



# Scouts

## 5th Worcester

**#SkillsForLife**

# Welcome

## 5<sup>th</sup> Worcester Sea Scouts

Dear parents/guardians,

We would like to welcome you and your child to the 5th Worcester Sea Scout Group.

The various sections of the 5th Worcester meets at The Hut, Park View Terrace, Worcester, WR3 7AG. We have a full complement of Beaver, Cubs, Sea Scouts, Young leaders and Adult leaders. They meet on a variety of days and times. For up-to-date information please visit [worcesterseascouts.com](http://worcesterseascouts.com) or the noticeboard in the hut's foyer.

The Group was started in 1943 and attracts young people mainly from Worcester. There are over 125 young people and over 30 adults in the group today. The group is one of 10 scout groups in Worcester. 5th Worcester Sea Scouts offers challenge and adventure to all its members. We believe in helping our young people fulfil their potential by working in teams, learning by doing and thinking for themselves. We are working to make Scouting available to all and we are passionate about what we do.

### Get set for adventure

Through the adventure of Scouting, young people get to try exciting activities in a safe environment and have their first taste of responsibility. We give young people experiences they will never forget. The sort of adventure we offer is the chance to experience something different and the opportunity for young people to discover their potential. When a Beaver Scout wakes up the morning after a sleep-over, or a Cub Scout has just got over their fear of heights by completing their first abseil, that's adventure.

### Delivered by expert volunteers

All our adventures are made possible by the efforts of our dedicated team of hard-working adult volunteers. Our training scheme and one-to-one support ensures that each of our volunteers gets to make the best use of their skills and talents. And it's easy for you to get involved. Find out more at [scouts.org.uk/parents](http://scouts.org.uk/parents).

Our policies, rules, code of behaviour and advice on child protection and safety are there to ensure our young people stay safe while they enjoy themselves and learn.

Thanks once again for joining the 5th Worcester Sea Scouts and welcome aboard!

Yours in Scouting,

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# Money Matters

## Membership FEE

The membership subscription covers the cost of equipment and running costs of the group, calculated yearly and collected by 12 equal payments. There is also an annual membership fee paid to UK Headquarters for the day to day running of The Scout Association that includes insurance for all members ( This is included in your child's membership fee)

The monthly membership fee is £18. It is payable every calendar month and this includes normal session attendance on and off the water at the Hut. This must be paid by bank transfer and we ask this is paid on 1<sup>st</sup> of every month.

## We **ONLY** accept payment by bank transfer

Set up a standing order or bank payment to:

Sort code: 30-98-97

A/C no: 72610168

Ref: [Your Surname]

If you have transferred from another group or a District provision YOU MUST change the bank details and ensure correct payment. You may receive monthly invoices

## Cash and Cheques

Our leaders have been instructed not to take cash or cheques. It is acceptable for you to pay cash or cheques direct at a Barclays Bank direct deposit, using the bank details above.

## Financial help

We appreciate that money can sometimes be tight. If you need a bit of help with the cost of a camp or if you want to spread the payments, then please discuss this with one of the leaders. We aim to be as flexible as possible and would rather know in advance if there are any concerns.

We would never want to see somebody excluded from an activity due to the cost involved.

## Other costs

Activities, sleepovers, camps or day activities can be extra. You will be given plenty of notice for such events and details of additional payments required.



## Joining Fee

There is a fee payable on investiture of £18 per child in to the group. It is payable once the child has been invested and covers the cost of new badges, booklets and associated membership costs. This is a one-off payment. This is waived for explorers joining.

## Extra Items for Scouts

Scouts must purchase the "RN Pork Hat" either new from the Scout Shops or second hand. If a hat tally band is required these will be provided. Explorers are required to wear a peaked cap, you can purchase your own or use one from stores if available.

## Group Active Wear

Every Year we will provide opportunities for individuals to purchase group hoodies and t-shirts.

## Gift Aid

Gift Aid is a simple government initiative, which allows the group to increase the value of your donations at no extra cost to you. For every pound given we can get an extra 25 pence from HM Revenue and Customs, helping your donations go further. This will really help the group's finances.

