



## 85<sup>th</sup> Greenock District (Inverkip & Wemyss Bay) New Member Pack

Dear Parent / Guardian,

This pack is intended to give you the information you need to help your child get all they can out of Inverkip & Wemyss Bay Scouts.

The pack should contain:

- This Welcome Letter
- What uniform to buy – and where to buy it
- Where to sew badges
- 'You Can Help Too' form which we invite you to complete if you are able to help either occasionally (transport, etc) or more regularly

**All these contents are also available to view on our website under the Scout→Forms library.**

Scouts are open to ages 10½ - 14. Outside of that age range your child will be more than welcome to join the 85<sup>th</sup> Beavers, Cubs, or (for 14 – 18 year olds) Explorer Scouts.

The 85<sup>th</sup> currently have Beavers, Cubs and Scout sections in both Inverkip and Wemyss Bay, and Explorers based in Inverkip which serves both Inverkip and Wemyss Bay.

### Joining the Troop

New members normally join and attend informally for 4 weeks or so, and are then formally invested into the troop. They can either come up from Cubs (and will attend Cubs also during the 4 weeks) or can come along entirely new to the Group any night. The investiture ceremony normally takes 15 minutes at the start of the night chosen, and parents are welcome to come along for the occasion.

By the time of the investiture ceremony (or soon after it) we aim to see the new member in Scout uniform. This is as described in the Uniform sheet. Some items such as the kilt are provided by the Troop. We wear Hunting Stewart tartan in recognition of the Stewarts of Ardgowan.

Inverkip Scout Troop meets on Wednesdays from 7pm to 9.30pm. Wemyss Bay meets on Fridays 7pm to 9.30pm in Wemyss Bay Primary School. We often arrange activities outside of those times. These activities contribute to badgework and development. We encourage Scouts to participate in these whenever possible.

## **Fees**

There are no weekly fees. Instead we collect Annual fees each year around February. The Scout Association is a voluntary organisation and so these fees are kept as low as possible. No payments are needed until these fees become due. The fee in recent years has been around £50, but this is changeable depending on how much of the fee Scottish Headquarters and UK Headquarters will require for insurance purposes, etc. In order to keep our costs to you low, we have major fundraising efforts during the year which we really need everyone to contribute to. These fundraisers are our main source of income and every scout available for these means more money in our funds.

## **Badges**

The Scout Programme is designed to promote each young person's physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential. The training scheme takes various forms including camps, activities and of course badgework.

We always aim to cover the requirements for badges in an enjoyable way and often badges can be earned by simply taking an active part in the activities we arrange in the normal weekly meetings, or at camps, etc. Our weekly programme is normally designed to flow through one or more badges, and so it is always best if each Scout can attend every week so as not to miss an important part of a badge.

The Scout Troop will always concentrate on a certain set of badges. However there are a great many badges available some more specialist than others. Scouts are encouraged to work on others that interest them in their own time. The requirements for all badges are available to view at the national scout site - [www.scoutbase.org.uk](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk) . Written approval that the requirements have been met can be provided by an instructor, parent or other responsible person, although we will also talk to the Scout about the badge to understand how well he knows the subject.

We record each Scout's progress towards the 9 main 'Challenge' badges (the ones they wear on their chest) and issue their personal record card from time to time for parents and scouts to review and update as needed. Hopefully the cards will be accurate, but there will always be some items not credited, or done outside of Scouts that can count towards a badge.

## **What to Bring Each Troop Night**

Once they have been invested, scouts should wear full uniform every troop night. They should bring along a pair of shorts/t-shirt to change into. We always discourage scouts from pulling each others' shirts during games, but it does happen, so please ensure you don't send your child to scouts with an expensive t-shirt that can't be stretched or even torn.

## **Label Everything**

At least one scout loses, or forgets to take home items of clothing or uniform every week. Please make sure all items are marked with your child's name. Especially neckies, woggles, joggies and jackets.

## **Badges from Cubs**

New Scouts who have joined us from the cubs may transfer certain badges from their Cub uniform to the Scout shirt. These include any “Staged Activity Badges” (those round ones from your left sleeve which have a blue background, purple border and a number indicating the stage earned), and your Chief Scout Silver Award.

## **Parental Support**

From time to time we will ask for volunteers to help with transport or other types of assistance. The ‘You Can Help Too’ form allows you to volunteer. If you would like to become involved more on a more regular basis, please contact one of the Scout Leaders to discuss in more detail.

