

**6th RAMSGATE  
SEA SCOUT GROUP**



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# **THE WELCOME PACK**

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



## **Welcome to the 6<sup>th</sup> Ramsgate Scouts Pack!**

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

- Information about Scouting and our Group
- Information about the awards and badges
- Information about the running of 6<sup>th</sup> Ramsgate Sea Scout Group
- The Scout Promise and Law
- **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 Scout Leaders as follows:

### **Section Leader:**

**Skip**                      [skip@6thRamsgateSeaScouts.org.uk](mailto:skip@6thRamsgateSeaScouts.org.uk)

### **Assistant Leader:**

**Coxswain**                [coxswain@6thRamsgateSeaScouts.org.uk](mailto:coxswain@6thRamsgateSeaScouts.org.uk)

Please feel free to share this information pack with other members of your family or friends who would like to become 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 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.



## Scout Section

The Scout Section is run by the Scout Leader (Skip) 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 meetings and special events. All Leaders are DBS checked and will have completed ongoing Child Safeguarding training.

Scout meetings are held every **Friday** evening between **18:30 and 21:30**.

The Scout section is divided into Patrols of six to eight Scouts named after British birds. Patrol Leaders are appointed by the Leaders who feel they meet the requirements, have shown commitment and have a good knowledge of Scouting.

There is also a Senior Patrol Leader, who from the quarterdeck leads the young people in their drill, and helps oversee activities. The Senior Patrol Leader is always the most experienced and most dedicated Scout.



## **Associations**

The Ramsgate Small Boat Owners Association kindly donates the use of their mooring for our boats as well as the use of their boating area in the outer Harbour. In return all Scouts become associate members of the group. This does not cost anything and is done under the care of 6th Ramsgate Sea Scouts.

## **Activities**

Being RN recognized means there are certain badges we are expected to complete as well as water activities, the challenge badges and everyday scouting. To fit all of this in we have a three-year rolling program. There are many indoor activities as well as trips to local places of interest and District run events.

From around mid-April to the end of October we try to get away from the confines of the Scout hall and carry out as many outside activities as possible. November to April we are based at our HQ and to break up the winter months, we usually have short weekend camps and hikes.

## **Water Activities**

Water Activities are our main outdoor activity and are strictly controlled by our qualified leadership team. Scouts have the opportunity to try all the activities.



Any Sea Scout who cannot swim can still take part provided they are wearing the correct life jacket.

## **Land Activities**

Land activities are a major part of Scouting. We try to organise one main camp each year. Short weekend camps are normally undertaken during the winter months and hikes are carried out all year from four to twenty miles.

## **Church Parades**

There are only two Church Parades which we expect all Scouts 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**

All Sea Scouts are expected to wear full uniform once they are invested, as follows:

- Hats – white with 'Sea Scout' Tally Band,
- Neckerchief – white, rolled and pressed,
- Jumpers – blue 'Sea Scout' jumper,



- Trousers (or skirt if preferred) – smart black\*,
- Socks (or tights if skirt worn) – black, and
- Shoes – smart black\*.
- Scout Belt

*\*Black trousers / skirts and shoes can be those worn for school, however where some schools accept black trainers these are not acceptable for Scout uniform*

Navy Blue Sea Scout jumpers and Scout belts can be bought from any school wear shop: The neckers, woggles, and the hat talibands can be purchased from Skip at a small cost. Please also see the Order Form later in this pack.

The **Royal Navy Caps** are ordered from Naval Stores and cost around £20. To buy, you will need to send a letter providing your child's head measurement in centimeters. Please obtain the details from Skip.

We also ask that all Scouts bring a **complete** change of clothing for the evening's activities, so that their uniforms will remain clean and undamaged.

We recommend:

- T-shirt/jumper
- Old jogging bottoms/trousers
- Trainers
- Old coat





In the case of water activities, Scouts will also need to bring:

- Sensible shoes
- Water proof trousers
- Water proof jacket
- Towel
- Shower gel

## **Costs**

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.

## **Scout Promise and Law**

The Law and Promise are central to the ethos of Scouting. Scouts will need to know both of these before their Investiture.





