



**STEVENAGE SCOUTS**

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## DISTRICT NIGHT HIKE Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022

30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Scouts, Explorers & Parents,

The District Scout Night Hike will be held during the afternoon/evening of Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Teams of 4 to 7 Scouts and an adult walking leader navigate their way around the route of approximately 8.5 miles. Walking will be broken up by activity bases offering little challenges to solve before moving on. A food base part way around the route will provide burgers, soup and a selection of savoury and sweet treats as well as hot drinks.

We have decided to keep some of the changes we made for last year; we will **not** be sleeping overnight again when teams return and as such, we will start mid-afternoon (between 3pm and 4:30pm). The first part of the route will be in daylight for all teams. Scouts will need to be collected at the end of the hike. Pick-up time will be advised to your Leader the week before the event, but will not be later than 11pm (and probably earlier).

However, the usual staffed incident bases will be returning as will the practical First Aid element. The usual trophies will be up for grabs to the team completing the hike in the fastest time and scoring the most points on the bases. One of the bases will be First Aid related with the team scoring the highest on this challenge being awarded the First Aid trophy. Trophies will be given out on your Troop/Unit night.

Teams will start from the District HQ, Poplars (a map will be supplied) at their allocated time on Saturday afternoon. After the hike, parents will need to collect Scouts from the District HQ at the time advised. The teams adult walking leader will have parents contact details so they can call you in good time, in the unlikely event there are any changes to the pick-up. All Scouts must have **walking boots, waterproofs and adequate warm clothing**. These items will be checked before you depart. A kit list will be provided with the final arrangements letter.

Stevenage Scouting now 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 evening between 7:30pm and 9:00pm.

As with any event, anyone showing COVID-19 symptoms, must not attend the event. Please let your Scout Leader know if you can't attend.

The cost is £10 per Scout/Explorer. **Cheques should be made payable to 'Stevenage District Scout Council'**. If you would like to attend please return the completed Activity Information Form to your Leader with the £10 as soon as possible and by **no later than Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. Please note that this is a team event and your Scout or Explorer Leader will arrange the teams for each Troop/Unit. If you have any questions on the event, please ask your leader or contact myself using the details above.

Yours in Scouting,

**Neil**