



STEVENAGE SCOUTS

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DISTRICT NIGHT HIKE
Saturday 23rd November 2024
Final Team Information

29th September 2024

Dear Scouts and Explorers,

Thank you for entering a team in this year's District Night Hike. The arrangements are as follows:

Start and finish: Lannock Farm, Hitchin Road, Weston, Hitchin, Hertfordshire SG4 7EE, (Grid reference TL247304). See map on page 2.

Team name: _____

Team start time: _____

Pick up time: _____

Emergency Contact: 07535 613770

A food base will provide a burger, pasty/sausage roll, cake and a snack bar as well as a hot drink part way around the route. Teams should also bring their own snacks and drinks to keep them going throughout the evening!

The Scout route is just under 8 miles with the Explorer route being approx. 10 miles. A first aid challenge is included. The team scoring the most points at this base will be awarded the District Scout First Aid trophy.

At check-in, teams will be provided with 2 laminated marked up maps and an emergency contact phone list. Scouts and Explorers will not be allowed to use mobile phones during the event unless in an emergency.

Each Scout/Explorer taking part will need to return a Scout Information Form. These were provided with the initial information and are also available on the District website. They must be returned before check-in.

Copies of all the information will be available on the Scout section of the District website (address above).

At check-in there will be a basic kit check. **Any team member without walking boots, waterproofs and adequate warm clothing will not be allowed to start the hike.** The route will be muddy so hiking boots are essential.

Stevenson Scouting have a selection of hiking boots that can be borrowed for the event. The hire is free; however, a £20 cash deposit is required, which will be refunded when the boots are returned in a clean condition. If you would like to borrow a pair, then please e-mail Neil with your shoe size using the address at the top of this letter. You will then be notified when a pair is available and boots can then be collected from the District shop on a Monday between 7:30pm and 8:30pm or Wednesday between 8:30pm and 9:30pm. Please allow a couple of weeks to give us time to arrange this.

Kit List and Directions

Individual Kit

- Warm clothing (no jeans)
- Fleece jacket or warm jumper
- Spare warm jumper (in case yours gets wet!)
- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Walking Boots and walking socks
- Drink & snack food
- Torch and spare battery
- Small day sack with plastic bag liner

Team Kit (Discuss with your Scout Leader)

- 2 compasses
- 1 mobile phone (with credit and charged battery!)
- Reflective vests (1 per walker)
- Map pen (to write on a laminated map)
- Small first aid kit

Directions

From Stevenage, travel towards Gravelly on the B197, continue through Gravelly, past Jacks Hill and the Chesfield Downs Golf Course and on towards the A1M junction 9. Before you get to the motorway you will pass a recycling centre on the left, then turn right, towards Weston. The road goes up-hill before a sharp right-hand bend. The farm entrance is a few hundred metres after the bend on the right-hand side of the road. Follow the 'Lannock Christmas Tree signs' and the luminous yellow 'Scout Night Hike' signs in to the farm.

Car parking is very limited at the farm, so please share lifts where possible. Please follow the directions when arriving at the farm. 'Scout Night Hike' signs will direct you on the farm and a one-way system will be operating through the farm; however please be mindful of the businesses that operate at the farm and who may not follow our one-way system. **Please do not park in the Christmas Tree sales car park or outside the shopping areas.**

Location and Car Parking

