

Scouts

5th Brackley Hurricanes

Welcome

Welcome to the 5th Brackley Scouts Hurricane Troop. This booklet is designed to give you all the necessary information to get your child started in the Troop.

It includes:

- Information about the running of the Group
- Information about Scouting and our Troop
- The Scout Motto, Promise and Law
- Information about the awards and badges

If you have further questions, then please do not hesitate to contact one of the Scout Troop Leaders:

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Hurricanes 5th Brackley Scouts

5th Brackley Scout Group

The Scout Group Headquarters

The 5th Brackley Scout Group headquarters is in the hut off of Beaumont Crescent.

Please support the Committee's fund raising events each year so that the hut can be maintained and further improved for everyone's benefit.

The 5th Brackley Scout Group Executive

The Scout Group has to elect an Executive Committee each year consisting of a number of parents and various leaders of the Scout Group. The Committee has the responsibility for day-to-day tasks such as account keeping, secretarial support as well as fundraising. They play an essential part in maintaining an effective and successful Scout Group and are required under scouting rules to be in place; otherwise, a Scout Group has to close.

Parental Help

Your child will gain much more from Scouting if you are prepared to offer your support. There are many additional ways you can also help;

- Offer a skill or hobby to train or test the Scouts for badge or award work.
- Help with Troop or Group events.
- Help transport Scouts and equipment to events outside the village, such as camps.
- Support the Scout Group's Annual General Meeting and other special events.
- Join the Scout Group Executive to support the Group through fundraising for new equipment, leader training etc.

Or how about taking an active role in one of the sections, either as a regular helper or as a full time warranted leader? If this interests you then please discuss this further with any leader. All help is valued and no experience is needed. Full support and training can be arranged.

Scouting & Our Troop

The Aim of the Scout Association

The aim of the Scout Association is to encourage the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people so they may take a constructive place in society.

We offer an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based upon a Scout Law and Promise. All activities are guided by adult leadership.

The Scout Troop

The Scout Leader runs the Scout Troop with at least one assistant. **All leaders are volunteers** who give their time freely and receive special training for their role. The Leaders are responsible for planning and running a programme of activities and games at Troop meetings and special events.

We wear uniform on the first meeting of the month and any other occasions when the Scouts are representing the Group or Scout organization.

Troop meetings are held every Friday night between 19.30 and 21:30 during school term time.

The Terms are Sept – Dec, Jan – Apr, May – Jul

We do run a tuck shop, during the evening to purchase sweets & drinks so bring some change if you wish to participate.

The Scouts work in small groups called Patrols, which are led by older Scouts called Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders (equivalent to the Sixer and Seconder in Cubs). The three patrols for Hurricane troop take their names from raptors and are Falcons, Merlins and Owls.

Activities and Awards

Scouts will enjoy a great deal of fun and adventure whilst in the Troop, which will lead to the award of badges to wear on their uniform. These are given in recognition of the effort made at their individual level of understanding and development.

Each year some events and activities are undertaken along with other Troops from the Group, District and County.

Cost Of Scouting

Uniform

Scouts are required to wear a uniform, this can be purchased from many outlets or very limited items are available from the group. We do not mandate that scouts wear the official scout trousers but dark smart (usually school) trousers will suffice. Required items are a scout shirt, scout belt and the group Necker, cost of items may vary but the current (Mar 17) typical cost for a Scout Shirt is £20.00, belt & buckle set is £16.00, the group Necker is £4.50 and woggle is £1.50.

Investiture Fee

There is a small fee of £3 for being invested into the troop this is to cover the cost of the badges and notebook.

Subscription Fee

A subscription fee, currently £40 (as Sept 17), is paid per term.

There are three terms per year

Spring (January – April),

Summer (May – July)

Autumn (September – December).

Of the subscription fee, 25% (£10.00 per term) comes to the Troop to support activities and purchasing of equipment / badges. The rest goes to the National, County, District and Group.

