

# Crusaders Explorer Scout Unit

(North Baddesley)

## Unit Notices

3rd September 2009

<http://www.explorers.nbscouts.org.uk/>



### Next Week

**Thurs 10th Sept** 8:00-9:30

The main activity will be sorting equipment to take to camp, to save time loading on Friday evening.

We may also cover the requirements of the moving-on award for those moving up from Scouts, and/or have Beadles to sort into rounds. Please listen out for notices tonight, and look out for an email if you don't remember!

### Meeting Times

We have sometimes overrun our intended meeting times slightly over the last term, so are looking into the possibility of starting 15 minutes earlier (i.e. at 7:45). It would also help us keep to time if everyone is quiet when asked when activities are being explained and during notices. Please let us know if an earlier start would be a problem for you.

### Weekend Camp

Those going to weekend camp should have a copy of the final details, including home contact information. Let me know if you have any remaining queries or concerns, otherwise I'll see you at the HQ at 6pm on Friday 11th.

### Subs

Autumn Term subs are now due. As agreed at the Group AGM, subs have been increased by £3, so £23 if paid by 24th Sept, £25 after. Please make cheques payable to "Crusaders Explorer Unit", or place cash in a named envelope.

### Welcome

Welcome to Ben, Thomas, Lewis and Reuben, joining us from the Scout Troop. I hope you continue to enjoy Scouting through Explorers.

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## District Events

Just ask if you need details, or see links on the programme.

### Canoeing Fun Sessions

Sat 5th & Sun 20th Sept

1½ hour fun sessions, suitable for all abilities. £3 a session, payable on the day but please book in advance to secure a place.

### Canoe River Trip

Sat 17th Oct

Approximately 6 miles (10 km) paddling along the River Hamble. Suitable for those with at least BCU 1-star or PaddlePower Passport qualifications. Cost £5; bookings required by 2nd October.

### Monopoly Challenge

Sat-Sun 14-15th Nov

In teams, can you visit all the streets on the board? Stay overnight on a boat in London Docklands. Cost £65; forms and £25 deposit required ASAP.

## Post-Meeting Duties

It always seems to be the same few who help tidy up after meetings when we ask for volunteers. To ensure everyone takes their turn, we're introducing a rota; please be prepared to help as indicated at the bottom of this page. It only takes 5-10 minutes after the meeting if everyone works together.

## Patrols

With a unit as large as ours, it can take some time to get groups sorted for each activity. At the last committee meeting, we thought setting up four fixed groups, similar to Scout Patrols, could have a number of advantages.

The grouping requires some thought, but we will need four names along a similar theme for the four groups - perhaps famous explorers, the crusades, or something else appropriate. Ideas (theme & 4 names) please? There might even be a prize for the best.

### Duties rota:

Ian, Graham, Ginny, Misha, Charlie, Lewis	3 Sep	8 Oct	19 Nov
Adam V, Jess Cr, Leon, Mike, Jess Ca, Reuben	10 Sep	15 Oct	26 Nov
Owen, Adam G, Jack, Lottie, Ben	17 Sep	22 Oct	3 Dec
Gareth, Abi, Ed, Amy, Thomas	1 Oct	5 Nov	10 Dec

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