

Role description for an Explorer Scout Leader



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Role description

Title: Explorer Scout Leader

Outline: The Explorer Scout Leader is the Section Leader for an Explorer Scout Unit. They are responsible for developing and providing quality Explorer Scouting and working with the District Explorer Scout Commissioner in developing and supporting Explorer Scouting in the District as a whole. This may be with the help of Assistant Explorer Scout Leaders, Section Assistants, Young Leaders and members of Scout Active Support as appropriate. Some of the tasks for which the Explorer Scout Leader is responsible may be delegated to others in the Unit, including Assistant Leaders and Section Assistants

Responsible to: District Explorer Scout Commissioner.

Main Contacts: Explorer Scouts, parents/carers of Explorer Scouts, District Explorer Scout Commissioner, District Explorer Scout Administrator, Assistant Explorer Scout Leaders, Section Assistants, Assistant County Commissioner (Explorer Scouts), Group Scout Leaders, Scout Leaders, County Scout Network Commissioner, Explorer Scout Leader (Young Leader).

Appointment requirements: Must successfully complete the appointment process (including acceptable personal enquiries and acceptance of The Scout Association's policies). During the five months of Provisional Appointment the relevant *Getting Started* modules must be completed. A Wood Badge must be completed within three years of Full Appointment, and ongoing safeguarding and safety training completed as required.

It is expected that whilst volunteering for this role you will undertake regulated activity.

Main Tasks
Delivery of a Balanced Programme
Delivery of a safe, exciting and stimulating Balanced Programme for the Explorer Scout Section taking into account the needs, interests and abilities of the Explorer Scouts.
Ensure the safe delivery of the programme in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
Ensure that every Explorer Scout in the Unit has the opportunity to attend at least one night's away experience each year.
Actively support and promote the achievement of badges and awards in particular Platinum and Diamond Chief Scout's Awards, the Queen's Scout Award, Explorer Belt and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Actively co-operate with others at Group, District and County level to promote the Moving On Awards. This includes young people moving from the Scout Section to the Explorer Scout Section; or from the Explorer Scout Section to the Scout Network.

This also includes promoting all options available to people within Scouting when reaching 18. These include Scout Network membership, Scout Active Support membership, and the full variety of adult appointments.

Actively work with other adults in the District and County, or with Groups, to support and promote District or multi-section activities and events.

Ensure that every member of the Unit has the opportunity to participate in all Explorer Scout activities within the District.

Ensure that those Explorer Scouts who want the opportunity to participate in the Young Leaders' Scheme can do so.

Operation of the Section

Work with the District Explorer Scout Commissioner and others to support recruiting and inducting appropriate Assistant Explorer Scout Leaders and Section Assistants.

Agree responsibilities with Assistant Explorer Scout Leaders, Section Assistants and other adult helpers, taking into account the development of the individual's leadership potential.

Ensure accurate records are kept of the personal details and Scouting achievements of Explorers in the Unit in accordance with the Data Protection Act and pass these records to the County Scout Network Administrator when the Explorer Scout reaches the age of 17 or prior to moving to the Scout Network

Regularly review the operation of the Unit and contribute to the review of the District programme.

Make and maintain good relationships with parents/carers of the Explorer Scouts.

Wider District tasks

Follow the District's financial procedures which must be in accordance with POR.

Attend and contribute to relevant District and County meetings. These may include meetings of the District Scout Council, District Explorer Scout Planning Forum and District Explorer Scout Meeting, and other meetings of leaders at District and County level.

Note: Explorer Scout Leaders can sit on the District Executive Committee by indicating their willingness to do so each year at the District AGM.

If the Explorer Scout Unit has a partnership agreement with a Scout Group, attend and contribute to relevant Group meetings. These may include meetings of the Group Council(s) and Group Executive Committee(s).

Note: Explorer Scout Leaders from Units with a partnership agreement with a Group can become an ex-officio member of the Group Executive Committee by indicating their willingness to do so each year at the Group AGM.

Any of the above tasks for which the Explorer Scout Leader is responsible may be delegated to others in the Section, including Assistant Leaders and Section Assistants.

The only task which cannot be delegated is membership of the Group Executive Committee for Units with a Partnership Agreement (if the individual indicates their willingness to do so at the AGM).

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