

6th RAMSGATE
SEA SCOUT GROUP



BEAVERS

6TH RAMSGATE

Scouts 
6th Ramsgate
Royal Harbour Sea Scouts

THE WELCOME PACK

**Joining Information for
6th Ramsgate Sea Scout Group**



Welcome to the 6th Ramsgate Beavers Pack!

This welcome pack is designed to give you all the necessary information to get your child started in the Beaver Colony. It includes:

- Information about Beaver Scouting and our Colony
- Information about the awards and badges
- Information about the running of 6th Ramsgate Sea Scout Group
- The Beaver Scout Promise and motto
- **Forms to be printed, completed and returned**

If you have further questions which are not answered here, then please do not hesitate to contact the Beaver Scout Leaders as follows:

Section Leader:

Stephen Kirby-Brown beavers@6thRamsgateSeaScouts.org.uk

Assistant Leader:

Hedgehog hedgehog@6thRamsgateSeaScouts.org.uk

Please feel free to share this information pack with other members of your family or friends who would like to become Beaver Scouts. We are always waiting to welcome new members.



The Aim of the Scout Association

The aim of the Scout Association is to encourage the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people so they may take a constructive place in society. We offer an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based upon a Beaver Scout Law and Promise. All activities are guided by adult leadership.

6th Ramsgate Sea Scout Group

Our Group is one of three Sea Scout Groups in Thanet and we are very proud of the fact that we are Admiralty Recognised. All our Sections meet in the same place, at our Head Quarters in Ramsgate Royal Harbour.

Our group consists of three sections:

- **Beavers, for boys and girls aged between 6 and 8 years old**
- **Cubs, for boys and girls aged between 8 and 10½ years old**
- **Scouts, for boys and girls aged between 10½ and 14½ years old**

For children who want to continue their Scouting beyond the age of 14½ there are District run Explorer Units.



The Beaver Scout Colony

The Beaver Scout Colony is run by the Beaver Scout Leader (Otter) and usually at least one Assistant Leader. **All Leaders are volunteers** who give their time for free and receive special training for their role. The Leaders are responsible for planning and running a programme of activities and games at Pack meetings and special events. All Leaders are DBS checked and will have completed ongoing Child Safeguarding training.

Beaver Colony meetings are held every **Thursday** evening between **17:15 and 18:30**,

A Beaver Colony may be organised into smaller groups called Lodges. Lodges can be used in a number of ways to facilitate the organisation of the Beaver Scout Colony.

Activities and Awards

Beavers will enjoy a great deal of fun and adventure whilst in the Colony, which will lead to the award of badges to wear on their uniform. During their time in the Colony, Beaver Scouts will get a chance to try a wide range of different activities as well as going on trips, days out, and on sleepovers.



Participation, rather than meeting set standards, is the key approach, and there are a range of badges and challenge awards that Beaver Scouts can gain to recognise their achievements.

Camps & Hikes

Our Beaver Colony takes part in a sleepover most years. This will either be with the District which involves other Beaver Colonies, or as a Group. During these camps, children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of activities which will go towards their Badge work. We often go on hikes around the local area.

District Events

Thanet District Scouts often organise events which are open to all Beavers in the District – they are many and varied, but include;

- New Year Party,
- Swimming Gala,
- Cross Country Run,
- Sports Day

We try to take part in as many of these as is possible.



Church Parades

There are only two Church Parades which we expect all Beavers to attend.

One is St George's Day, which is organised by the District and takes place in April at the Winter Gardens, Margate. The other is Remembrance Day in Ramsgate in November which takes place in St George's Church, Ramsgate.

Uniform

The only items of Beavers uniform which needs to be purchased is the Beaver Scout Sweatshirt and a necker. Uniform is available from most school uniform suppliers and also locally from TREWS WORKWEAR www.trewsworkwear.co.uk. We recommend that you obtain a larger size sweatshirt than you normally would to allow it to fit throughout your child's career in Beavers.

Our 6th Ramsgate Group scarf (or necker), which is white, can be purchased from the Beaver Section Leader priced £4. Your Beaver will need this on the night they are invested. The badges and woggle that your Beaver will need are supplied by us free of charge. However, if your Beaver loses a badge or woggle, we do make a charge to cover the cost of a replacement.



Full uniform i.e. as would be required for Church Parades or District events consists of the official sweatshirt, black school trousers and black formal shoes. We expect a high standard of appearance.

For normal Colony meetings we are happy for the trousers and shoes to be replaced by a more informal pair of dark coloured track suit bottoms and black / dark trainers. We do recommend that the children wear suitable shoes for running around as they will be playing games.

Cost

The monthly membership fee (subs) is **£15**. This should be paid by a monthly standing order paid directly from your bank account on a date of your choice. A standing order form is included with this pack and is *our preferred method of payment*. Alternative methods of payment (such as cash or cheque) should be discussed with your Section Leader and agreed in advance.

We also encourage you to complete a Gift Aid Form, however you choose to pay your subs, as it enables us to claim extra money from the government at NO additional cost to you.