Other costs

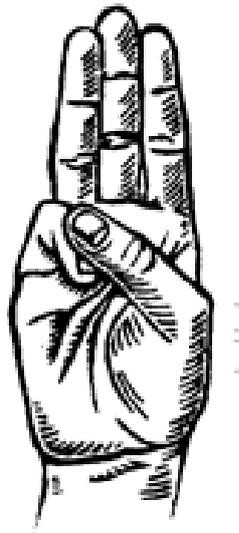
Some activities we do ask you to pay additionally for, on a case-by-case basis. We try to keep this to a minimum, but some fees for popular activities (Go karting or kayaking for example) can cost more than £20/head.

The cost of residential activities we do pass to parents based on at-cost or slight loss to the Group. For obvious reasons we should not make a profit, and it is very important that we handle your money in an appropriate way.

Cost should not be a barrier to anyone taking part in Scouting and if this is an issue, you can speak to your Section Leader in confidence.

Scout Salute & Sign

The Scout sign is made by holding your right hand at shoulder height in the position shown on the right. It is used whenever someone makes or renews their Scout Promise. The three outstretched fingers represent the three main parts of the promise and the circle between thumb and little finger represents the worldwide family of Scouting.



The Scout salute is made by holding your right hand in the same position, but with your first finger pointing to your right eyebrow (and your elbow out). It is only used when in full uniform as a formal greeting or sign of respect e.g. when hoisting/breaking open the union flag.



Handshake

As we know Scouts across the world all greet each other with a left-handed handshake, and that it is a sign of trust and friendship. However, why and how did Baden Powell come to decide to use it when he formed the Scout Movement. There is a story that when Baden Powell entered Kumasi, the capital city of the Ashanti, one of the Great Chiefs met him. He saluted them and then offered his right hand out as a sign of friendship, but the Chief transferred his shield which he held in his left hand to his right which contained his spear and offered his left hand as a sign of friendship. When asked why Baden Powell was told that by offering his left hand which traditionally was used to hold a shield for protection he was showing his trust to his enemy or friend for without the shield for protection he was open to attack.



Investiture

Scout Investiture

The Investiture, or joining ceremony, is one of the most important events in a Scout's life and should be treated with respect. The investiture ceremony is the time when a Scout, by means of the words of the Scout Promise, publicly announces their commitment to the Scout Law. At the ceremony, the Scout makes the Promise to the Scouts and Scouters of their troop and to all the Scouts of the world. It is once the candidate has made the promise that they are a Scout.

- The Scouts form into their Patrols and the Scout Leader or an Assistant then calls the Troop to the alert.
- The Patrol Leader brings the new Scout forward and faces the Scout Leader. The Patrol Leader then takes one pace backward.
- The Scout Leader then asks the new Scout if he or she understands what is meant by honour and the importance of the Promise and Law.
- If the answer to this is 'yes', a Scout holding the flag, lowers it so that it is waist high between the Scout Leader and the new Scout who both place their left hands on the flag and make the Scout Sign with their right hands.
- At this time, the Troop and any other person in the room, who has made their Promise, is asked to make the Scout Sign and the new Scout then repeats the Promise after the Scout Leader. (It is usual for the Scout Leader to say the Promise line by line with the new Scout repeating it afterwards as it can be a daunting time without having to worry about forgetting the words.)
- After the Promise has been said, everyone drops their hands from the Scout Sign and the flag bearer lifts the flag.
- The Scout Leader then presents the badges and may shake hands. If the Scout is completely new to the Movement, the Scout Leader should also present the Group scarf and welcome the new Member to the worldwide family of Scouting.
- The Scout Leader salutes the new Scout who returns the salute. The new Scout then turns to face the Troop, salutes and the Troop returns the salute.
- The new Scout then goes with the Patrol Leader to join the Patrol.

Flag Ceremonies

Flag Break

The ceremony of 'breaking' (that is to unfold a flag and hang it from a flagpole) the Union Flag at the beginning of a meeting, event or camp is a sign of respect and reminds us of our duty to the Queen and ultimately our country.

The Troop is brought to the alert and all those not directly facing the flag do so at this point.

- A Scout (usually the duty patrol leader) walks up to the flag and pulls on the halliard or 'breaking' rope to 'break' or let the flag unfold.
- Once it has unfolded, the Troop salutes in time with the Scout.
- The Scout then returns to his or her Patrol and the Troop is stood 'at ease'.

