



**STEVENAGE SCOUTS**

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# DISTRICT NIGHT HIKE

## Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019

### General Information

4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Scouts, Explorers & Parents,

The District Night Hike will be held over the night of Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Teams of 4 to 7 Scouts and an adult walking leader navigate their way around the route of around 9 miles, with incident bases along the way. Incident/activity bases are run by local Scout leaders and most will have a Scouting theme, testing Scouts' teamwork and Scouting skills, as well as providing a welcome break from the walking! One of these bases will be a food base providing hot drinks and food. Another will involve a First Aid scenario for the Scouts to deal with. The highest scoring team at this base will be awarded the First Aid trophy.

Teams will meet at the Scout HQ, Datchworth which is adjacent to the Village Hall, early on the Saturday evening (a map will be supplied in the final information pack). The exact time will be provided nearer the time, but will be between 5:00 and 8:00pm. After the hike, teams will return to the HQ for a few hours sleep, indoors in the Village Hall (separate area for male and female) for Scouts and in tents for Explorers. A basic breakfast will be served in the morning, followed by the presentation of the Night Hike and First Aid trophies at 9:00am.

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.** A detailed kit list will be issued to each team entering on receipt of their entry form. Walking boots will be required and these can usually be loaned if you don't own a pair, from Countryside Ski and Hire in Stevenage High Street (must be reserved with shop in advance).

All letters and forms can be printed from the District website (address above).

The cost is £15 per Scout/Explorer. **Cheques should be made payable to 'Stevenage District Scout Council'.** If you would like to attend the District Night Hike, please return the completed Nights Away Health Form to your Leader with the appropriate fee as soon as possible. **Leaders have to enter teams by no later than Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November and will appreciate your entry before this date.**

Please note that this is a team event and your Scout or Explorer Leader will arrange the teams for each Troop/Unit. If you have any questions on the event, please ask your leader or contact myself using the details above.

Yours in Scouting,

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