



# Leander Sea Scouts Membership Information

Leander Sea Scouts offers fun, friendship and challenging activities for over a hundred boys and girls from the age of six. As well as offering all the traditional Scouting activities which build self-reliance, including camping, orienteering, knotting, Leander develops seamanship and boating skills.

The Group was founded in 1908, the year after Baden-Powell started Scouting, registered as the 2nd Kingston Scout Troop in 1909, becoming Sea Scouts a few years later.

Leander is one of only a hundred 'Royal Navy Recognised' groups in the country and has a riverside headquarters with a large fleet of

canoes, kayaks, dinghies and gigs for rowing and sailing, giving opportunities for a wide range of boating activities.

**Beavers** The Beaver Colony is for boys and girls aged 6 to 8 years old. The Beaver motto is 'Fun and Friends', which describes their aims. Swimming instruction forms a part of the programme, as they prepare to be able to swim 50m by the time they are 10½.

**Cubs** The Cub Pack is for boys and girls aged 8 to 10½. They follow a more structured programme, working towards proficiency badges, and they have the opportunity to sample river and camping activities as they get older.

**Scouts** The Scout Troop is for boys and girls aged 10½ to 14½. As well as the normal Scout training programme, including outdoor activities and camping, they become proficient in canoeing, rowing, sailing and all areas of seamanship.

**Explorer Scouts** The Explorer Scout Unit is for young people aged 14½ to 18. They are self-motivating and governing, carrying out an adventurous programme under the guidance of their adult leaders. They also pass on their knowledge and skills, assisting with other sections in the Group.

**Meetings** Beavers: Friday 5.30 - 6.45  
Cubs: Wednesday 6.30 - 8.00  
Scouts: Tuesday 7.15 - 9.15 (9.30 in Summer) and weekends (as arranged)  
Explorer Scouts: Thursday 7.30 - 9.30 (10.00 in Summer)

**Subscriptions** All leaders in Scouting give their services entirely freely and without any form of payment. Subscriptions go towards the upkeep and insurance of the Headquarters, boats and equipment. Subscriptions are payable monthly by standing order. We ask all parents to sign a Gift Aid declaration, so that the Group can reclaim tax paid on subscriptions. The rates are currently (2020) £18 per month, for 12 months in the year, for all sections.

We expect the family of a new member to sign up for an instructional or administrative role to support the leaders. You could represent parents on our Executive Committee, plan fundraising or social events, be parent co-ordinator, record keeper, carry out regular maintenance, run instruction sessions in a special skill, etc. Some parents have gone on to become leaders.

**Contacts** For enquiries about the waiting list, please contact Nigel Duffin:  
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