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## The Scout Law

1. A Scout is to be trusted.
2. A Scout is loyal.
3. A Scout is friendly and considerate.
4. A Scout belongs to the worldwide family of Scouts.
5. A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
6. A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.
7. A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.

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## The Scout Promise

### For Christians, Jews and Sikhs

On my honour,  
I promise that I will do my best  
to do my duty to God  
and to the Queen,  
to help other people  
and to keep the Scout Law.

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



## **Badges**

There are a range of badges and awards available.

## **6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.6thRamsgateSeaScouts.org.uk)

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

The website of the national Scout Movement is [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk)

The website for Thanet District Scouts is [www.thanetscouts.org.uk](http://www.thanetscouts.org.uk)

## Forms

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

- Personal/Medical Details/Consent Form
- Standing Order Form
- Gift Aid Form
- Uniform Order Form



## Standing Order Form

### TO THE MANAGER

Bank

Full Address

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Bank Sort Code

Account Number

### ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Your Account

Name of Account

Account Number

Your address

Postcode

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### PLEASE PAY TO

Bank, Address

LLOYDS TSB, QUEEN STREET, RAMSGATE

Bank Sort Code

30 - 96 - 93

Account Number

00182078

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)

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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 **6<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Personal Details Form

Please complete the following details and return it to the relevant Scout Leader.

We ask that you keep a copy for your own records and keep us informed should any details change.

### Contact Information

Scout Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gender M / F Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact email \_\_\_\_\_

Contact tel no \_\_\_\_\_

Date of first investiture \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 1:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile No. \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile No. \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Alternative Contact:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Tel No. \_\_\_\_\_

### Medical Information

Please list any medical conditions, allergies or special requirements your child has (full information on the appropriate way to cater for these should also be given to your child's Leader):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please give details of any dietary requirements your child has:

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**Additional Information**

Time available per week/month/year for assisting with the Group:

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Please give details of any skills or hobbies you have that could contribute to the running of the Group or the provision of activities:

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**Consent**

Parental  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Data Protection**

All information given will be used in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Information given will only be used in connection with your child's membership of the Scout Movement in the United Kingdom. The Scout Association, at all levels, may itself use your contact details (post and e-mail) to keep in touch with you about Scouting. However, by law we need your express permission for certain direct marketing services. By giving this permission we can provide you with access to additional opportunities and services.

Please clearly indicate\* below whether you are happy to be contacted:  
I **AM / AM NOT\*** happy to receive details by post or email from The Scout Association and its subsidiary companies about new products or services.

**Media Consent**

From time to time, photographs, video or audio may be taken during the course of our regular activities or events. This media may be used on our website, in press releases or other promotional or advertising material to promote our Scout group and other scouting publicity.

We seek your permission and the permission of the person named on this form, to allow us to use any such media in this way.

Please clearly indicate\* below whether you consent to photos, video and audio clips to be used in this way.

We **DO / DO NOT\*** consent to photographs, video or audio of the person named on this form scouting purposes only.





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## Uniform Order Form

Scout Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle size(s) required.

			Qty	Price	Total
	Fleece (6 <sup>th</sup> Ramsgate logo left chest)	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL		£17.95	
	Hoodie (6 <sup>th</sup> Ramsgate logo left chest)	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL		£16.95	
	Zipped Hoodie (6 <sup>th</sup> Ramsgate logo left chest)	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL		£17.95	
	Sweatshirt (6 <sup>th</sup> Ramsgate logo left chest)	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL		£15.90	
	Rugby shirt (6 <sup>th</sup> Ramsgate logo left chest)	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL		£17.95	
	Polo shirt (6 <sup>th</sup> Ramsgate logo left chest)	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL		£13.95	
	T-shirt (6 <sup>th</sup> Ramsgate logo left chest)	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL		£12.95	

ORDER TOTAL

Comments/Special Requests

Prices correct as of Jan 2017. Prices include VAT. VAT does not apply for child sizes (so deduct 20%). All items come in Navy as standard. For enquiries, please contact [trevor@trewsworkwear.co.uk](mailto:trevor@trewsworkwear.co.uk)