## **Group Lottery**

One of our most important fundraising sources is our Group Lottery. We hope all parents will sign up for the lottery by visiting the ‘Lottery’ section of the Group website. The lottery costs £4 per month (plus a small PayPal handling fee) and features a ‘Rollover Fund’ which can build up to thousands of £££’s.



## **Website**

The 85<sup>th</sup> website is at [www.inverkipscouts.org.uk](http://www.inverkipscouts.org.uk) / [www.wemyssbayscouts.org.uk](http://www.wemyssbayscouts.org.uk). This contains information on badgework, permission forms for activities as well as all the latest news and events.

Scouts’ privacy is important. We show pictures and possibly video clips of the Scouts on the site, but will not identify any Scout by name. If you prefer that your child is not included in these, please contact a leader.

## **Facebook**

A less formal, and more accessible way for us to communicate with Scouts and Parents is via our Facebook page (search for ‘85<sup>th</sup> Greenock & District Scout Group’). To get the latest updates posted direct to your own Facebook page, click ‘Like’ on our ‘Wall’. We encourage both parents and Scouts to ‘like’ the page and contribute.

Please note that our leaders are unable to respond to ‘Friend’ requests to their personal accounts from Scouts.

## **Contacts**

Leaders are available any troop night if you need to discuss anything. You can also contact any of the numbers below.

Andy Yarr  
Scout Leader  
07956 292 484

Carrie Gibson  
Scout Leader  
07766 496 647

Shirley Cairney  
Group Scout Leader  
07977 023 335

## **Personal Contacts / Medical Form**

We will have taken brief details from your child on their first night. Normally we don't expect them to know parent's email addresses or mobile numbers, etc so can you please complete the below personal details form and return it to us as early as possible.

If your child has Asthma, we ask that you **provide the Troop with a spare inhaler** (or inhalers if you have both blue and brown) in case of emergency. You should be able to get a duplicate prescription for these for our use. We cannot administer someone else's inhaler as these are prescriptions unique to your child.

Similarly if your child has an Epi Pen for allergies, we ask that you provide the Troop with 2 spare pens in case of emergency. Again, you should be able to get duplicate prescriptions for our use.

We are not able to administer painkillers or elastoplast plasters without your permission. If you would like us to administer these if needed, please answer yes or no as appropriate to the questions in the following form.



### Scout Details

<b>Full Name:</b> <b>Date of Birth:</b>  <b>House Phone:</b> <b>Address:</b>  <b>Postcode:</b> <b>School:</b>
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### Parent / Guardian 1

<b>Full Name:</b> <b>Mobile:</b> <b>Email:</b>
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### Parent / Guardian 2

<b>Full Name:</b> <b>Mobile:</b> <b>Email:</b>
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### Alternate Emergency Contact 1:

<b>Name:</b> <b>Phone:</b>
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### Alternate Emergency Contact 2:

<b>Name:</b> <b>Phone:</b>
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### Medical Information

<b>Uses Asthma Inhaler:</b> <b>Has Epi Pen:</b> <b>*Provided Spare Inhaler(s) to Scouts:</b> <b>*Provided 2 Spare Epi Pens to Scouts:</b>
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I give permission for Leaders to administer the below medicines if required.

<b>Paracetamol (Tesco Brand):</b> <b>Aspirin (Tesco Brand):</b>	<b>Ibuprofen (Tesco Brand):</b> <b>**Fabric Plasters (Elastoplast Brand):</b>
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### Other Medical / Relevant Information:

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### Doctor

<b>Name:</b> <b>Practice:</b> <b>Phone:</b>
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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Where a scout uses an Asthma Inhaler or Epi pen, we ask that the Troop are provided with duplicate prescriptions which we will keep in case of an emergency. \*\* Hypoallergenic plasters will be used where Elastoplast cannot.

# 85th Greenock & District Uniform



Scouts are a uniformed organisation. Once a scout has been invested, they must wear full uniform at each weekly meeting. Occasionally due to activities, we will have a uniform free day. These will be notified in advance.

Below is a list of the uniform required. A rough price is given, however this varies year to year and depending on where you buy it.