Flag Down

This is done at the end of a meeting or event and marks the occasion as such. The flag is lowered at this time.

The Troop is assembled and brought to the 'alert'.

- The Scout walks to the flag, unties the rope holding it in position and lowers the flag slowly, ensuring that it does not touch the ground, which is considered disrespectful.
- The Scout then stands back, still facing the flag, and at the alert for a few seconds. No salute is given at this time. He or she then returns to their Patrol before the Troop is dismissed.
- The flag may then be folded and prepared for the next time.

Scout Motto and Law

The Scout Motto is:

Be Prepared

The Scout Law is as follows:

A Scout is to be trusted.

A Scout is loyal.

A Scout is friendly and considerate.

A Scout belongs to the worldwide family of Scouts.

A Scout has courage in all difficulties.

A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.

A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.

Scout Promise

Scouts, as part of their investiture ceremony, are asked to make a Promise.

Scouting is available to people of all faiths as well as people who are humanist, atheist or have no affirmed faith and therefore there are different variations of the Scout Promise that can be made, allowing for the individuals obligations while upholding the essential spirit of the Promise

The Traditional Promise is as follows:

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 Alternative Promise is as follows:

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best to uphold our Scout values, to do my duty to the Queen, to help other people and to keep the Scout Law.

Uniform

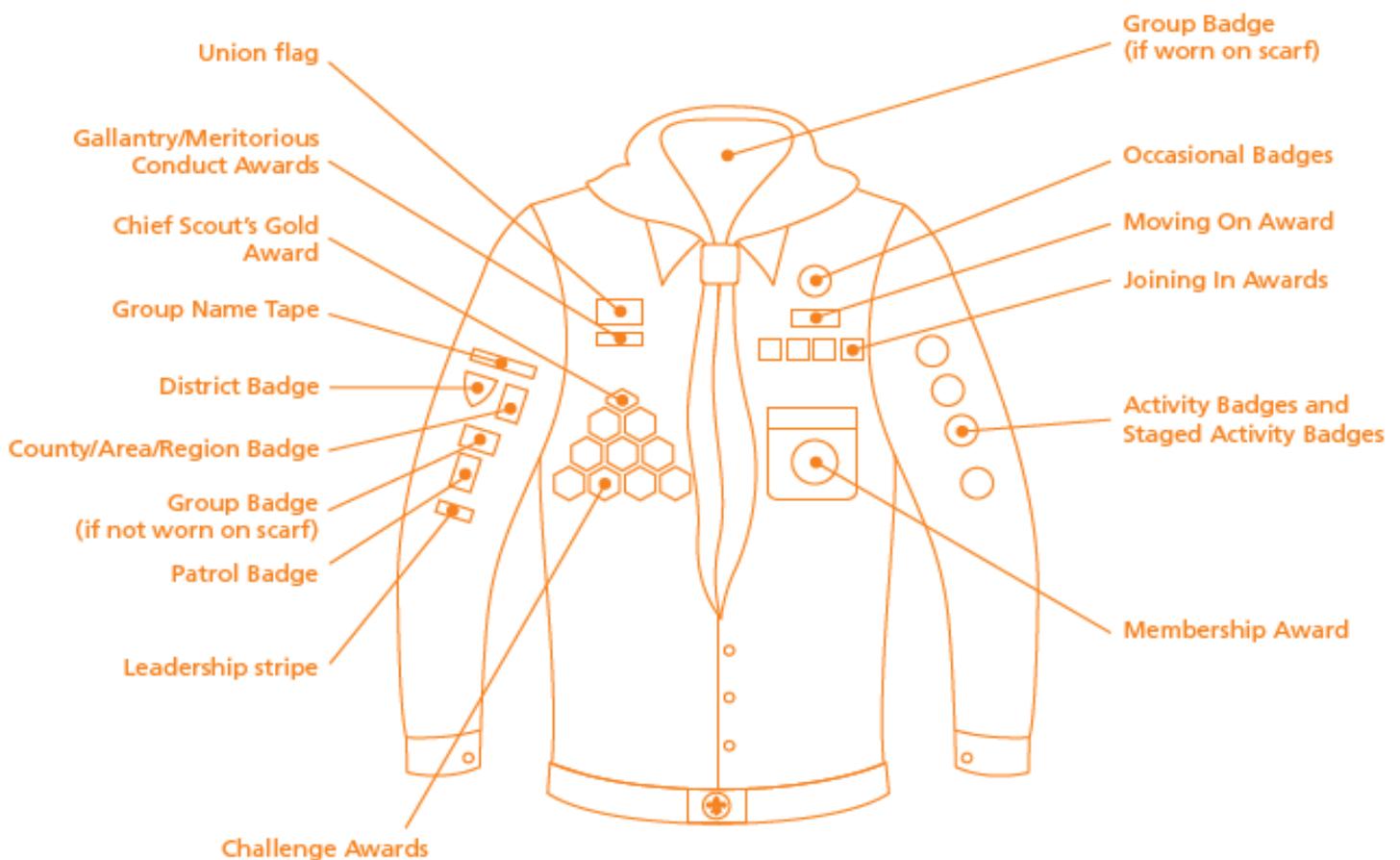
Scouts wear a smart uniform consisting of a green shirt, blue activity trousers or school trousers, and black shoes. The group stock limited uniform, but all requirements can be brought online.

