



Welcome to the 36th Epping Forest South (All Saints) Sea Scout Group, based at All Saints Church Woodford Green. Our Group was founded in 1937 and has achieved Royal Naval Recognition since 1976.

With over 100 members our Group comprises 3 sections - Beavers, Cubs and Sea Scouts. Both boys and girls are able to join all our sections. Older Scouts join the District based Explorer & Network Scouts.

Age Ranges and Meeting Times

Beaver Scouts	6 - 8 years of age	Mondays 5.00 pm – 6.15 pm
Cub Scouts	8 - 10½ years of age	Mondays 6.15 pm – 8.00 pm
Sea Scouts	10½ - 14 years of age	Mondays 7.45 pm – 9.30 pm
Explorer Scouts	14 - 18 years of age	Mondays (District based)
Scout Network	18 - 25 years of age	Tuesdays (District based)

Beaver Scouts belong to the youngest Section in the Scouting family and are easily recognised by their turquoise sweatshirts. Beaver Scouts enjoy making friends, playing games, making things, going on visits and helping others. Our Beaver Scouts also take part in District activities such as a craft day, and Sleepovers, usually in Scout centres. This is often the first time a young person spends a night away from home. Beavers are encouraged to gain progressive Challenge Awards and specific Activity



Badges such as the swimmer badge. Beavers automatically move into the Cub Pack when they become 8.

Cub Scouts wear green sweatshirts in the Cub Pack and are grouped into "Sixes" with older Cubs acting as Sixers. The Cubs have a varied programme with Pack nights covering everything from road safety to the history of Epping Forest. Meetings are always fun with plenty of games are played as well training. Cubs also work for Challenge Awards and specific Activity Badges such as the athlete badge.



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As well as the Monday meetings, there is cub 6-a-side football, a sports day and District events and outings each year. The highlight of the Pack calendar is, of course, the camps. During the year the Cubs camp under canvas at least once and at a winter indoor "camp", as well as various activity weekends.

They have a long established Dads and Cubs Camp when dads can learn all about camping! Cubs automatically move into the Scout troop they are about 10½ .

The Sea Scout Section is for young people aged between 10½ and 14 years and is the third Section in the Scout Group. The Troop is divided into Patrols of up to 8 Scouts led by a Patrol Leader.



Scouts are encouraged to take part in a wide range of activities including canoeing, sailing, camping, hiking, climbing, abseiling, shooting, and much more.

As Scouts progress through the section they will have many opportunities to gain Challenge Awards and Activity badges. Scouts are encouraged to take responsibility for themselves and each other. They have many activities, which aim to build upon core skills such as communication, teamwork and leadership.

Although Sea Scouts wear the special Sea Scout jersey and cap, they are part of the overall Scout section and do the same activities, training and badges as ordinary Scouts. However, there is an emphasis on boating activities and summer meetings are held at Fairlop Lake and a Scout Sailing centre at Nazeing.

Royal Naval Recognition. Some Sea Scout Groups apply for Royal Naval Recognition, which is limited to 100 Groups. This entails an annual inspection on all aspects of the programme, the achievement of required nautical skills, a high standard of Awards gained and knowledge of naval traditions. Groups who qualify can wear the RN Recognition badge, attend RN activities such as a swimming gala at Plymouth and can have grants from the RN Fund for Sea Scout Groups.



The 36th EFS Group is proud to have been RN recognised since 1976 (Group No. 16).

Beavers and Cubs do not follow a Sea Scout programme, unless a specific activity or event is organised, but they do take part in the RN Inspections and wear the RN Recognition badge.

The Scout Group, District and County

The 36th EFS Sea Scout group is part of Epping Forest South District, which covers Woodford and Wanstead. A number of Districts from between Tower Hamlets and Havering comprise the Greater London North East (GLNE) County.

Each Scout Group has uniformed leaders with a Group Scout Leader, Section Leaders and Assistants and other non uniformed helpers; the District has a District Commissioner (DC) with Assistant District Commissioners (ADC) for the Beaver, Cub and Scout sections; the County has a similar structure.

Explorer Scouts When Scouts are around 14 years old they join the District based Explorer Scouts, which includes both Sea Scouts and Scouts from other Troops.



Network Scouts Explorer Scouts reaching the age of 18 join the District based Network Scouts and can remain members until they become 25.

Website: www.36efsscouts.org.uk

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Parental Support and the Group Executive

Help is need in many areas and parental support is essential. Parents are asked to help in any manner they can. This could be helping out during a meeting or special event. All adults regularly helping will have to complete a CRB form for the Scout Association to ensure the safety of all members. All parents are invited to the Annual General Meeting in May, which we encourage parents to attend as it is here that the Group Executive Committee is elected. The Group Executive Committee consists of parents, supporters and Leaders.



The Group Executive Committee looks after financial aspects of the Group, fund raising, accommodation and equipment. It is a very important part of 'Behind-the-scenes' scouting. The group has its own minibus and a great deal of camping and scouting equipment that cost a sizeable sum of money to maintain, in addition to the amounts necessary to keep each section running.

All Saints Church sponsors our Sea Scout Group and provides accommodation for meetings as well as space for all the Group's equipment and minibus. As such the Group is one of All Saints' organisations and Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are expected to attend

Useful Contacts

All meetings are held at:

All Saints Church, Inmans Row, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 0HN

All Saints Office

020 8504 0266

District Scout Shop:

52nd Scout HQ: located behind South Woodford Library, High Road,
S. Woodford E18 2QS Open Saturdays (Term time) 9.30 am - 1 pm

The Group has its own website: www.36efsscouts.org.uk
Members can login to see photographs and full programme descriptions!