



## Oakley Scout Group

Oakley has a thriving Scout Group, run by teams of enthusiastic, dedicated, DBS cleared and first aid trained Leaders, many of whom hold adventurous activity permits such as Archery, Rifle Shooting, Climbing and Camping. Weekly meetings take place at our Scout HQ during term time with some weekend activities available during the year.



**Beaver Scouts** are the youngest of the Scouting Movement, for both boys and girls, from 6 - 8 years. The aim is to build confidence, achieve different experiences and build long lasting friendships. They have fun at a local and County level. Weekly meetings consist of games, badge work, visits and outings, walks, crafts and making friends. Beavers may experience a joint meeting with another Beaver colony or Cub pack and a District run activity. Over a year the Beavers may get a chance of a sleepover, group camps and adventurous activities, all before they are 8 years old.



**Cub Scouts** are the next section up and are aged from 8 – 11 years. Whilst they are with the Pack, Cubs have the opportunity to gain a wide range of badges, which are worn on their uniforms to show to everyone how well they are doing. There is also the opportunity for the young people to participate in Camps, Pack Holidays, Archery, Rifle Shooting, Climbing, Hikes, Campfires, Wide Games and various District competitions, such as Chess, Orienteering, Handicraft and Mastermind. Pack Leaders have the responsibility of running weekly meetings, offering a wide variety of programmes but with the same core principles of providing fun, challenge and adventure, plus preparing Cubs for their move to the Scout Troop.



**Scouts** are for boys and girls between the ages of 10 ½ and 14 years. The Scout Troop consists of small units of six to eight Scouts called a Patrol, usually led by a Patrol Leader. Outdoor activities feature prominently, with the highlight being camping. Throughout the year, Scouts learn various skills, such as map reading, camp cooking and first aid, in preparation for camp. Rock climbing, caving, gliding, photography, night hikes and international experiences are just some of the things they get up to.

All Leaders are volunteers and more Leaders, Occasional Helpers and Committee members are always welcome and enable us to give young people more and varied opportunities and reduce our waiting list. If you are interested in the above or would like to become involved as a Leader, helper or committee member with Oakley Scout Group then please email [oakley@bwds.org.uk](mailto:oakley@bwds.org.uk) for more details.

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Please note: Basingstoke West District also has **Explorer Scout Units**, for 14 – 18 years, that meet at various venues and cover the whole District. They offer a wide variety of activities and chances to meet new friends. Explorer Scouting is about Activity, Adventure, Excitement and Flexibility. Anyone interested in joining the unit should e mail [explorers@bwds.org.uk](mailto:explorers@bwds.org.uk) for more details.