

3rd Gidea Park (St.Michaels) Scout Group

Regular Weekly Meetings

Beavers: Tues 5:15-6:30pm
Cubs: Tues 6:45-8:15pm
Scouts: Thur 7:30-9:15pm
Explorers: Wed From 8pm

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THE 3rd GIDEA PARK SCOUT TROOP

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS.

What is Scouting?

Scouting is a worldwide values based uniformed movement. We are the largest co-educational youth movement in the country with well over 380,000 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts Explorers and Network Members. In Havering there are about 2000 members. The Scouts section is for boys and girls between 10 and 14 years of age.



Meeting Times & Holidays

Weekly Scout meetings are Thursday nights running from **7:30 till 9:15pm**. We meet every Thursday during School term time. During school holidays we often meet but the meetings are normally less formal. We normally publish a newsletter before the holidays to let you know if we are up to anything during the break.



Mission Statement of the Scout Association

The aim of the Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

We do this by providing an enjoyable attractive and balanced program of activities, based on the Scout Promise and Law, and guided by adult leadership.

What That Means To Us

Everything we do promotes personal development, team working and team leadership skills.

Who are the Leaders

The volunteer Leaders are Mark, Ange, Dunks, Paul and Steve. Some of us were previously 3rd Gidea Park Cubs, Scouts or Venture Scouts ourselves or a Girl Guide.

At 3rd Gidea Park, our own leaders and instructors run most of the adventurous activities that we undertake as Scouts. Before running an activity the leaders have to complete appropriate training, even for camping.

Investiture.

Before being invested cubs must complete their moving on award. New members who have not previously been cubs need to complete their membership award.



When a Scout is invested into the troop they promise to do their best to keep to the Scout Laws. The laws encourage us to be a friend to others, use common sense and take some pride in ourselves.

THE SCOUT LAWS

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



As a Game at the start of every meeting we test the invested Scouts to see if they know the laws.

Camping With The Scouts.

We don't stop during the School summer Break, that's when the fun really starts! We always have a summer camp lasting 10 - 14 days during the first two weeks of the School Summer holiday. Camping is the most popular Scouting activity and the Scouts get so much out of it. Over a two-week summer camp the Scouts grow and build close friendships and working relationships with each other. Summer camps are often in mountainous locations and we endeavour to travel abroad every three years or so. With 3rd Gidea Park, Summer Camp itself is a real adventure.

If a two week camp sounds a bit daunting we also run several weekends away throughout the year both under canvas and indoors. Some local some further away, each camp is different but all camps and activities are entirely appropriate for the Scout age range.



Patrols

The troop is split into small teams called patrols. Each patrol has one of the older Scouts as the patrol leader.



Competitions.

As well as Weekly meetings, Camps and one-day activities we also enter several Scout competitions, normally organised by Romford District. The main competitions we enter are, Swimming, Orienteering, Cooking, Camping and Hiking.

Uniform

Scouts have to wear full uniform including official uniform trousers, shirt and belt to all regular scout meetings. We will give Scouts a Scout neckerchief when they are invested if they don't already have one so you don't need to buy your first one.

Footwear should be appropriate for what we are doing. We are more than happy for the Scouts to bring other cloths to meetings, so long as full uniform is worn at the start and end of the meetings and they take everything home with them at the end. Occasionally we specifically ask the Scouts to attend meetings in scruff kit. This is usually an indication that they are about to get dirty or wet. Uniform also needs to be worn to and from all Scout camps and on some competitions and activities.

Uniform can usually be purchased from the District Shop behind 24 Park Drive Romford. The shop is open from 7:30pm - 9:30pm on Tuesdays, although it is currently closed for stock take.

Cost

Subs are charged termly at £35.00 per term. Cheques should be made payable to 3rd Gidea Park Scout Group, please write subs and the Scout's name on the back of the cheque. If paying in cash, please place the correct money in an envelope and write the scouts name and subs on it. The leaders don't manage the finances of the troop so cannot give change. A Gift Aid Scheme can be used for paying subs.

What's next for Scouts?



When a Scout reaches 14 years of age they move on to the Explorer Section. This section is for 14-18 year olds. Explorer Scouts are encouraged to build upon the parts of Scouting they enjoyed the most. There will be lots of opportunities to work towards the Duke of Edinburgh's Award as well as various Scout specific awards and Leadership awards.



Web Site

To find out more about what Scouts do at 3rd Gidea Park visit our web site and read some reports of past camps and activities. The address is www.3gp.org.uk