Scouts
3rd West Bridgford (Friary)

The Scout Hall, 46 Musters Road, NG2 7PR

Welcome Pack

Welcome

3rd West Bridgford (Friary) Scout Group celebrated its 90th anniversary in 2017 and is continuing to provide all our members with Skills for Life through an interesting and educational program. Currently we have just over 100 young people across two Beavers colonies, two Cubs packs and a Scout troop supported by an adult volunteer team numbering over 30.

At the heart of all we do is safeguarding and safety of our members, both young and adult. If at any time you have any concerns regarding this, please initially talk to the leaders of your child's section.

Sections

Beaver Scouts: 6 - 8 Years

We meet weekly on a Thursday and Friday evening to take part in a wide range of activities including games, crafts, singing, visits and good turns, along with plenty of outdoor activities. Also, they can take part in the fun and excitement of camps and sleepovers. It may be the first time they spend a night away from home, so it's a real adventure for them

Cub Scouts: 8 – 10½ Years

Our Cub Scout Packs are split into smaller groups called Sixes and meets on a Monday and Wednesday evenings. Cubs take part in a wide range of activities designed to be interesting and challenging. Our Cub Scout meetings consist of games and activities with plenty of time spent outdoors. Camps and holidays are some of the most memorable events of the year for Cubs.

Scouts: 10½ - 14 Years

Our Scout Troop consists of small units of six to eight Scouts called a Patrol, led by Patrol Leaders. We meet on a Thursday evening. 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, potholing, gliding, photography and international experiences are just some of the things we get up to.



This is the view from Musters Road of where the Scout hut is situated.

Subscription
The annual cost of Scouting membership with 3rd WB is £162 per person. In the same month that your child joins us, please organise a recurring monthly payment of £13.50. Please ensure you include your child's name is the reference.
Barclays Bank Account Name: - 3rd West Bridgford (Friary) Scout Group
Account Number: - 90955817 Sort Code: - 20-63-25

*Trips, camps and external activities are usually charged separately with advance notice. We don't want young people to miss out through financial hardship. If concerns about finances may prevent your child taking part in some activities, please speak to the leader of your section in confidence.

Gift Aid
Gift Aid is a simple government initiative which allows donors who are taxpayers to increase the value of their donations at no extra cost to them. For every pound given, charities can get an extra 25 pence from HM Revenue & Customs, helping donations go further. Please complete the online form here:
https://forms.office.com/e/9ZvcwciiMd

Online Scout Manager (OSM)
https://www.onlinescoutmanager.co.uk/
OSM is the online tool that we use for section and group administration.
In here we store contact details, session plans, badge records and basically everything we need to run our scout group.

There is a self-service area for updating contact details and any other information we need to know, plus you can see your child's badge progress, the programme and events that are planned.

We **particularly do need to know**, in confidence, of any health information regarding your child so we can better understand any needs they have – if we don't know we cannot make allowances!

We also send e-mail communications from OSM so please check your junk mail folder in case they don't come directly into your inbox to begin with.

Uniform & Scout Shop
During meetings we expect your child to attend in uniform 'from the waist up'.

- **Beavers -** Turquoise sweatshirt and Group neckerchief
- **Cub Scouts -** Dark green sweatshirt and Group neckerchief
- **Scouts -** Teal green smart shirt and Group neckerchief

A Group Neckerchief and Group Badge are provided when your child is invested. All the additional badges they will attain are also provided by us as part of your subscription.

To purchase the uniform from the following website: Scout Store | A Scout Shop for all your Scouting essentials.

Kit lists and other clothing requirements will be provided for events and camps.

Trustee Board
The Group Trustee Board plays a vital role in the running of a Scout Group. Trustee Boards make decisions and carry out administrative tasks to ensure that the best quality Scouting can be delivered to young people in the Group.

Safeguarding, Data Protection & DBS
The Scout Association and the Group are all committed to the safety and security of our young people. We consider the safety of our Beavers, Cubs & Scouts to be of paramount concern. Disclosure and Barring Service checks (formally CRB checks) are therefore an important part of our approach to safeguarding young people. Adults who help regularly are DBS checked, Parent helpers on our rota do not need to be unless they stay on overnight activities.

Fundraising – 200 Club
A monthly Prize Draw designed to raise extra funds for all sections of the group so that Beavers, Cubs and Scouts can participate in additional events and activities. Membership is entirely voluntary, and members (parents and family members) may join and leave at any time.
Every month we guarantee someone will win a 1st Prize of £25, 2nd Prize of £10 and 3rd Prize of £5. A total of 200 numbers are available but only 'live' numbers allocated to members are entered into the draw to guarantee that all prizes are won. Members keep the same allocated number(s) for each prize draw. Each number cost just £1.00 per month payable by Standing Order or Cheque (for the year).
There is no limit on the quantity of numbers held by a member. Since the 200 Club began, over £20,000 has been raised and donated to the Group. Membership is currently less than 100, so your chances of winning are considerably better than you might think.
For more information or to become a member of the 200 Club please contact the name shown below who currently organises the draw, or speak to your Beaver, Cub or Scout Leader.

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