

# CAN YOU INSPIRE?

## Section Volunteer

**Outline:** You ensure our young people have an amazing time whilst learning and developing as individuals. We believe in helping our members fulfill their potential by working in teams, learning by doing and thinking for themselves. We give people of every background the chance to stretch themselves, learn new skills and make life long friends.

**Responsible for:** The young people in your section. This includes running age appropriate activities, assessing any risks and ensuring everything we do is in accordance to the Scout Associations Policy, Organisation and Rules.

**Responsible to:** The group scout leader, other section volunteers, the young people and their parents.

**Main contacts:** Young people and other section volunteers.

**Appointment requirements:** No formal qualifications – just a desire to work with young people and have fun yourself. Upon appointment, you will need a valid up to date DBS (issued by the Scout Association) and to complete Module 1 of the training scheme, a quick introduction called Essential Information.

Throughout your time Scouting, there will be on going training including safeguarding, health and safety and first aid. Completion of the training scheme is normally done within 3 years, so you have plenty of time.

### Main tasks:

- To lead a group of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers for their weekly meetings, and maybe some occasional weekend activities.
- To help our young people achieve badges and challenges as set out in the award scheme.
- To run games and activities.
- To keep records regarding badge work.
- To ensure the safety and well being of our members.

Running a full programme sounds like a daunting task, but with so many resources available, and a robust badge scheme available from the Scout Association, the only problems you'll have will be deciding which activities you haven't got time for!

(In reality this role is shared between 2 and 5 people, so you can adjust which aspects you do depending on the other preferences within your leadership team).

These roles are available immediately in all sections, particularly with Monday Beavers, Thursday Cubs and Friday Scouts.

Each new volunteer will get all the help they require from support and advice to formal training. You will never be expected to do more than you are willing and we will always help in whatever way we can. Scouting works because we have lots of amazing volunteers who will support you along the way.

We can provide you with all the resources you need. We have a brand new Scout Hut, with a fully equipped kitchen, meeting room, large games hall and smaller activity room. We have games equipment, craft equipment and sporting equipment available at HQ, alongside new toilets, including disabled facilities. We also have a large array of camping equipment, from large mess tents, to patrol tents, to hike tents. We have outdoor cooking equipment, tables, benches and chairs. Everything you need to run a camp from the smallest one night sleepover in the HQ to international camps for over 100 people. We have adventurous activity resources including archery kit, kayaks, climbing gear and pioneering equipment. Everything you want to run every activity imaginable. And if we haven't got what you need? We probably know someone who does, thanks to our links with the wider Scouting community.

Volunteering with Scouting does not cost the earth, or consume your whole life. A weekly commitment of around 2 hours will cover almost all activities. Some activities will take place at weekends. We prefer to think of it as time well spent, rather than time committed. Nothing is compulsory, if you are away, late finishing at work or need a couple of weeks off to help your great aunt Muriel move house – that's fine! We will find ways to cope. If you decide the role isn't for you, we can help you transfer to one you are more comfortable with.

Adult volunteers within Scouting do not pay subscriptions.