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**5th Worcester Sea Scouts**



# Admission Form

Only needs completing if  
you are a new member to  
Scouting.

## Child Details

Full Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Telephone:

Mobile:

Email:

Can swim 50m un-aided ?      Yes/No

Any learning disability?

Religion:

Current School:

Name of Parent/ Guardian 1:

Name of Parent/ Guardian 2:

## Emergency Contact

Name:

Telephone:

Address:

## Doctor

Name:

Surgery:

Telephone:

Anti-Tetanus last given?

NHS No.:

Medical Conditions?

Other Relevant Information?

1. I agree to my child being taken to the nearest Medical Facility or being seen by the nearest doctor available should an emergency arise and to consent forms being signed by a Warranted Leader on my behalf if I cannot be contacted.
2. I will inform my child's Section Leader if my child is in contact with any infectious disease.
3. I will give full written details of any medication to be taken by my child during a Scouting activity including dosage, etc.
4. I will inform my child's Section Leader if, during a Scouting event, I will be staying at an address that is different from my child's home address.
5. I agree to photographs and video of my son or daughter being included in any Group, District or County or National publication or website that their Section Leaders feel appropriate.
6. I accept that the Scout Group will be keeping information about my son's or daughter's Membership of the Scout Movement. I understand it will only be used for Scouting purposes.
7. I give explicit consent to the holding of information in any form of my son's or daughter's personal data for the purpose of Scouting.
8. I understand that Scouting activities may occur on the water as standard within a 2 mile distance on the River Severn during normal meeting times
9. I understand that Scouting activities will occur in and away from the 5<sup>th</sup> HQ
10. I agree that three consecutive non-informed absences invalidates my child's membership
11. I will pay for any camps, events or activities I agree to send my child on, regardless if they attend or not

Signed:

Date:

Name:

Relationship to Child

**Section Leader Admin Use:**

☐Entered on Compass/OSM ☐Treasurer Informed including gift aid response ☐ Air Rifle Consent Completed

# Admission Form

## Air Rifle General Consent Form

In order for your Scout to participate in Rifle shooting within the Scout Association permission must be sought from the parent. This form will be used for ANY Scout air rifle range for the duration of your child's participation in Scouting on and off the 5<sup>th</sup> Worcester.

### **THE FIREARMS ACT 1968**

*SECTION 21- Please read this before signing the declaration below:*

SECTION 21 Prohibits the possession of a firearm and ammunition (under any circumstances), by any person who has been convicted of a crime and sentenced to a term of imprisonment (or its equivalent for young persons) of 3 months or more. The prohibition applies in all circumstances, including handling and firing at an approved shooting club or at a clay pigeon shoot where a certificate is not ordinarily required.

It also applies to the possession or use of other categories of firearms and ammunition such as AIRGUNS or shotgun cartridges for which a certificate is not needed.

A sentence of 3 months to 3 years attracts a 5 year prohibition, shorter ones no prohibition but a longer one means a life ban.

Now Please Complete the Declaration Below:

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**PARENTAL PERMISSION AND DECLARATION**

In respect of (name):	Date of Birth:
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I, being the person named above (if over 18), or the parent/guardian of the person named above (if under 18) declare that I/he/she is not subject to restriction by virtue of the regulations set out in Section 21 of the Firearms Act 1968. I hereby give my permission for him/her to take part in Air Rifle Target Shooting under qualified supervision.

Name	
Address	
Contact Number	
Signature	
Date	

# Gift Aid Form

## Gift Aid Declaration for: 5th Worcester Sea Scout Group (Registered Charity Number 525170)

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made (please indicate below):

Today  
☐

In the past 4 years  
☐

In the future  
☐

Note: Please tick all boxes you wish to apply.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2008.