Item	Comment	Rough cost
Scout Shirt	Green	£14.95
Neckie	Light blue / Orange.	This is supplied by troop at no cost to the scout.
Scout Woggle		£0.99 – £2.00
Lanyard		£2.20
Scout Belt		£11.00
Kilt	Hunting Stewart tartan	This is rented to you by the troop for a one-off fee of £30. When your child has outgrown it, we will replace it. The kilt remains the property of the Scout Group and you must return it in good condition when your child leaves the Group. If you have already paid your fee when your child started in the Cubs, there is no need to pay a further fee. Damaged kilts will incur up to £30 replacement fee.
Sporran	Available from leaders	£20. Please note sporrans often need repair. Where a sporran has been provided by the Troop, since we provide these at cost price, <b>we do not accept returns.</b>
Kilt Socks	Brown (not white/cream/green)	£8.95
Garters	Green	£2.00
School Shoes		
Badges		These are supplied by the troop at no cost to the scout.

Uniform is available from various places as listed below, however leaders visit the Scout Shop in Glasgow most weeks. **It is normally faster and easier to give the order to the Scout Leader who will collect for you. We also keep some items in stock ourselves. An order form is included on the next page of your prefer this method. We do not charge for this service, except for rounding up 5p or so to the nearest pound to keep it simple.**

#### Greenock District Scout Council Shop

Greenock District Scouts Headquarter Building  
Finnart St (across from Greenock Academy)  
Greenock

Opening Hours: 10am – 12pm every Saturday except school holidays

Comments: The prices here are usually the lowest anywhere. Any profits made contribute directly to District Scout funds. Note that Brown kilt socks must be bought from Glasgow Scout Shop, or can be ordered via the leaders

#### Glasgow Scout Shop

21 Elmbank St  
Glasgow  
G2 4PB

Opening Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9.00am - 5.30pm

Thursday 9.00am - 6.00pm

Saturday - 9.00am - 5.00pm

Tel. 0141 248 5941

Online Shop: <http://www.glasgowscoutshop.com>

#### Smiths of Greenock

36 West Blackhall St  
Greenock  
PA15 1UU

Tel. 01475 888 555

Online Shop:

<http://www.smithsofgreenock.com>

# Scout Uniform Order Form



Name of Scout: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the following items:

Scout Shirt (we'll choose the best size – please note that the smallest is XS which often looks too big for new scouts.

Woggle

Lanyard

Brown Kilt Socks

Green Garters

Sporrans

**Shoe Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please note sporrans often need repair. Since we provide these at cost price, **we do not accept returns.**

Belt

**Waist:** \_\_\_\_\_

Kilt

As per previous page, kilts are rented for £30 for the time your child is in the Scout Group. They can take several weeks to arrive. Kilts remain the property of the Scout Group.

Signed:

**Leader will provide the uniform items when available (normally within a week) and detail the current price by return on this form**

**Kilts are often ordered to size and so can take several weeks to arrive.**

# Badge Positions



# You Can Help Too

If you feel you might be in a position to help Inverkip Scouts at meetings and/or events please indicate using this form:

**I can help at meetings:**             Once a month     Once a term     More Regularly     Never

**I can occasionally help with:**     Transport         Activities         Camps             Other

**I can share the following skills, interests and resources:**

**Full Name:**

**Contact Details:**

## **The Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003**

The Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003 places legal obligations on The Scout Association to check adults volunteering / offering to work in a child care role against the Disqualified from Working with Children List. In order to comply, all adults that wish to help in Scouting on a regular basis, as Warranted Leaders or Certificated Section Assistants, will be subject to an enhanced level criminal record check by way of Disclosure Scotland.

The requirement to check occasional parent helpers against the List is dependent on the roles and responsibilities they may offer to take on. The section leader will discuss this further with you. Whilst an enhanced level criminal record check may not be required for every parent helper, we nevertheless seek your cooperation by completing the self-declaration statement below, confirming that you are not included on any List that disqualifies you from working with children.

All information is treated in strictest confidence in accordance with a defined code of practice. The Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003 makes it a criminal offence for an individual to apply for, offer to do, accept, or do any work in a child care position, if they are already disqualified from working with children. A person is disqualified from working with children if they are included in any of the lists detailed as follows:

- The Disqualified from Working with Children List established under Section 1 (1) of the Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003
  
- List kept under Section 1 of the Protection of Children Act (1999)
  
- On List 99 (Prohibition from Teaching)
  
- Subject to a Disqualification order. (Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000)

I \_\_\_\_\_ confirm that I am not included on any of the above lists and am not subject to any

disqualifications set out in the Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003. I understand that deliberately giving false information can result in prosecution.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_