

How are Explorer Scouts organised?

Explorer Scout Units are primarily Leader led, with as much participation in decision making by young people as possible. There are a number of different types of Explorer Scout Units; these will vary according to local needs and circumstances. Explorer Units are all based at District level, even though the Unit itself may be attached to a Group or specialist Scout body, such as a campsite.

Explorer Scouts also have the option to become Young Leaders. Young Leaders carry out a Leadership role in a Beaver Scout Colony, Cub Scout Pack or Scout Troop. Young Leaders have their own training scheme but can also take part in all other Explorer Scout Activities.

Explorer Scouts have no structured groupings as you find in Beavers, Cubs or Scouts. By being involved in a number of different groupings Explorer Scouts will get the chance to develop their teamwork and leadership skills.

Investiture

Making the Promise is the most important act in Scouting and is common to every section. Scouting has a special ceremony for making the Promise called Investiture or being invested. When a young person makes their Promise they receive their Unit Scarf, The Membership Award (for those coming into Scouting for the first time) or their Moving-On Award (if they have been in Scouts) and are welcomed as a new Member into the Scout Family.

What do Explorer Scouts do?

Units decide themselves how often they meet. Members should be able to attend when it is convenient for them. Explorer Units might not need to meet every week because they will often be out and about at weekends or in the holidays doing activities. There will be times when they will be busy doing other things such as exams, and being an Explorer Scout will have to fit around these.

Explorer Scout Programme

Explorer Scouts have the opportunity to take part in adventurous activities, local conservation projects, creative projects, camps and expeditions, community support...the list is endless! Explorer Scouts can gain awards – from nationally recognised governing bodies (e.g. BCU for canoeing), to Scout Awards and Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Explorer Scouts are highly involved in deciding what they want to do and helping their Leaders in running the Programme.