



# YOUR GUIDE TO K2ESU

**THANKS FOR  
READING THIS!  
NOW...**

Please fill in the attached forms -  
information form and health form -  
and return to Moz the next time your  
son or daughter goes to Explorers

Keep the entire pack safe as you'll  
need it for reference in the future



## WHO ARE WE?

K2 Explorer Scout Unit is run by the Explorer Scout Leader - Moz - and a team of Assistant Explorer Scout Leaders.

We are based in Rhosnesni but Scouts from any Troop in Wrexham can join us when they reach 14, as well as those who've never been in Scouts before.

## WHERE AND WHEN DO WE MEET?

We meet once a week during the school term on Monday nights usually from 7.30pm to 9pm.

For about half of our meetings we're at the Scout hut on Dean Road, but we do get out quite a bit! We issue programmes but these are liable to change. If you're unsure, check online, or phone Moz on 07779 272340.

Please don't leave it until Monday night to find out what's going on so you have plenty of notice in case, for example, your child needs to bring something with them or we are meeting elsewhere.

## WHAT DO MEMBERS NEED?

For the first few meetings your child needs nothing at all to experience the adventure of Scouting.

Once your child is sure they want to become a member, and we've received the first payment of subs (see 'what will it cost'), they'll be given a neckerchief and Unit badge and arrangements will be made for them to be invested.

They will also need an Explorer Scout shirt, available from Wrexham Scout Shop, in Wrexham District Scout HQ, Station Approach. The shop is open Wednesday nights in school terms from 6.30-9pm.

Details of Unit merchandise are on the enclosed form.

## WHAT WILL IT COST?

We charge subscriptions ('subs') to cover costs of equipment and the upkeep of the meeting place. This also includes the Explorer Scouts' annual membership fee paid to headquarters for the day-to-day running of The Scout Association and includes insurance for all members.

The annual subs is £75 and you can pay this in one go, once a year, or split it up into £25 three times a year. Please bring a cheque for the required amount and hand it to our Unit Treasurer. Cheques should be made payable to 'K2 Explorer Scout Unit' and have your child's name and K2 ESU SUBS written clearly on the back.

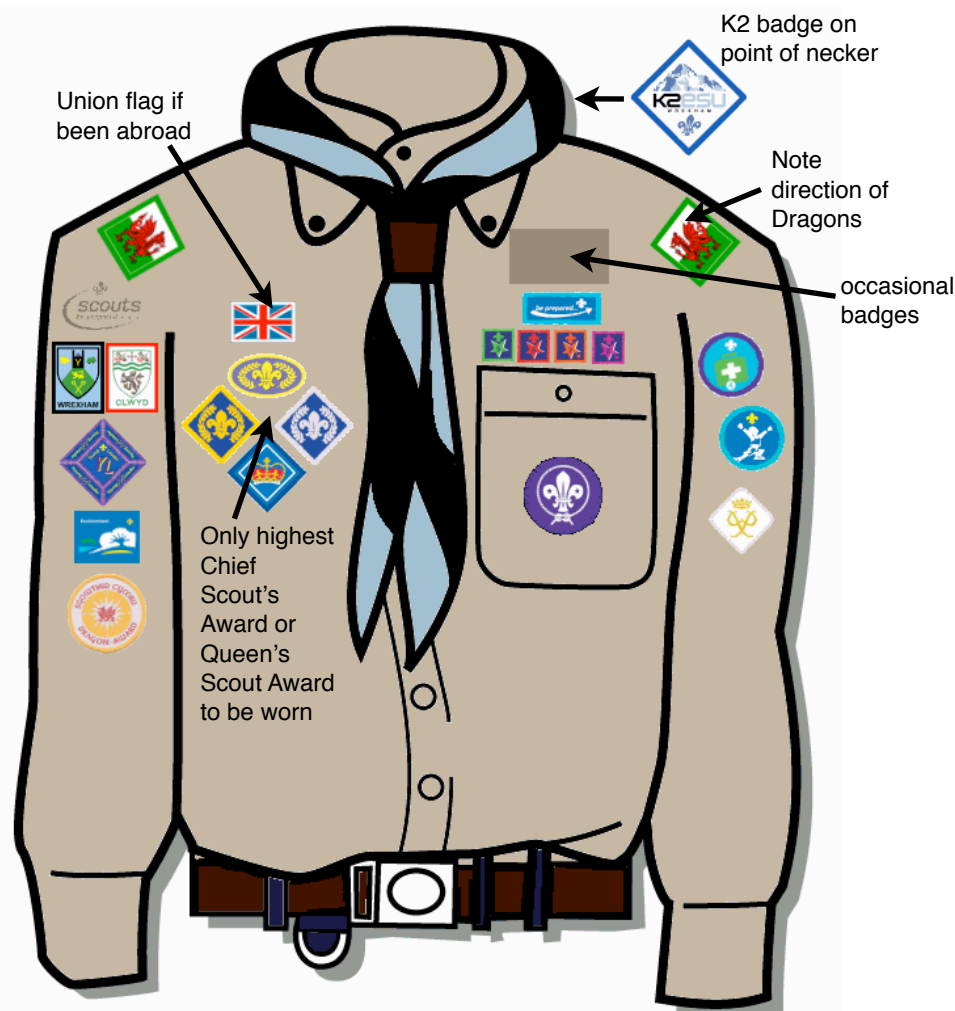
An extra charge is normally required for special events, camps, and other outings.

