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DISTRICT NIGHT HIKE
Saturday 21st November 2026

11th October 2026

Dear Scouts, Explorers & Parents,

The District Scout and Explorer Night Hike will be held during the afternoon/evening of Saturday 21st November. Teams of 4 to 7 Scouts and an adult walking leader navigate their way around the route of approximately 8 to 9 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, a pastie/sausage roll and sweet treats as well as hot drinks. Explorer teams will have a slightly longer route and an extra challenge base.

Teams 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 11:30pm (and probably earlier).

There will be incident bases including a First Aid themed base to break-up the walking. 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. The team scoring highest on the First Aid challenge will be awarded the First Aid trophy. Trophies will be given out on your Troop/Unit night.

Teams will start from the 2nd Datchworth Scout HQ, Datchworth (a map will be supplied and is also available on the event App, linked below) at their allocated time on Saturday afternoon. After the hike, parents will need to collect Scouts from the 2nd Datchworth Scout 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/Explorers 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 have a selection of hiking boots that can 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. Please allow at least a couple of weeks to give us time to arrange this.

The cost is £13 per Scout/Explorer which can be paid online. Please also ensure you also complete the online sign-up and health information form. https://app.jotform.com/262834933900359 Or scan the QR code below.

Please note that this is a **team event** and your Scout or Explorer Leader will be notified when you sign-up, so they can 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