



STEVENAGE SCOUTS

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DISTRICT NIGHT HIKE
Saturday 24th November 2018
Final Team Information

4th November 2018

Dear Scouts and Explorers,

Thank you for entering a team in this year's District Night Hike. The arrangements are as follows:

Start and finish: Stevenage District Scout HQ, Magpie Crescent, Poplars, Stevenage, Herts, SG2 9RZ

Team name: _____

Team start time: _____

Presentation time: 9:00am on Sunday 25th November at the District Scout HQ, Poplars.

Pick up time: 9:30am (following presentation)

Emergency Contact: **07805 389486**

Scout teams will be sleeping in the District Scout HQ when they return from the hike (separate halls for male and female Scouts). Please ensure you bring a roll mat as well as a sleeping bag, as you will be sleeping on the hall floor. Over-night kit can be left in the sleeping accommodation just prior to your team's check-in time. Allow about 15 minutes for this.

Explorer teams will need to provide sleeping tents for when they return, which can be pitched in the garden behind the HQ from 3pm onwards on the Saturday.

A food base will provide a burger, snack bar and hot drink on your way around the route. Teams should also bring their own snacks and drinks to keep them going throughout the night!

The Scout route is approx. 10 miles with an extra 2 miles for Explorer teams. A first aid incident base is included. The team scoring the most points at this base will be awarded the District Scout First Aid trophy.

A basic breakfast of sausage or bacon sandwiches (or vegetarian alternative if requested in advance) will be provided between 8:00 and 8:30am on the Sunday before the presentation at 9:00am.

At check-in, teams will be provided with a laminated marked up map, a set of grid references & an emergency contact phone list - (This will be sealed in an envelope with the team mobile phone).

Each Scout/Explorer taking part will need to return a Nights Away Information Form. These were provided with the initial information and are also available on the District website. They must be returned at check-in, but ideally before. This will allow maximum time for those last minute changes!

Copies of all the information will be available on the Scout section of the District website (address above).

Kit List and Directions

Individual Kit

- Warm clothing (no jeans)
- Fleece jacket or warm jumper
- Spare warm jumper (in case yours gets wet!)
- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Walking Boots and walking socks
- Drink & snack food
- Torch and spare battery
- Small day sack with plastic bag liner

Team Kit (Discuss with your Scout Leader)

- 2 compasses
- 1 mobile phone (with credit and charged battery!)
- Reflective vests (1 per walker)
- Map pen (to write on a laminated map)
- Small first aid kit

Personal kit to be left in HQ or sleeping tents

- Sleeping bag **and** thick blanket **and** roll mat
- Change of clothes

At check-in there will be a basic kit check. **Any team member without walking boots, waterproofs and adequate warm clothing will not be allowed to start the hike.** The route will be muddy so hiking boots are essential. These can usually be borrowed from Countryside Ski & Climb in Stevenage High Street, Old Town if you don't have any (£10 deposit, which is returned if the boots are returned clean).

Location and Car Parking

Please use the main Sainsbury's supermarket car park when being dropped off or collected.

