



1st Grundisburgh Scout Group

Scout Behaviour Issues

Dear Parents

We are writing to all Parents of Scouts to advise you of the Code of Conduct that is being implemented at Grundisburgh Scouts with immediate effect.

Whilst historically this has not been necessary, we have become increasingly concerned at the behaviour of a number of individuals in Scouts, which is having the effect of spoiling the environment for the majority of others.

The fundamental principle of Scouting is based upon trust and respect, and in the last year there has been a distinct drop in the behaviour that we would expect. Some even seem to be struggling with the simple things, such as following instructions from Leaders or keeping quiet when requested at appropriate times in the meeting - e.g. Flag Break.

Therefore we are looking to go 'Back to Basics' in terms of implementing a 'Code of Conduct', expecting quietness when requested, respect for other Scouts and Leaders, and all Scouts to be wearing full uniform with buttons done up.

Scouting can be fantastic fun, with the opportunity for children to have more responsibility and to do things they would not otherwise get the chance to do. We have Scouts who want to work towards the Chief Scouts Gold Award, and a number of the exciting activities that we have planned over the next few months will help all our Scouts to obtain more badges.

Our Scout group is held in high regard in the village, being involved with events such as the Village Show, stream cleaning, duck race, ditch clearing, Flag Parades and Carol Service catering.

We are working on the basis that the current issues are a hiccup, as we do have a fantastic set of youngsters in the Troop. However, we do accept that it is possible some youngsters will not want to comply and therefore continue spoiling it for others. Whilst it will be a shame for these individuals to be asked to leave, it is a step we will take.

Clearly we are a voluntary organisation and one that as Leaders we immensely enjoy. Therefore your support in us taking this action would be greatly appreciated, and will help us to continue to operate a wide and varied programme. Also as mentioned in previous newsletters, there are now only 2 Adult Leaders, following the loss of Buster and Ziggy, and Ian in recent months for various reasons. Therefore any help that you can provide - even if on an occasional basis such as a parent rota, would certainly be useful!

To confirm that you agree with the Code of Conduct would you please, together with your child/children, complete the form overleaf and return to either one of us.

Yours in Scouting,

Stuart Ross
Group Scout Leader

Archie Adams
Cub Scout Leader





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Code of Conduct

The Scouting Movement is based on Friendship, Trust, Consideration and Respect for others and oneself. When invested, every member (Cub Scout or Scout) makes a Promise to the Scouting Movement to abide by these principles.

Unfortunately, some members are not always prepared to keep to this Promise and can disrupt the whole section with their poor behaviour, spoiling the activities and fun for the other members.

Therefore, the following 'Code of Conduct' has been written to clarify what is expected from each member. Also, to establish a simple procedure should a member's behaviour or actions be considered by the Section Leaders as being unacceptable.

Scout Promise

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

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 world-wide 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.

Cub Scout Promise

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

Cub Scout Law

Cub Scouts always do their best, think of others before themselves and do a good turn every day.





Examples of unacceptable behaviour.



1. Violence towards other members, Leaders, helpers or visitors.
2. Behaviour likely to cause danger to themselves or others.
3. Use of vulgar, abusive or offensive language.
4. Bullying of any kind – verbal or physical.
5. Disruptive behaviour, including the continual refusal to participate in the programmed activity and or preventing others from participating.
6. Behaving in an unkind or disrespectful manner towards other members, Leaders, helpers or visitors – including ignoring requests to be quiet at appropriate times.
7. The deliberate damage of property belonging to the Group, another member, Leader or visitor.
8. Not wearing correct uniform, fully buttoned, at appropriate times during meetings.

Course of Action

Should any member of the Group (Cub Scout or Scout) behave in an unacceptable manner the following procedure will take place.

1. *The individual's parents will be immediately contacted and asked to collect their child from the Section meeting, camp or activity. This individual would then be excluded from the following meeting.*
2. *Should the same individual be sent home on a second occasion, they would then be required to miss the following two meetings. During that period the member, together with their parents would be invited to attend a meeting with the Group Scout Leader and Section Leader to discuss the situation.*
3. *Should any member be sent home on a third and final occasion, they would regrettably be dismissed from the Group.*

Member's Agreement

Each member (Cub Scout or Scout) is required to complete and sign the agreement found on the next page, which should be counter-signed by a parent and returned to their Section Leader.



This will then be kept on file until the member leaves the Group.



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I have read, understood and agree to abide by the
1st Grundisburgh Scout Group Code of Conduct.

Scout or Cub Name..... Signature.....

Date.....



I am the Parent of the Scout or Cub named above. I have read and
agree with the 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group Code of Conduct.

Parent Name..... Signature.....

Date.....

**I will / will not be available to assist on a parent rota in helping provide
support on Scout meeting nights.**

(Please delete as appropriate)

(Please complete and return this page to the Section Leader)

