. A copy of the form can be obtained from the Group Scout Leader.