

Welcome

Presentation on Squirrels at the 5th Haywards Heath Scout Group. 7pm 27th November

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ABOUT THE GROUP

- Three existing sections – Scout Troop (27 young people), Cub Pack (25 young people) and Beaver Colony (20)
- Group has been in existence for over 70 years. We are one of 14 Groups in Mid Sussex District and Mid Sussex District is one of 10 Districts in West Sussex County.
- Scouts, Cubs and Beavers do all sorts of great activities including indoor and outdoor, camps and trips.

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We are very excited to be adding a Squirrel Drey

About Squirrels

- For boys and girls aged 4-5
- Newest Scouting section – only been around in UK since 2020
- Red uniforms with group scarf
- Short sessions (1 hour max)
- Child-led learning and focus on participation
Story-based sessions
- Badges earned



Squirrel Leaders

- Ratios 1:6 inside plus a leader in charge. So x3 for a group of 12**
- One leader who has done First Aid training must be present**
- Outdoor ratios 1:4 (extras can be parent helpers)**
- Leaders get training and support**
- There should be at least one Young Leader also**



Squirrel Sessions

- Each meeting follows the same routine to support young people to feel confident during the session.
- Begin with an opening ceremony, where young people are welcomed into the group, self sign in and sing a song to start the meeting.
- Introduce the session with a story. This is an essential part of the Squirrel programme as literacy is incredibly important at this age.
- Get stuck into an activity – this makes up the bulk of your session and usually lasts around 20-30 minutes. The activity explores the theme of the session, as introduced by the story. You can add games to fill the time.
- Say goodbye with a closing ceremony. This is where everyone comes back together and shares their experience of the meeting in small groups or as a whole. The group sings the goodbye song to close the meeting.



WE ALREADY HAVE...

- Green light from The Scout Association to start our Drey. It will be the first in Haywards Heath
- Money to purchase resources
- A venue. We cannot use the Franklands Village Scout Hut where our other sections meet because there is a nursery in there at the time we want. The church we are connected to have offered us use of their community room.
- Admin system that we use for the other sections is easily set up for Squirrels.
- Plenty of support available from GSL
- A Young Leader

WE STILL NEED...

Adult Leaders

We need four leaders who can make a regular commitment (term-times) on a Thursday afternoon from about 3.30 to 5.15.

One leader needs to be the 'Section Leader' and take overall charge for the planning and running of the group but the actual work is done as a team.

FIND OUT MORE

- Our website 5hhscouts.org
- Scouts website scouts.org.uk/squirrels/

Talk to Fred gsl5thhaywardsheathstpauls@gmail.com