

Scouts Summer Term 2019

It's the summer term already, and that means we will be trying to spend as much time out of doors as possible. Although the activities have not been set by the scouts yet, we do know where their venues will be, so check the list on the second page.

We start the term on May 2nd with a night outdoors in the village. Please don't guess that just because we are in the village you can dump your scout outside the hall without a coat. As a minimum a waterproof is always recommended.

Here are some important dates you need to know about

- **Patrol Camps - 28th-30th June:** This is an opportunity for the scouts to camp in small groups and take control of all the planning, preparation and execution of their own small camp. Forms will be with you soon setting the dates and costs.
- **Summer Expedition Camp - 20th-21st July:** In order to gain the Chief Scout's Gold Award, a scout must complete the expedition challenge badge. This 2 day event in the first weekend of the summer holidays will give the opportunity to complete the challenge badge. This **will not** be a weekend of children carrying all their kit on a lengthy forced hike. The scouts will plan and take part in something that is appropriate to their age and ability. **The way that this is planned is likely to mean that you are asked to sign up for the expedition before you know all the details.** This is a chicken and egg situation; We need a certain number of people in advance to know what we are able to achieve with the budget and time, but people want to know what we are doing before they will commit. No easy way round this I am afraid.

Things to remember this term (and every term):

- Subs have moved to direct debit and will now be charged at £10 per month all year round. If your child moves section your DD mandate will be cancelled and a new one will need to be set up in the new section. You will get emails about this. DD usually goes smoothly, but if you have any queries, **the best thing to do is email us** at bartonscouts@gmail.com and we will get back to you ASAP.
- It's uniform every week unless the programme says it isn't.
- Please let us know by text if you are not going to be at scouts at any point. Contact details are on the website.
- If you don't come to scouts for 3 consecutive weeks without contact we will be in touch to ask if you still want your place. There are others that do. If we don't hear back within 2 weeks your place will be given away.
- Please bring a coat every week, not only because we may do an activity outside of the hall, **but because we live in England where the weather is generally awful in winter, so it's plain old common sense.**
- We are at the new field where we ran our Easter Egg hunt on a few occasions this term. We **strongly suggest** you drive all the way down to the site and turn around. This prevents traffic (and the associated danger) on the turn into the field.

Please get in touch with any questions via the usual channels

Gavin, Anthony, Karen and Darren

Summer Term 2019 Programme - As near to final as it gets

Date	Activity	Location	Notes
02/05/2019	Marching up and down the square	Barton	Meet at the village hall with a coat
09/05/2019	Troop forum and games	Village Hall	
16/05/2019	Unbelievable Truth	Village Hall	
23/05/2019	Fire lighting	New Site	No uniform. Dress appropriately for the conditions. If you have a fire lighting kit, fetch it along
30/05/2019	Half Term		
06/06/2019	Gang Show Taster	Village Hall	
13/06/2019	Target Shooting	New Site	No uniform. Dress appropriately for the conditions.
20/06/2019	Orienteering	New Site	No uniform. Dress appropriately for the conditions.
27/06/2019	Shelter Building	New Site	No uniform. Dress appropriately for the conditions.
04/07/2019	Foods of the World	Village Hall	
11/07/2019	Whittling and woodcraft	New Site	No uniform. Dress appropriately for the conditions. If you have a fixed/locking blade scout knife, bring it along.
18/07/2019	WET NIGHT	New Site	No uniform. Dress to get wet. Bring a towel and a change of clothes.