Please help us and our Unit Treasurer by clearly marking your cheques. Your child's name and what the cheque is for should be written clearly on the back. It is no good writing this information on the envelope.

## GIFT AID

If you pay tax, we can use Gift Aid to claim 28p for every £1.00 you give in subs or donations. All you need to do is sign the Gift Aid form that forms part of this information leaflet. All the money will be used to benefit members of the Scout Group.

# WHERE DO THOSE BADGES GO?



Please note, while all K2 members are expected to have an Explorer Scout uniform shirt and District necker, on most evenings Members wear either the Unit polo shirt or hoodie. These are available for order from the Unit. For more information see the enclosed order form

# DofE/CAMP KIT LIST

This is the Duke of Edinburgh's Award recommended kit list. To get used to taking it on expedition, we recommend you bring all of this on every camp, unless otherwise told. Quantities of some items depends on level and duration of expedition.

## TO WEAR WALKING

- 1x pair walking boots (broken in)
- 1x pair walking socks
- 1x thermal top / tee shirt
- 1x shirt
- 1x sweater (woollen or fleece)
- 1x walking trousers (warm; not jeans)

## PERSONAL KIT (to carry)

- 1x large rucksack (approximately 55-65litre capacity)
- 2x strong, large plastic bags (to line your rucksack)
- 1x sleeping mat
- 1x sleeping bag (in a waterproof bag)
- 1x sleeping bag inner (optional)
- 1x survival bag
- 1x personal first aid kit
- 1x watch
- 1x whistle
- maps
- small quantity of money (optional)
- 1x notebook & pen/pencil
- 1x torch & spare battery (e.g. small Maglite or Petzl headtorch)
- 1x emergency food rations (not to be eaten until the end!)
- 1x water bottle (e.g. Sigg or strong plastic, to hold 1 to 2 litres)

- 1x knife, fork, spoon
- 1x pocket knife (small)
- 1x plate/bowl
- 1x mug
- 1x box of matches (sealed in a dry container or bag)
- 1x wash kit (small)
- 1x towel (small)
- 1x cagoule/coat (it must be waterproof and windproof)
- 3x pairs underwear
- 2x pairs walking socks
- 2x tee shirts
- 1x shirt (woollen, cotton or fleece)
- 1x spare sweater (woollen or fleece)
- 1x spare walking trousers (not jeans)
- 1x pair of trainers (optional)
- 1x hat (warm)
- 1x pair gloves (woollen)
- 1x pair shorts (if appropriate)
- 1x sunhat & sun cream (if appropriate)
- 1x thermal long johns (optional)
- 1x pair gaiters (optional)
- 1x waterproof over trousers (essential for Gold & wild country)

## GROUP KIT (to carry between the team)

- 1-2x tents
- 2-3x stoves (& fuel)
- 2-3x cooking pots
- 2x scourers
- maps (1:50 000 / 1:25 000)
- 1 compass (Silva type)
- map cases
- 1x camera (optional)
- 2x tea towels
- 1x pack of cards (optional)
- 5x plastic bags (for rubbish etc)
- food (small & lightweight)

## LEADERSHIP

The adults who run Scout Groups are called Leaders. They are unpaid volunteers who are required to undertake training or learning appropriate to their role.

Explorer Scout Leaders are responsible to a District Explorer Scout Commissioner, who in turn is responsible to a District Commissioner.

If you have any questions, concerns or complaints please speak to the Section Leader. If your concern is about the Leader please contact the District Explorer Scout Commissioner. If not available or you are still not satisfied try the District Commissioner whose details are available from the Scout Information Centre on 0845 300 1818.

## PARENTAL PERMISSION

It is taken as understood that you give your permission for your child to take part in Explorer Scout activities during the normal meeting time.

Your permission is sometimes needed for specific events, camps and activities that may take place at a different place or time.

You will be asked to complete a parental consent form in such circumstances.

## MEDICAL/DIETARY INFORMATION

It is essential that you inform the Section Leader if your son / daughter suffers from any medical condition or if they require any specialist medicines or treatment.

It is also necessary for information to be supplied to the Section Leader about any

dietary needs of the member. Please complete the details on the attached form and update the Leaders if circumstances change.

## HELPING SCOUTING

The Scout Association is run by volunteers and it encourages parents and carers to assist in the leadership team on a regular or an occasional basis. Any support that you or your family can offer Scouting is welcomed, appreciated and valued. Help is particularly appreciated with practical skills, outdoor activities, as well as with transport, and lending equipment. You may also be willing to assist occasionally with the Section meeting night, with administration and fund- raising.