**Donor's Details – NOTE: This declaration must be made by the account holder from which the standing order is paid from.**

Title	Mr / Mrs / Miss (delete as applicable)
First Name	
Surname	
Full Home Address	
Postcode	
Date	
Signature	

***Please notify 5th Worcester Sea Scouts if you:***

- ***Want to cancel this declaration***
- ***Change your name or home address***
- ***No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.***

*If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code. Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.*

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# Kit List

As a group we are very active both on the water and on the land. During your child's time in Scouting they will experience taster sessions as Beavers through to full on international expeditions as Scouts. The type of kit remains the same. There might be some specialisation in the Scout section and this will be advised on an ad-hoc basis. Below is a basic list all children would be expected to have. Depending on the event or activity there may be extra items placed on a camp or activity list. Please note that ALL safety equipment is provided for.

## Camping Activities

- Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping Mat
- Wash Kit including Towel
- Head Torch and Spare Batteries
- Spare set of Clothes
- Fleece
- Activity Trousers (No Jeans, Denim or cords)
- Trainers
- Hiking Boots and Wellies
- Water proof Trousers
- Water proof Coat
- Hiking Rucksack and Water bottle
- First Aid Kit

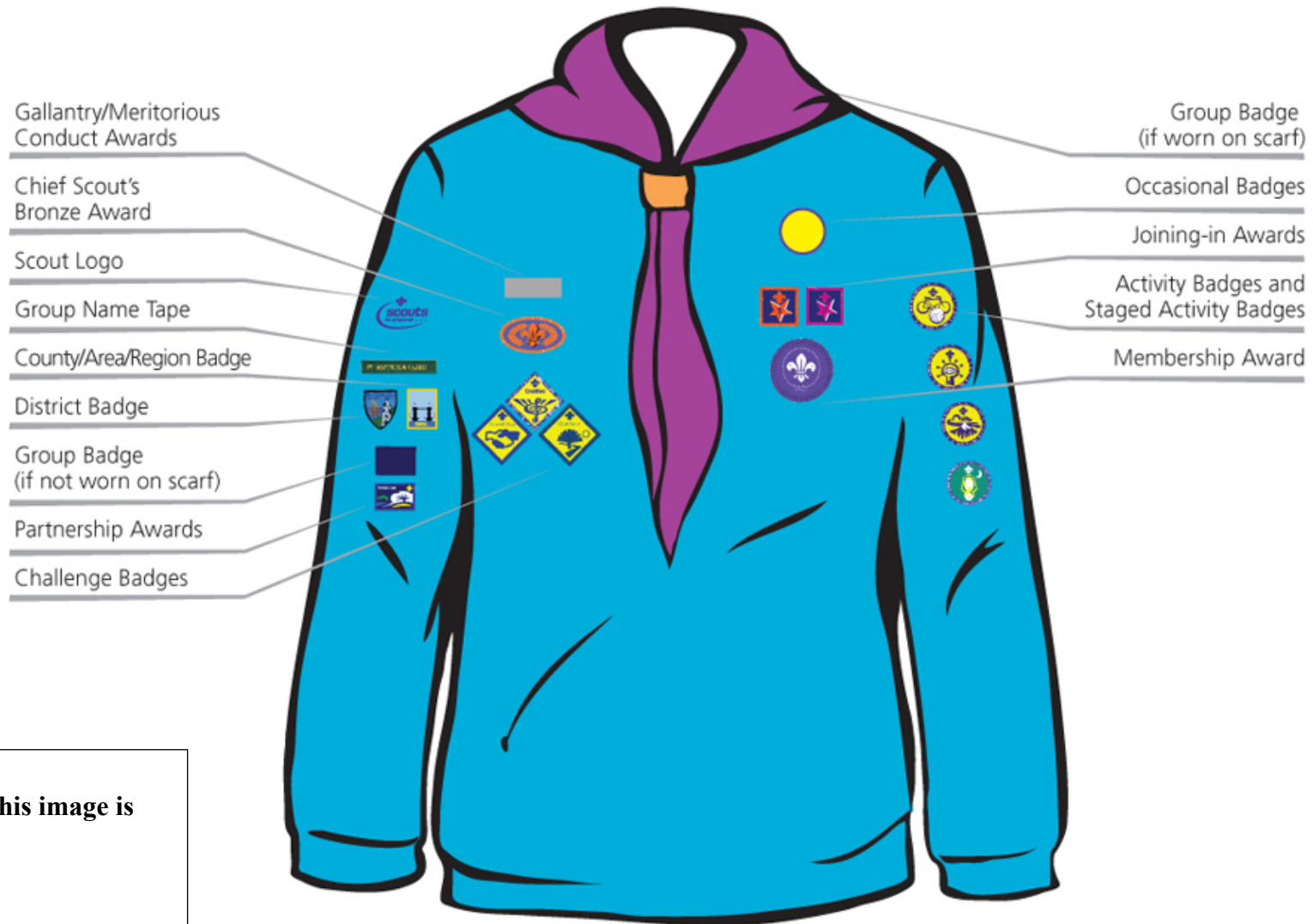
## Water Activities

### For Cubs, Scouts & Explorers

- Track suit bottoms or old trousers – NOT JEANS – these are not allowed on the water
- T-shirt or long sleeved shirt
- Sweatshirt or old jumper
- Fleece top
- Warm socks
- Old trainers or wet suit boots
- Waterproof jacket (cagoule style)
- Waterproof trousers
- Warm gloves (& washing up gloves in cold weather)
- Sun hat
- Insect repellent
- Sun cream
- Towel
- Complete change of clothes
- Plastic bags for wet gear

*Explorers and Scouts are encouraged not to get wet when engaged in skill sessions (if possible); rather than wearing wetsuits it is recommended that they wear comfortable clothes with waterproofs (if you have your own wetsuit and wish to wear it you may do so)*

## Beaver Uniform



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Our necker is blue, this image is  
for illustration only.

