

To The New Member

“What shall I be doing?”



It all depends on which section you have joined. Everyone does basically the same activities, with Venture Scouts doing the most adventurous ones.

We regularly go hiking, camping, hostelling, pot-holing, climbing, canoeing, played soccer, swum at a swimming gala, taken part in sports events, had barbecues, held an open day, watched the Giants play (!) Rugby, cooked without pots & pans (backwoods cooking), and so on.



The question is, “*What do **you** want us to organise for **you**?*”

What are “subs”?



The people who run your meetings and take you on the various activities are called “Leaders”. They do not get paid.

However, there are things which do need paying for at our headquarters (HQ)—electricity, water, the rates for the building, washing up liquid, etc.

Scouting is a national organisation. There are people who are paid to work full-time for the Scout Association. Like us, they need buildings to work in, and, consequently, they incur the same costs (gas, electricity, telephone, taxes, etc) as us. Part of our subs goes towards this national body.

To pay for some of these expenses we pay “subs” (subscriptions) of £6 in Beavers & Cubs, and £7 in Scouts & Explorer Scouts. If you have a brother or sister in Scouts or Guides, then your monthly subs are £5 for Beavers & Cubs, and £6 for Scouts and Explorers.



“What is the uniform?”

There is a section in this booklet which describes what your uniform is. You will find this on another worksheet.

“Why do I have to wear a uniform?”

I know that it seems strange to have to wear a uniform, but it's something that, after a while, you'll be proud of. Basically it's to show that we are Scouts. After all, football teams, rugby teams, netball teams, schools(!), and lots more, all wear uniforms—even their supporters wear one.