Please fill in the section under 'You can join the adventure too' on the attached form. We really do need your help.

## SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

The Scout Association encourages you to support your child's involvement in Scout activities. Please:

- Ensure you are happy with, and fully aware of, the way your child gets to Explorer Scouts and gets back, whether you give them a lift or they make their own way

- Encourage your child to arrive on time and ensure that they are aware of what they need to bring or what they need to wear

- Take an interest in what they're doing in Explorer Scouts

- Return forms and payment on time. If you have difficulties completing forms or making payments then please speak in confidence to the Explorer Scout Leader.

- Inform the Explorer Scout Leader of any additional needs that your child may have and any medication required e.g. inhaler.

- Inform the Explorer Scout Leader of any change in the family situation that is likely to affect your child's behaviour. It is not necessary to give details. All information will be treated in confidence.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Here at K2 ESU we are committed to giving all our Members the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Established in 1956 by its Founder and Patron, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a voluntary, non- competitive programme of practical cultural and adventurous activities. It is designed to support the personal and social development of young people aged 14-25, regardless of gender, background or ability.

The Award offers an individual challenge and encourages young people to undertake exciting, constructive, challenging and enjoyable activities in their free time. It runs in parallel to the Scout Awards so that one activity counts for both awards.

There are three levels of Award within The Duke of Edinburgh's Award:

Bronze - for those aged 14 and over  
Silver - for those aged 15 and over  
Gold - for those aged 16 and over

Each level of Award is split into four Sections:

**Volunteering** - encourages participants to help individuals and the community

**Skills** - can cover almost any hobby, skill or interest of the participant

**Physical** - focuses on sport, dance and fitness

**Expedition** - includes training for, planning and completing a journey on foot or horseback, or by boat or cycle

Your child may have previously been or currently be involved in the Scheme through their school. If this is the case they can either transfer to the Scouts as their operating authority, or continue with the Award at their school, and activities undertaken with us at K2 would count. Please speak to Moz if this is the case.

Most new members however will be new to the Award and will need to sign up to get involved. To do this, we have to send off for a Record Book. These cost £13 for Bronze and Silver and £18.50 for Gold. If you want you son or daughter to start on the scheme, please send a cheque for the relevant amount, made payable to 'K2 Explorer Scout Unit' with your child's name and 'D of E Bronze/ Silver/Gold\*' written clearly on the back (\*as appropriate). Cheques should be handed in to our Unit Treasurer.

Please note that participation in the DofE is optional, but we do recommend it.

## WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

You can contact the Explorer Scout Leader, Moz, on 07779 272340 or via emailing [wxmmoz@gmail.com](mailto:wxmmoz@gmail.com) Please don't phone Moz on Mondays, he's usually busy!

We have a website which we'd encourage you to visit. It includes up to date programmes, reports and photos of our activities. You can find it at [www.k2esu.org.uk](http://www.k2esu.org.uk)

# CODE OF CONDUCT

The Explorer Scouts came up with this Code of Conduct themselves. Members are expected to follow it - sanctions for not doing so were also agreed by the Explorer Scouts and are below.

**DO** try to attend as much as the programme as you can

**DO** wear polo shirts, hoodies or uniform to every meeting unless told otherwise

**DON'T** let games get out of hand

**DON'T** expect someone else to do it for you

**DO** turn up on time to meetings and activities

**DO** have fun

**DON'T** exclude other people or form gangs

**DO** listen to others and respect their opinions

**DON'T** miss Forum meetings if you are supposed to be there

**DON'T** spoil things for other people

**DO** tell your mates about K2 and invite them to come and see what it's like

**DO** treat everyone equally

**DON'T** smoke during meetings

**DON'T** hurt people, physically or emotionally

**DO** be careful when doing something that may be dangerous

**DO** act in a mature way

**DON'T** be an idiot

**DO** take an active part in activities and meetings

**DO** write name and what it's for on back of cheques

**DON'T** leave it until the last minute to find out what's going on

**DO** help others

**DON'T** damage property or possessions

**DO** tell people if you can't make meetings

In order for us to maintain the running of the Unit safely and effectively we may need to use the following sanctions to persuade those who go against the Code that they shouldn't:

- Removal from an activity for a short period of time
- Being made to do a chore
- Verbal warning recorded by the Explorer Scout Leader
- On the 3rd verbal warning the Explorer Scout will be banned from attending the next activity or meeting (if uniform is not worn to a 3rd meeting, they will be sent home)
- In some cases an immediate ban may be deserved, a ban of longer than one activity or meeting may be deserved or it may be carried over to a major camp or activity
- Should a person be banned a letter will be sent to their parent or carer
- If a person does not attend Monday evening meetings for 5 weeks, they will not be able to attend a camp or activity until they have attended 5 Monday evenings
- If property is maliciously or recklessly damaged it will be paid for
- In exceptional circumstances Explorer Scouts who severely or continually break the Code of Conduct may be asked to leave the Unit
- Should a criminal act be committed we will not hesitate in involving the Police