

Scouts Winter Term 2022

We're not brave enough to plan a full term in advance in the current climate, so this programme will only cover us up to the half term break. We'll send out another programme at that point.

We're going to push on with face-to-face scouting this term. The only change is that - like secondary schools - we are now required to ask all members 11+ to wear a mask for indoor meetings. As with any other organisation, we do not apply this to anyone with a valid exemption. We're in the strange position of having a mix of members above/below 11, and while under 11s are technically not required to wear a mask, it would be great if you could encourage them to do so. It's easier for us to manage, and the risk doesn't magically only apply once you hit the grand old age of 11.

If you have any questions, get in touch.

Dates for the future:

Winter Walk - 12th February - Reeth to Richmond: This was a great success a few years ago. We'll meet in the morning in Reeth and allow the scouts to lead us over to Richmond by tea time. This is open to all family members who can manage a challenging few hours in the Dales. A separate note will follow about this.

Family Camp 2022 - Friday 8th - Sunday 10th July 2022 - Dilston (near Hexham): We've booked it! This is a fantastic site which is just over an hour's drive away. All members of your family are invited to come and enjoy a summer's weekend away. More info to follow in due course.

Things to remember this term (and every term):

- Subs are £10 per month all year round. **When your child moves section you will receive emails from our admin system to move over to the new section's DD.** You just need to log into Online Scout Manager (link in the emails) and click a few things. This 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. **If you are late setting up your DD, all missed DDs will automatically be taken by the system in a single payment,** unless you get in contact with us to sort out alternative payment. Nobody will be denied scouting because they find it unaffordable, so please get in touch if you find subs are a problem. We will deal with this confidentially and ensure you are supported.
- It's uniform every week unless the programme says it isn't.
- Please let us know 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.
- If you don't want your place in Scouts any longer, let us know. We're always sad to see people go, but there are never any hard feelings.
- 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.**

Please get in touch with any questions via the usual channels

Gavin, Anthony, Karen, Darren, Rich and Kevin

Winter Term 2022 Programme - First Half Term

| Date | Activity | Location | Notes |
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| 06/01/2022 | Troop Forum - Knots 1 | Hall | Mask! |
| 13/01/2022 | Knots 2 - Make your own knot board | Hall | Mask! |
| 20/01/2022 | Observation Hike | Richmond | Meet in the market square, dressed for the weather and with your best looking eyes ready to go. Mask optional. |
| 27/01/2022 | Holocaust Memorial Day | Hall | Mask! |
| 03/02/2022 | Trading Post | Hall | Mask! |
| 10/02/2022 | Maps and how to read them | Hall | Mask! |
| 17/02/2022 | First Aid | Hall | Mask! |
| 24/02/2022 | Half Term | | |