

Scouts



1st Effingham

Weekly Newsletter

Scouting Activities for Week commencing 27th April 2020 – Issue 1

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Introduction to online scouting during COVID 19

Firstly, we hope that all our scouting families are safe and well. Although at present we cannot meet in person we are meeting virtually and a massive thank you to you all for helping your child to take part in either or both the 1st Effingham scouting or District session.

To date we have communicated via email and through our Facebook page however we note that there has been a large amount of communications and therefore we have decided to put together this newsletter that brings together all the information in one place for the coming weeks Scouting. Let us know what you think – is this helpful, can we add anything else. Please email us at info@effinghamscouts.org.uk

We have all seen drastic changes to our daily lives recently. Our goal at 1st Effingham is to try to ensure that the changes within scouting are smooth and easy to follow and that is why this week's newsletter is a guide to scouting online. Included in this week's newsletter is:

- Programme for each section and what you will need for it
- How to log onto our online meeting platform Zoom
- How to upload badge work onto the OSM Badges at Home Section.

Lastly you will find information on our Exec Committee, as scouting continues the committee continues behind the scenes on the running of 1st Effingham. We have built a very active team, but we are on the look out to build the team further. Please have a read and let me know if you would like to join the team of volunteers, even if you only have 2 hours a month.

Huge thanks to Becca Watkinson and David Ralph for putting together this newsletter.

Stay safe and take care,

Yours in Scouting

Helen

Group Scout Leader

BEAVERS

Beaver's shall continue to meet on Fridays 5 - 6pm. Our aim is to keep the Beavers engaged therefore will shall be keep our session to an hour.

If your Beaver is new and would like to be invested in our online sessions please let us know we can make this possible.

Friday 1st May 2020: Creative!

What you will need:

- Some card
- Cellophane (Polly pocket)
- Scissors
- Glue or double or single sided Sellotape

Badge of the week: Gardener!

What you need to do: Continue to look after your grass heads and take a picture, video, or written log of how it is growing over the next month. Plant two more plants and help them to grow and take a log of them over the next two months.

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Cubs shall continue to meet on Fridays 6.30 - 8pm.

Friday 1st May 2020: Photography.

What you will need: A digital camera or mobile phone with a camera on it

Badge of the week: Photography

What you need to do: When you are out on your daily exercise, take 5 photos of you in your Cub uniform that can be used to advertise scouting, what we do, and why. They can then be uploaded onto Badges at Home on OSM.

SCOUTS

Scouts will continue to meet Tuesdays, Chris shall share planes separately.

Don't forget to upload badges worked at home to OSM.

How to log into Zoom.



Zoom is our new platform for scouting during the lockdown. Zoom allows us to participate in weekly video meetings with each section and interact on a personal level with our young people.

Now, how to log on. Each week we send out a meeting ID and a password, you will need these to be able to join.

1. Download zoom either onto your phone tablet or laptop
2. Open zoom and enter the meeting id and password, this should allow you to join the meeting (alternatively you can use the link also included on your invitation to the zoom meeting)
3. Please select device audio otherwise we will not be able to hear you and ensure your microphone is turned on.
4. Please ensure you put a parent or child name on your account, so a register is quick and easy.

And that is it! If you have any questions, then email your section leader and they will happily help.

Using OSM for Badges at Home

Badges at Home is a new part of OSM that allows parents to easily update and upload any at home badge work that their Beaver, Cub or Scout has done. Photos and video can be quickly uploaded and with quick sign off from a leader, badges can be completed.

1. Log onto OSM and go to the badges section.
2. Select, from here, the badge that you child is working towards. At the bottom of the tab that opens there is a 'Complete at home' Button, select this.
3. From here a tab will open, allowing you to see text instructions that should provide a link to the badge requirements that must be completed before the badge is earned.
4. Once you have photo and video evidence of the steps of the badge, select 'Upload evidence' and pop it in. The first time you do this you will be asked if you give permission for it to be viewed, select yes. Only leaders from your child's section will be able to see their work.
5. Once you have uploaded evidence, tick which of the badge requirements it fulfils, and the section leaders will be able to check it.

And that is it! If you have any questions, then email your section leaders and they will be happy to help.

Please try to include your child in the photos or video evidence.

Beaver Activity Badges to do at Home



Cubs Activity Badges to do at Home



1st Leatherhead District News

The District teams are running meetings for scouting throughout the week for all sections. This was set up to ensure that no one across the district lost out on their scouting whilst their leaders were setting up or organising their virtual scouting.