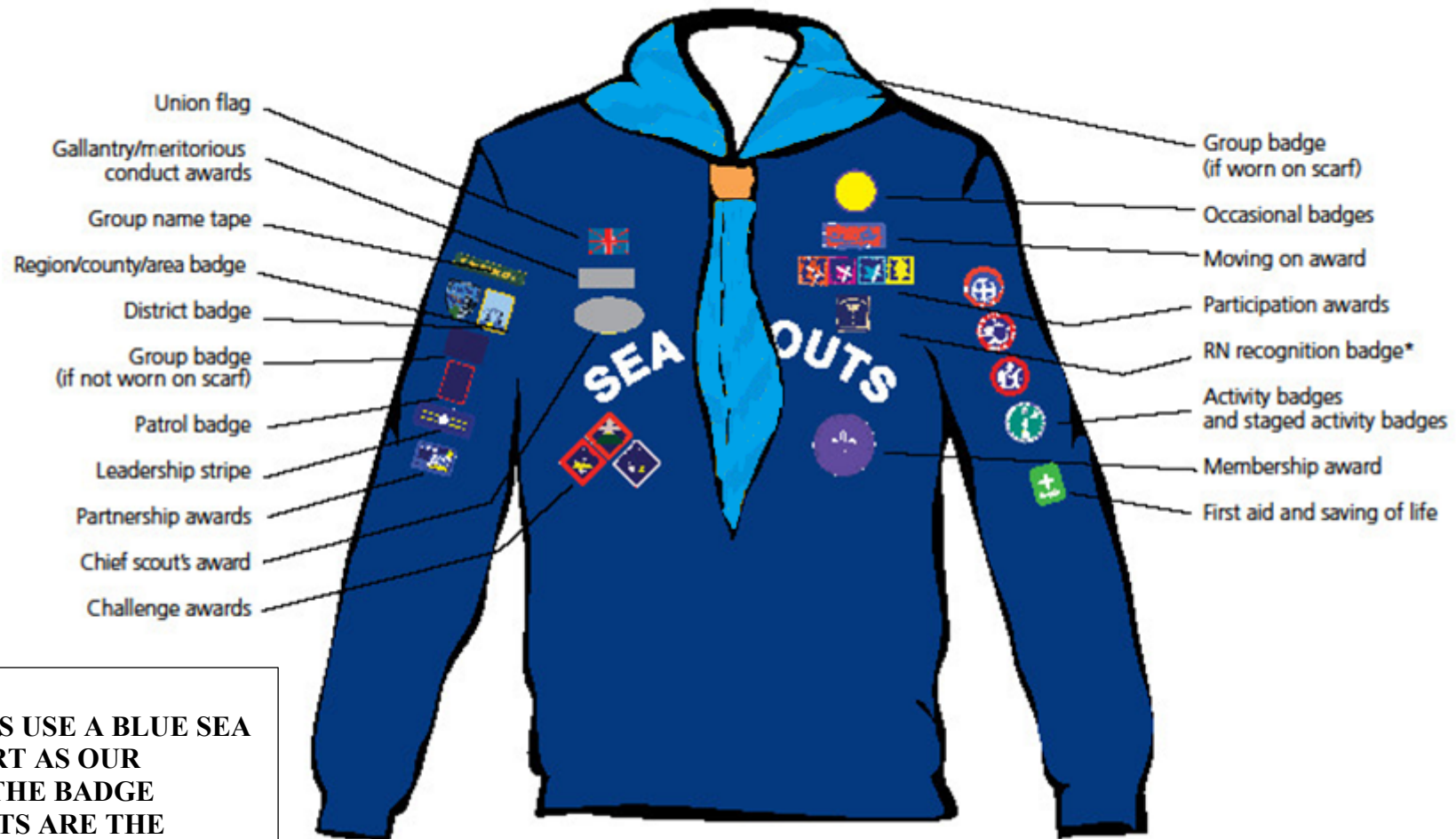


## Cub Uniform



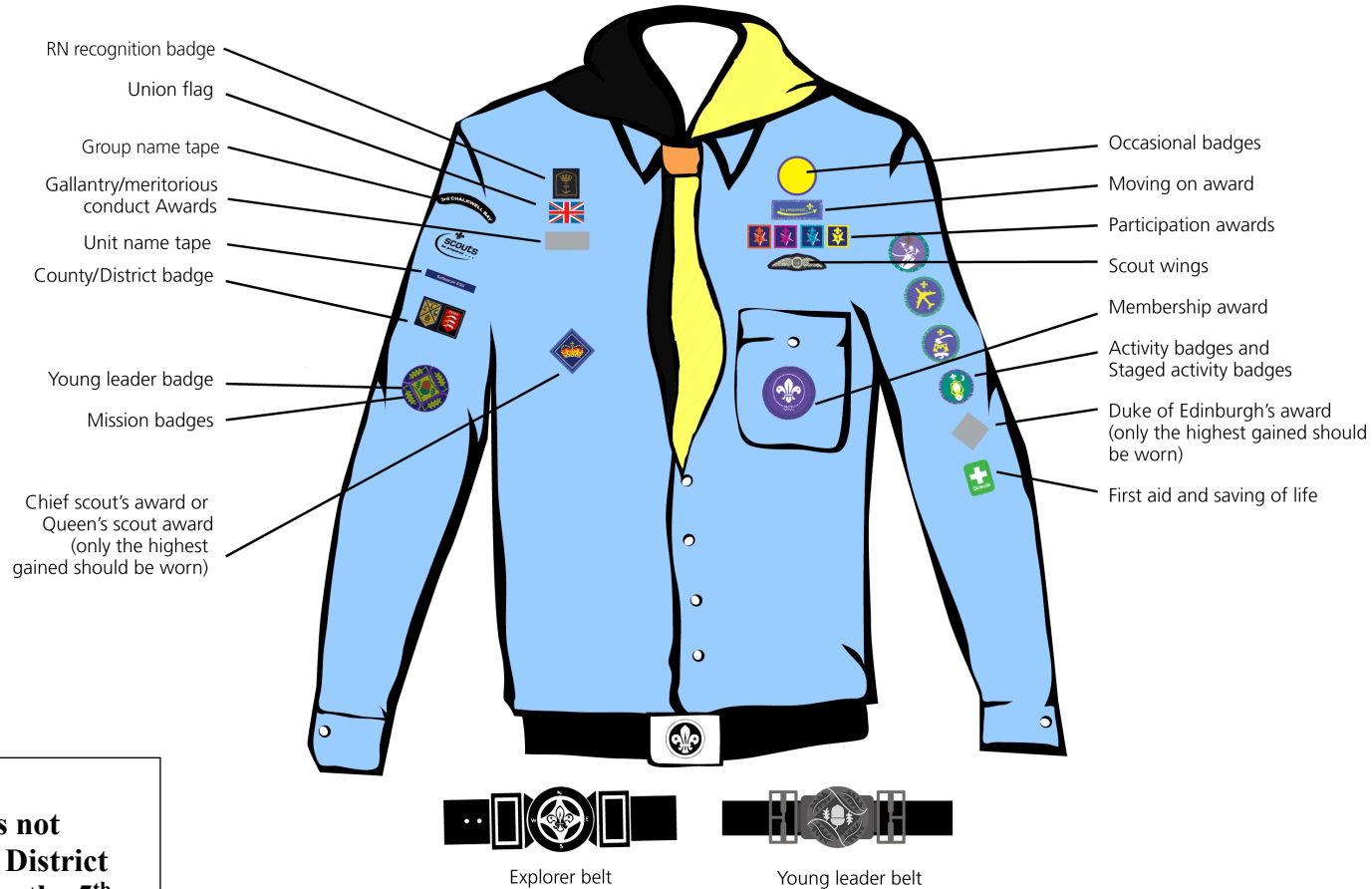
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## Sea Scout Uniform



