

1ST MARKS TEY & COPFORD SCOUT GROUP



Scouts

SUMMER 2019 NEWSLETTER

GROUP UPDATE




A warm welcome back to all as we commence our Summer Term of exciting and challenging activities for all of our Young People.

We do trust that all of our Young People had an action packed and exciting Spring Term and we are sure that this term will be no exception, especially with the opportunity to get out and about during the great British Summer!

As this is the start of the new term please note that this term's subscription fee of **£36** per child is now due – please make cheques/payments to “1st Marks Tey Scout Group”.

1st Great Tey Scouts, please note that your subscriptions should be paid directly to your own Group, as per instructions received from 1st Great Tey Scout Group.

AROUND THE SECTIONS

	<p>The Beavers have had a great half term leading up to Easter, working towards their World Challenge Badge. They have learnt about fair trade food and where it comes from and been introduced to some of the religions of those countries. They have also been working towards their Essex Centenary Challenge. Highlights have included going on a bug hunt, making bug hotels, a newspaper fashion show and attempting to build the tallest tower out of paper that they can. This term we are looking forward to getting outside to learn how to use our bicycles safely, experiments and continuing with our 100 challenges.</p>
	<p>Our highlights last term included a visit from our ADC Inclusion (Octavia Goodge) who helped us understand a little bit about disabilities and how we can include everyone, team building games and our Mother's Day craft. We are looking forward to getting outside this term with some hiking, gardening, experiments and the athletes badge to name but a few. We are also looking forward to our trip to Colchester United on Saturday where 10 Cubs and 4 Leaders will be in attendance. If your child has a friend who would like to join Cubs, please ask them to complete the new member registration form at www.1stmarkstey.org.</p>
	<p>The Scouts had a varied programme last term. They explored global issues including where their clothes are made and why, natural disasters, and the role of sports events in promoting human understanding. They put their creative skills to good use, including cooking pancakes on portable stoves, making hot air balloons, and crafting Mother's Day presents. They also had a couple of outdoor activities - an evening hike in rural Copford and an Easter Egg Hunt around the churchyard.</p>

SUBSCRIPTION FEES

As per the above, this term's subscription fee of £36 is now due for payment and we would be grateful if these could be paid promptly during the first two weeks of the term. Please email our Treasurer, Marci, (treasurer.1stmarkstey@hotmail.com), if you have paid by BACS so that she can record your payment as we only get a monthly bank statement. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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Please be assured that all fees collected are put into the Group solely for the purpose of ensuring quality Scouting is available to all of our members.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Please note that as we enter the Summer Term, the following uniform protocol will apply:

- Beavers – Beaver t-shirt and shorts can be worn.
- Cubs – Cub t-shirt and shorts can be worn.
- Scouts – normal Scout uniform, unless otherwise advised by the Scout Leader dependent on activity being undertaken.

NOTE: All Sections should wear their Group scarf at each meeting. Please ensure that Young People attend wearing sensible footwear (smart shoes/trainers) – not flip flops, sliders or crocs, etc.

UPCOMING EVENTS

During this Summer Term we have three very important dates, for which your support would be appreciated:

St. George's Day Parade 28th April 2019

Colchester's annual parade through Colchester Town. Please ensure as many Young People as possible attend. Parents, family and friends are welcome to come along and cheer the Young People as they parade. Please refer to previous correspondence regarding this event.

Gang Show 29th May – 1st June 2019

The Colchester Gang Show will be performing their annual extravaganza at Colchester County High School for Girls. This year we have several members of 1st Marks Tey & Copford Scout Group involved in the performances, so please do come along and support them. Please refer to previous correspondence regarding this event.

Group AGM and Awards Night - 11th July 2019

An invitation to all parents/grandparents/siblings to come along and listen to all of the great things we have achieved during the last year and to celebrate the success of your Young People. As in previous years we will be providing a BBQ along with fun and games. More details to be provided in due course.

SMARTIES CHALLENGE

Please could all of the Young People return their Smarties' tube collections to their Leaders by Thursday 23rd May, 2019. A special prize will be awarded to the Young Person who has collected the most!!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Summer Term	25 th April, 2019 to 18 th July, 2019 inc. (except 30 th May, 2019).
St. George's Day Parade	28 th April, 2019.
Gang Show	29 th May – 1 st June, 2019.
Group AGM/Awards Night	11 th July, 2019.

FACEBOOK

Have you joined our private Facebook Group? If not, please send a friend request to Mark Stey and our Group Secretary will add you to our Group. We never use this page as our first line of communication, but we share photographs of our programme evenings and events. This is only open to members of 1st Marks Tey and Copford Scout Group.

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