Beaver Promise and Law

There are a number of variations of the Beaver Scout Promise to reflect the range of faiths, beliefs and attitudes, and nationalities, in the UK within Scouting.

BEAVER MOTTO

BE PREPARED!



For those for whom promising to do their “duty to God” is not appropriate, there are alternatives available. Please mention this to Otter before your Beaver’s Investiture.



Badges

There are a range of badges and awards available.

6th Ramsgate Group Executive Committee

The Scout Group must elect an Executive Committee each year. The Committee has the responsibility for day to day tasks such as account keeping, secretarial support as well as fundraising. They play an essential part in maintaining an effective and successful Scout Group and are required under Scouting rules to be in place, otherwise a Scout Group must close. The Committee hold an Annual General Meeting annual to which all parents are invited and encouraged to attend. Each section has a need for a Parent Representative on the Committee. If you feel that you could offer your services in this capacity, please speak to any Leader.

Safeguarding

It is the policy of The Scout Association to safeguard the welfare of all members by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional harm. We follow the Association's "Yellow Card" a Code of good practice for Adults in Scouting which all Leaders must follow.



Websites

Our Group website can be found at www.6thRamsgateSeaScouts.org.uk

There is a Permission Form in this pack asking for your permission for your Cub's image to be used on the website.

The website of the national Scout Movement is www.scouts.org.uk

The website for Thanet District Scouts is www.thanetscouts.org.uk

Forms

Please print and complete the following forms and return them to Otter.

- Data Protection Form
- Personal/Medical Details/Consent Form
- Website Consent Form
- Standing Order Form
- Gift Aid Form

You and your Beaver will also be asked to complete a Code of Conduct form.



Data Protection

I accept that the Scout Group will be keeping information about my son's/daughter's membership of the Scout Movement for Scouting purposes.

I give explicit consent to the holding of information of my son's/daughter's health; disabilities; religion/faith; race/ethnic origin again for Scouting purposes.

I give / do not give consent to the disclosure of any of information held to third parties associated with the Scout Movement in order that they may offer products and services which may be of interest.

Please note this information will be held on computer solely for the Group's use.

Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature



Photograph and Media Consent

I give permission as the parent or guardian of the named person above for their likeness to be used for the purposes of 6th Ramsgate Scout Group's internal and external publications, newsletters, presentations, and local/national newspaper articles.

If it is given, you may remove your permission at any time by contacting the scout leader.

Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature



Website Consent

Due to the public nature of an internet site, we would like your permission to be able to include your child on the site.

I give permission for my child to be included on the 6th Ramsgate Sea Scout Group website.

Your child's name _____

Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature



Personal/Medical Details/Consent Form

DETAILS OF BEAVER

Name

Date of Birth

Address

Postcode

Phone No

Email

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Name

Relationship to YP

Phone No

Mobile No

HEALTH DETAILS OF BEAVER

Family Doctor's

Phone No

Name

Address

Is s/he known to suffer from any of the following?

Hayfever

YES / NO

Epilepsy

YES / NO

Giddy spells

YES / NO

Asthma

YES / NO

Diabetes

YES / NO

Angina (or other heart condition) YES / NO

Any other disability or known allergy e.g. penicillin (if yes please give details)

YES / NO



Does s/he take any form of medication? YES / NO (If yes please give details below)

Have you received a tetanus injection? YES / NO (If yes give date injection given below)

I will inform the Leaders in charge if s/he is in contact with any infectious disease within 3 weeks of any event.

PERMISSION

In the event of illness or accident requiring emergency hospital treatment, I authorise the Beavers Leaders to sign on my behalf any written form of consent required by the hospital authorities, if the delay required to obtain my own signature is considered inadvisable by the surgeon concerned.

Signed

Date

Note: The medical profession takes the view that the patient's consent to medical treatment cannot be delegated. Thus medical consent forms have no legal status and a doctor/nurse insisting on the consent of the patient to a particular treatment has the right to do so.



Standing Order Form

TO THE MANAGER

Bank _____
Full Address _____

Bank Sort Code

Account Number

ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Your Account _____
Name of Account _____
Account Number _____
Your address _____
Postcode _____

PLEASE PAY TO

Bank, Address LLOYDS TSB, QUEEN STREET, RAMSGATE

Bank Sort Code

Account Number

Account Name SIXTH RAMSGATE SEA SCOUT GROUP

The Sum Please enter the amount in multiples of fifteen depending on the number of children you have in the group.

Reference _____ (Young Persons Initial & Surname)

The first payment to be made on the _____ of _____ 20_____ and thereafter on the _____ day of every month, until you receive further notice from me in writing.



Gift Aid Declaration

Title _____ Forename(s) _____ Surname _____

Home
address

Postcode

I would like **6th Ramsgate Sea Scout Group** to treat my membership subscription as a Gift Aid donation from this date forward and for the previous six financial periods (if applicable).

Date _____

- Notes
1. You must pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax we reclaim on the payments (currently 28p for every £1 you give).
 2. You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the Scout Group.
 3. Please notify the Scout Group if you change your name or address.
 4. If you pay tax at the higher rate you may be able to claim further tax relief via your Self Assessment tax return.