



1st Swindon Sea Scouts

Sailing towards a better future

Dear Parents, Leaders and Volunteers,

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place this year at 6.30pm, Friday 16th June at Bowmoor Lake. Everyone is welcome, so please join us to review the past year for the Group and look forward to what's ahead in the year to come, as we further evolve and transform the group.

1st Swindon Sea Scouts is thriving! Our sections are bursting to capacity with a very active programme across all sections, whether we are at the Wick, at Bowmoor Lake or on one of our annual events – (Fun Day, Les Barnes, the Regatta) – we are getting out for some great adventures.

Our Scout Group is growing which means we are able to offer the friendship and adventure of Scouting to more local young people which is fantastic! This does mean that we need more adults to volunteer their time to make a difference in their community.

We are looking for more adult volunteers to enable us to keep growing the group and provide Scouting in our community. If we had more adult volunteers this would allow us to continue and expand our exciting and varied programme across all sections in our group. More adult support means we are able offer a higher quality of Scouting not only for our current members but for future members as well.

We want to invite you to experience the fun and adventure that Scouting can offer your children, as well as offering the opportunity to make a difference by helping our Scout Group thrive.

Scout Groups are staffed entirely by adult volunteers. There are a huge range of roles and many ways in which you can volunteer to help whatever your gender, age, abilities, skills or pattern of time you have available there is bound to be a way you can help. No previous Scouting experience is necessary just bags of energy and enthusiasm.

Volunteering is fun and very worthwhile. Being involved with a Scout Group looks really good on a work or other CV and the adult team forms an excellent group of friends to socialise with both in and out of Scouts. On top of all of this, adults in Scouting have lots of scope to join in the activities which the young people do, so if you like camping, climbing, hiking, kayaking or outdoor pursuits in general this could be a great opportunity for you!

Attached is a list of current roles available within the group as well as a set of frequently asked questions.

Why not give it a try? We are a friendly bunch and you will not be committed to more than you want to do at any time.

If you are interested, please speak with your section leader, our Group Scout Leader, Assistant Group Scout Leaders or Chairman, and we would be delighted to talk with you about the right opportunity.

We look forward to seeing you at the lake in June – if not before about volunteering opportunities.

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Available Volunteering Roles *

Role	Description	Time Commitment
Section Leader	Organise and run meetings and activities as part of the leadership team.	From 4 hours a week
Section Assistant	Help regularly at meetings.	From 2 hours a week
Parent Rota	Always seeking help on parent rota / camps - please support the sections as and when required	Dependent on activity being supported
Active supporter	Help out in various capacities either in running activities or maintaining the Groups premises and/ or equipment	As much or little time as you choose
Executive Committee member	Attend meetings to oversee the proper running of the Scout Group and its premises. (We require 6 parents to represent each of the sections)	3 or more meetings a year (1.5 hours each) plus active support / engagement in shaping group
Group Records Administrator	Ensure group records on Compass and OSM are mirrored	1 hour a month
Fundraiser(s)	Help organise fund raising events across the sections.	As much or little time as you choose
Finance Group Secretary	Support the Group Treasurer, attend Finance Group meetings, capture minutes and follow up on agreed actions.	1hr a month plus 3 or more meetings a year (1.5hours each)
Premises Administration	Support extension project, ensure best value of utilities and insurance. Coordinate premises maintenance tasks.	1 - 2 hours a month
Scout Post Project Manager	Coordinate selling, sorting and delivery of Scout Christmas post. Raised circa £1,500 a year for the Group. Full group support provided throughout.	Co-ordination 6 hours up front plus 2 hours a week in November and December.
Activity Skills	Hiking, Sailing, Kayaking i.e. Paddle sports Level 3 BCU	Selected evenings

** requires a satisfactory DBS check*

Volunteering - Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do I really have the skills you need? You don't have to be an adventurer like Bear Grylls to get involved with Scouting. Do you have first aid knowledge? Are you good with numbers? Handy in the kitchen? Or are you a DIY whizz? We all have useful skills and you can volunteer and help in many ways.

2. What if I don't have that much spare time? Volunteering with us is easy, fun and flexible – how much time you give is completely up to you. Whether you help out once a fortnight, month or term or just at special events or camps, there is bound to be a role you can play, and no matter how you get involved, we'll make sure you're properly trained and supported.

3. What will I get out of volunteering? As well as gaining externally recognised skills and having a brilliant time, Scouting also offers the chance to build on personal skills, like teamwork, confidence and leadership. A study found that over 90% of our volunteers believe that the skills and experiences they have gained through Scouting have been of relevance to their working or personal lives.

4. My child is in Scouting – is there anything I could do to help? The short answer is yes. Many of our helpers and leaders are parents of our youth members because they've seen firsthand how Scouting benefits young people and want to give something back. It's also a chance to spend more time with your children and learn new skills. Speak to your child's leader to discuss how you might become involved.

5. Are there any age restrictions on helping out? As long as you're over 18, you can help out as an adult volunteer in Scouting. There is no upper age limit for adult volunteers. If you are aged between 14 to 18, there is the option of becoming a Young Leader.

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