We recommend that you obtain a larger size shirt than you normally would to allow it to fit throughout your child's career in Scouts.

Our 5th Brackley group scarf, which is yellow and green, is supplied by us, as well as all the badges your child will need. If your child was a Cub, the badges can be transferred to the Scout shirt as soon as you have it. If they were not a Cub, the badges will be presented on their investiture into the Troop.

We wear uniform on the first meeting of the month and any other occasions when the Scouts are representing the Group or Scout organization.

The illustration sheet below shows the positioning of the badges on the uniform.



Inspections

We expect a high standard of appearance and this is subject to an inspection each month when uniform is worn. Please encourage your child to take a pride in this.



UNIFORM INSPECTION CHECKLIST



Wearing the proper uniform for each level of Scouting indicates a completion of a particular stage, a maturing and moving forward.

Uniforms are designed to represent equality, identification, achievement and commitment.

Scouts are expected to be neat and orderly in their appearance, uniform inspection is a way of encouraging Scouts to take pride in their uniforms and the Scouting movement.

Shirt

Scouts must wear the official Scouts shirt (either long- or short-sleeved.) The shirt should be free of stains or holes, ironed and tucked in with the collar buttoned.

Trousers

Trousers should be either the official Scout trousers or smart black or grey, they should be clean and ironed and fit comfortably.

Belt

Belt should be the official Scout belt.

Shoes

Shoes should be smart, should fit comfortably, be laced and tied properly.

Socks

Socks should be plain and either black or grey

- 1 Punctual
- 2 Necker worn
- 3 Woggle worn
- 4 Necker neat & correct
- 5 Scout Shirt worn
- 6 Shirt tucked in and all buttons done up
- 7 Badges neat & updated
- 8 Working Pen / Pencil
- 9 Note book
- 10 Scout Belt worn
- 11 Scout or Smart (Black or Grey) trousers worn
- 12 Dark Socks (Black or Grey)
- 13 Smart Shoes - Clean & polished
- 14 Politeness / Good Behaviour
- 15 Remain in formation.

Each Scout can score 15 points

The Patrol Score will be the average of the scouts score.

Behaviour

It is the policy of The Scout Association to safeguard the welfare of all members by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional harm.

The following is an excerpt from the Association's "Yellow Card" – a Code of good practice for Adults in Scouting which all leaders must follow.

