



Press Release- Leeds and Kingswood Explorers

Open Scouts Event for Maidstone Teens

Leeds and Kingswood Explorers are holding a free Open Event for young people aged 14 to 18 to find out about what Explorer Scouts can achieve. Chief Scout, Dwayne Fields says “Scouts gives thousands of young people a place to belong and find their place in the world. We give them the skills to succeed and belief in themselves.”

On Thursday 23rd January, Leeds and Kingswood Explorers will be welcoming potential Explorers to join them at their Scout Hut (in playground car park), Lenham Rd, ME17 1LX from 7:30-9pm for an evening of Adventure. Contact Joe at joe.pound@scouts.org.uk or 07562 260169 to sign up or for more information. Find out more about local Scouts at <https://www.maidstone-east-scouts.org.uk/>.

92% of young people say they learn skills for life with Scouts. Alongside your new friends, you’ll master the skills that will make you feel stronger and happier in the long run, and try things you’d never get the chance to do at home or at school.

Explorers get the opportunity to try out a variety of activities including Hawk Throwing, Wood Carving, Problem Solving and Campfire Cooking. 85% of young people take part in activities through Scouts they have never tried before. But “let’s never forget that Scouts is powered by volunteers,” says Dwayne Fields. “We can only offer these great opportunities if we have enough adult volunteers to deliver them. As a volunteer myself, I know that it can be as much fun for us as it is for the young people. We make friends and learn new skills along the way.”

Maidstone East Scouts are also looking for additional volunteers to support the Explorer Unit and units in the area. This could be working directly with the teenagers, or as a Trustee, or doing some work in the background which might be IT, administration or fund raising to name but a few. Volunteer Chris said, “Being a volunteer has changed me quite drastically. I never thought I’d be able to lead children in activities. I didn’t have the capability or confidence. Now I do.” Join the Adventure now.

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