

**Firstly, we need to know a bit about you!** In order that we can contact you (or your parents!) quickly and easily, we need to know who you are (especially in case of accidents etc). Please reply ASAP copy and pasting the following box into an email to [Colin.Stamp@uk.ibm.com](mailto:Colin.Stamp@uk.ibm.com), before coming to a meeting (you may view this record and correct it at any time, and it is kept very secret and confidential, and is NOT on the Web Site in any form!)

Given name:		Family name:	
Your date of birth:		Parent/s Name/s:	
Your usual Home Address:		Parent Mobile/Office #: (emergency only)	
Town:		Your Mobile Phone #:	
Post Code:		Your preferred eMail:	
Home telephone #:		A parent eMail:	
Former Scout Group:		Young Leader in Training?	

Note: To follow the (Web) links below, this letter can be found at:

[http://www.loddonexplorers.co.uk/Welcome\\_to\\_Scouts\\_Joining\\_Instructions.html](http://www.loddonexplorers.co.uk/Welcome_to_Scouts_Joining_Instructions.html)

**What do we do and who are we?**

To see what we do, why not visit our [Main Explorer Web Site](#) have a read of our [Welcome to Explorer Scouts Leaflet](#) then look at our [Explorer Scouts Program & Diary](#) and checkout the [Activities](#)

Do feel free to come along to some of the meetings at [Loddon District Explorers HQ at Paddicks Patch Campsite](#), located on this diagram [here](#).

**No obligation!**

Just decide if you like it (us!), then ask your `Rents to fill in the [Explorer Subscription & Membership Form](#),

**Uniform:**

To be Invested, you will need to buy the [Explorer Uniform shirt + trousers or skirt](#) from either our local Scout shop (in grounds of Rivermead School, Thursdays 19.00-21.00 hours. Saturdays 10.00-12.00 hours), or from [Mark Loring](#),

**Finally:**

We Invest you into the Explorer Scouts, (a simple "Scout Law & Promise" ceremony) where we present you with our Explorer Unit Scarf, and all your membership badges (free!) .....and that's all there is to joining!

**Ongoing Weekly:**

Using your mobile phone number we send (usually) weekly a txt message reminding you what, when and where the next meeting is. At roughly the same time over the week-end we also send you a detailed eMail Newsletter. We also publish this eMail newsletter on the Website [News!](#) page.

**The Explorer Leaders:**

Can be found [here](#): (Contact tab)

**Fundraising:**

Is optional but allows you to build up a [Virtual Bank Account](#) by helping with fun [fundraising activities](#) to spend on anything you like to do with Scouting and Outdoors Activities (Explorer and DofE Expeditions, Scout Camps, boots, hiking equipment etc).

**Expeditions:**

Next year our Explorer Unit Expedition is to with Bershire County to Switzerland and there is also a low cost camp probably at Stonor Park. As soon as you reply with your details, we'll add you to our emailing list so you receive Explorer Updates each week.

We look forward to seeing you at a meeting very soon! Enjoy your Scouting,

**Colin Stamp**

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