Code of behaviour

- Do** put the 'Young People First' guidance into practice
 - Do** treat everyone with respect
 - Do** provide an example you wish others to follow
 - Do** plan activities, which involve more than one other person being present, or at least are within sight or hearing of others
 - Do** respect a young person's right to personal privacy
 - Do** have separate sleeping accommodation for leaders and young people
 - Do** provide access for young people to talk about any concerns they may have
 - Do** encourage young people and adults to feel comfortable and caring enough to point out attitudes or behaviour they do not like
 - Do** avoid situations that compromise your relationship with young people and are unacceptable within a relationship of trust (e.g. a sexual relationship between a leader and a youth member over the age of consent)
 - Do** remember that someone else might misinterpret your actions, no matter how well-intentioned
 - Do** recognise that caution is required even in sensitive moments of counselling, such as when dealing with bullying, bereavement or abuse
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- Do NOT** permit abusive peer activities (e.g. initiation ceremonies, ridiculing, bullying)
 - Do NOT** play physical contact games with young people
 - Do NOT** have any inappropriate physical or verbal contact with others
 - Do NOT** jump to conclusions about others without checking facts
 - Do NOT** allow yourself to be drawn into inappropriate attention seeking behaviour such as tantrums or crushes
 - Do NOT** show favouritism to any individual
 - Do NOT** make suggestive remarks or gestures, even in fun
 - Do NOT** let suspicion, disclosure or allegation of abuse, go unrecorded or unreported
 - Do NOT** rely on just your good name to protect you
 - Do NOT** believe "it could never happen to me"

Code of Conduct

Together the troop develops its own code of conduct with input from the Scouts, Patrol Leaders, Young Leaders and Adult Leaders.

This is the code of behavior and standards that all members of the troop agree to abide by.

A copy of our Code of Conduct is below.



Hurricane Troop Code of Conduct

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

Traditional 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.

Alternative Scout Promise

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best to uphold our Scout values, to do my duty to The Queen, to help other people and to keep the Scout Law.

As a member of Hurricane Troop, I agree to the following:

1. I will behave in accordance with the Law and Promise. A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous and kind.
2. I will not do anything, physically or verbally, that will make someone feel uncomfortable or feel threatened including violence, threats, and bullying. Scouts should treat each other as they wish to be treated. I will respect everyone's personal space and belongings at all times.
3. I will not do anything that causes danger or injury to others or myself. Including running in the corridors.
4. I will arrive on time and prepared for all Troop meetings and events unless a valid reason supplied.
5. I will not be disruptive in scouting, at home, in school or in my community, and will show the attention and respect expected of me. Leaders and Scouts should listen to each other. No Scout should make a noise / mess about at flag break / flag down, during inspection or in quiet times e.g. when the Leaders need to give out instructions, or while game rules are being explained. **Waiting for an activity to start is not an excuse to gossip with friends.**
6. I will not use obscene or offensive language.
7. I will respect my fellow scouts and participate in scouting activities with a spirit of teamwork and co-operation.
8. I will not use electronic devices during meetings unless part of an activity and accept that my device will be confiscated until the end of the meeting if misused. – Mobile phones are for emergency use only not playing games.
9. I will bring to attention of Patrol Leader, adult leaders, my parents, teachers, and or adults any situation that I am not comfortable with and will not take matters into my own hands.
10. I will have fun and learn.

Code of conduct as agreed by all members of Hurricane Troop

14th September 2018



Awards and Badges

The Scout programme provides a balanced and exciting range of activities based on seven zones. These are the Outdoor Scouting Zone, the Fitness Zone, the Discovering the World around You Zone, the Creative Zone, the Beliefs and Attitudes Zone, the Caring and Community Zone and the Global Zone. There are many badges Scouts can earn through participation in these zones and through work at home.

The Nine Challenges

There are nine Challenge awards for Scouts:-



The Chief Scout's Gold Award

The highest award within the Troop section is the Chief's Scout Gold Award, and in order to achieve this Scout needs to have attained all of the challenges and six activity badges.



Activity Badges

There are 69 Activity Badges a Scout can earn with a wide range of subjects available, each having their own laid down requirements. Some can be done within the Troop and some individually.

Badge work can be completed at home and evidence provided to Leaders to achieve individual badges.

Details of requirements are listed at

<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/search/?cat=7,64,779>

Canoeist



Climber



Cyclist



Master at Arms



DIY



The Scout Moving On Award

This award is intended to help a Cub make a smooth transition into the Scout Troop.



Badges are provided by the Troop and cost between 50p and £1. An active Scout Troop will use a lot of badges so losing them somewhere between the young person being awarded them and them being sewn on the shirt, is not ideal.