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GUILDFORD EAST DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Your now 13 and it's approaching the time when you have to move on from the Scout Troop into Explorer Scouting. This leaflet will hopefully will answer some of your questions and give you some idea of what Explorer Scouting is about and your options are.

Guildford East District Scout Council
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President: The Mayor of Guildford



What are Explorer Scouts?

Explorer Scouts are open to both boys and girls aged between 14 & 18 years old.

Explorer Scouting is designed to be flexible. You will learn teamwork and leadership skills through an exciting and fun programme.

The sections training programme will enable you to gain your Platinum, Diamond and Queens Scout Award. You can also use the work completed for these to obtain the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards and visa versa.

Why isn't there an Explorer Unit at every Scout HQ?

Unlike Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Explorers are run by the District. Previous experience has shown that lots of little units don't work therefore by having several troops feeding a unit, we should get bigger units offering a wider choice of programme.

Guildford East District has 4 Explorer Scout Sections:

Hungry Hill Explorer Unit - Based at Ripley covering Ripley, Horsley
Unit meets Wednesday 7.30 - 9.30

The Roughs Explorer Unit - Based in Merrow covering Merrow, St Saviours and Shere & Peaslake.
Unit meets Monday 7.30 - 9.30

Surrey Hills Explorer Unit - Based in Womersley covering Womersley, Shalford
Unit meets Monday 8.00 - 9.30

Downs Link Explorer Unit - Based in Cranleigh and covers that area.
Unit meets Sunday 7:30 - 9:30

Do I have to join the Unit associated with my Group?

No - you can join any of the units. We only partner Groups to units to reduce traveling etc.

Will I have to cut my ties with my old group?.

Most definitely not. We want you to keep involved it promotes links between your unit and Group. You can still wear your Group name tape if you wish.

I still want to stay involved but don't want to become an Explorer Scout!

The other option is to become a Young Leader. To do this you have to join the District Young Leaders Unit and decide where you want to assist. It is not recommended that you become a Young Leader with your old troop until at least 6 months after leaving, so you might have to work with another section to start with i.e Cubs.



District Young Leader Unit

The District Young Leader Unit meets less frequently than an Explorer unit (monthly or even Quarterly). There is a separate training programme to help you get the most out of your new role. In addition you can still work towards gaining the section awards or DofE awards and join in any District activities

I want to be both an Explorer Scout and a Young Leader!

Fine just join both units - You can be a member of as many units as you can cope with.

What Happens Now?

Your details have been passed to your "partnered" Unit leader and they should be contacting you shortly. If you do not hear from someone in the next couple of weeks please let us know using the contacts listed and we will get it sorted for you.

If you wish to become just a Young Leader then please talk to your Scout Leader and Group Scout Leader. They will arrange for you to join the YL unit.