



Crusaders Explorer Scout Unit

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Dear

**15th Romsey Scout Group & Crusaders Explorer Unit:
Transfer of Scouts into Explorer Scout Unit
Please show this letter to your parents**

Scouts can transfer into the Unit between the age of 13½ - 14½ years.

Explorer Scouts are co-ordinated at District level and you are entitled to join any one or more units within the District. 15th Romsey has a unit affiliated to the Group and it is likely that you will wish to join our unit - but you may wish to look at the other Units to see if they are more suited to your interests.

During the first few weeks you will work on the "Moving On Award". The requirements are fairly straightforward and usually takes 4-6 weeks. So that you can join in the Unit Meetings to the full, we may ask you to do some of the Moving On Award badgework at home. In particular you need to learn the Scout Law & Promise. When you have finished, we arrange a short ceremony where you make the Scout Promise and are presented with the badges for your Explorer Scout Uniform.

You do not need to wait until this point before wearing Explorer Scout Uniform. You can also wear some badges that you gained in Scouts. These include your "Participation Award", "Staged Activity Badges" any "Group Awards" and the "Silver Chief Scout's Award". The Leaders will give you more information about this. Until you get your Explorer Scout Uniform you should wear your Scout Uniform to Uniformed Unit Meetings. (We aim to meet in Uniform about once a month, but uniform is not worn every week)

This can be a difficult time, moving from the Troop where you are the oldest, into the Explorer Scout Unit where you are younger than many of the Explorer Scouts. We invite you to come along for the last few meetings of this term, whilst you are still attending Scouts, to help you settle in. If you have any concerns about the transfer process, about the way the Unit is run, or indeed any other aspects of the Unit, please contact one of the Leaders or Helpers listed on the attached information sheets.

Details of coming events are included in this "welcome pack".

You are invited to start attending Unit Meetings from

As the Unit is registered separately from the Group, we will need you to fill in new Data Protection Act and Gift Aid forms.

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