**NOTE:**  
THE SCOUTS USE A BLUE SEA  
SCOUT SHIRT AS OUR  
UNIFORM. THE BADGE  
PLACEMENTS ARE THE  
SAME.

## Sea Explorer Uniform



### NOTE:

**THE Neckerchief worn is not black and yellow it is the District necker. You can also wear the 5<sup>th</sup> necker.**

# How Can I help?

## **From Occasional helper to Section leader...**

There are loads of ways to get involved and help in Scouting. From helping kit runs on camp, through to being on a parent rota. The little things go a long way to helping us provide a balanced programme to our young people. Or even become a section assistant and help out the group!

### **1. Do I really have the skills you need?**

You don't have to be an adventurer like Bear Grylls to get involved with Scouting. Do you have first aid knowledge? Are you good with numbers? Handy in the kitchen? Or are you a DIY whizz? We all have useful skills and you can volunteer and help in many ways.

### **2. What if I don't have that much spare time?**

Volunteering with us is easy, fun and flexible – how much time you give is completely up to you. Whether you help out once a fortnight, month or term or just at special events or camps, there is bound to be a role you can play, and no matter how you get involved, we'll make sure you're properly trained and supported.

### **3. What will I get out of volunteering?**

As well as gaining externally recognised skills and having a brilliant time, Scouting also offers the chance to build on personal skills, like teamwork, confidence and leadership. A study found that over 90% of our volunteers believe that the skills and experiences they have gained through Scouting have been of relevance to their working or personal lives.

### **4. My child is in Scouting – is there anything I could do to help?**

The short answer is yes. Many of our helpers and leaders are parents of our youth members because they've seen first-hand how Scouting benefits young people and want to give something back. It's also a chance to spend more time with your children and learn new skills. Speak to your child's leader to discuss how you might become involved.

### **5. Are there any age restrictions on helping out?**

As long as you're over 18, you can help out as an adult volunteer in Scouting. There is no upper age limit for adult volunteers. If you are aged between 14 and 18, there is the option of becoming a Young Leader.

**For further information and details please contact Sid – Group Scout Leader on 07828927111 or [gsl@worcesterseascouts.com](mailto:gsl@worcesterseascouts.com)**