They run weekly sessions which are an additional extra to the group meetings already provided.

District Beavers runs on Wednesdays 6-7pm
District Cubs runs on Tuesdays 6 - 7:30pm
District Scouts runs Mondays 7- 9pm
District Explorers runs Wednesdays 7:30-9pm.

All are very interesting and well-run meetings and something extra to do if your scouter is not satisfied with one night a week.

Virtual St Georges Day Parade

The District virtual Saint George's day parade saw an amazing **214** connections with reaching over **350+** members including streaming live on Facebook! Everyone participated in their promise renewal and we celebrated with awards towards scouting with a few from 1st Effingham.

Our young people also received awards for their work in scouting towards badges and therefore the achievement of their Chief Scouts awards, so a congratulations to Bella Brown and Toby Swallow for gaining their Chief Scouts Silver awards and Zander Brown and Hayden for gaining his Chief Scout Gold award this Saint George's day.

Several of our group leaders also received awards for time served within scouting after a very long time of waiting and we would like to say a huge CONGRATULATIONS our Group Scout Leader Helen for her 10 years service. A huge thank you for all the time and effort that Helen has put into the scouting movement and to her commitment to 1st Effingham.

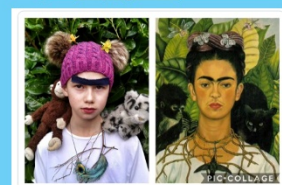
Beavers and Cubs Dress To Impress!

Your challenge, if you choose to accept it:
Dress up as your hero, a character from a book or film, your favourite football player an icon from history, an old family photo, with items from your home!

Let's see you in costume, you might be scoring the winning goal, or acting in your favourite scene.

Send your videos or photos to us!

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Executive Committee News

Join our team . . .

1st Effingham runs on a team of volunteers, thank you to everyone that has helped either at a scouting session, our Rugby fundraiser or as a parent rep or as a member of the executive committee.

We do have several vacancies at 1st Effingham include but are not limited to:

- Beaver section leader
- Beaver assistant leader
- Beaver section assistant
- Beaver occasional helper
- Cub section leader
- Cub assistant leader
- Cub section assistant
- Cub occasional helper
- Scout assistant leader
- Scout section assistant
- Scout occasional helper
- Fundraising lead
- Community engagement lead
- DIY maintenance lead
- Cleaning team lead
- Grant team lead
- PR team lead

To get involved in any of these roles or see how you can spend your time with us, email;
info@effinghamscouts.org.uk

We support flexible volunteering and as little as 2 hours a month is welcome

Community Support

You may be aware of the fire that happened at The Village Supermarket. Those of us in Effingham have become reliant on this village shop during lockdown. The Exec Team came to a very quick decision to make our Scout HQ available to the owners either as storage or as a community shop location, we understand that the church hall and other locations have also been offered.

Fundraising

It is our aim to keep our subs as low as possible however to do this we have to fundraise. We had lots of plans before lockdown and we recently had our virtual Fundraising Committee meeting to discuss future plans, however we always on the look out for new ideas – please get in touch if you have any ideas
info@effinghamscouts.org.uk

Before lockdown we managed to fit in the Rugby Festival, It was a very early start on a Spring Saturday morning to get the tents up for the KGV Rugby Festival. Thank you to our parents for helping.

During the rugby festival we also ran a refreshment stall at the back of the Scout HQ. Selling, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, fruit shoots, Krispy Kreme doughnuts and chocolate bars. We are very pleased to announce that we raised a total of £1,202.50. Thank you to everyone that came down to help.

This scouting year we have raised £1,638.37

Quarter Master

We would like to say a huge thank you to our QM Jay Arnold for all his hard work to empty, sort, reorganise, clean, and tidy the stores in the Scout Hut and all the group's kit. He has been there alone or with his partner from home and they have worked incredibly hard together to make the change happen during this unique opportunity.

Our QM has asked for help from the group's parents and scouts! If you are camping in the garden, come down to the scout hut with a bit of notice and pick up one of the groups lightweight tents. Help us check that it has everything, is not broken and is good enough to be used on camps in the wet and rain

We are also looking for a local electrician to come and look at our electrics at the HQ once the lockdown is over, so if anyone is or knows an electrician then please contact Jay.

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