

Eastleigh Support for 13-18yr Scout Members

1. This Support Agreement is between the Eastleigh Scout District and all the Scout Groups covered by it. The agreement includes all the registered Explorer Scout Units within it. It outlines the processes and support available to promote and develop Scouting in the 13-18 year old age range.
2. Membership of the Explorer Units is open to all members of the Scout Association that fall within the appropriate age range.
3. Management of the Explorer Scout Units rests with the District Explorer Scout Commissioner.
4. This document represents an operating principle and not a list of rules or guarantees.

Liaison between the Units and the Groups

5. Effective liaison between Groups and the Explorer Units is important. The ADC Scouts will invite the DESC to at least one District Scout Leaders meeting each year. The DESC will similarly invite the ADC Scouts to the Explorer Section meeting. The DESC, being a member of the District Team, will attend the District team meetings and report back to the UESL's as appropriate.

Links between the Scout Troop and the Explorer Scout Section

6. A Scout may choose to join any Explorer Scout Unit. This Agreement covers all Eastleigh Explorer Scout Units. Additionally an Explorer may be active in more than one Explorer Scout Unit.
7. The Scout Leaders and the District Explorer Scout Administrator will ensure that effective transfer of Members takes place. The aim is for ALL Scouts to become Explorer Scouts. To develop links between individual units and individual troops the respective Scout and Unit leaders should jointly plan two link activities each year. To facilitate the development the following troop / unit associations will be established

Troop	Linked Units
1st Eastleigh	Outlaw ESU
4 th Eastleigh	Outlaw ESU
7 th Eastleigh	Cobra ESU , Kayoss ESU
8 th Eastleigh	Cobra ESU , Kayoss ESU
12 th Eastleigh	Cobra ESU , Kayoss ESU
13 th Eastleigh	Cobra ESU , Kayoss ESU
14 th Eastleigh	Outlaw ESU

The ADC Scouts and District Explorer Scout Commissioner will actively promote and encourage this jointly planned activity.

8. Every year, at Census time, all Scout Leaders will be asked to provide details of Scouts aged 13 and over to the District Explorer Scout Administrator.
 - Scout leaders will be asked to indicate their opinion as to when any particular Scout may be ready for transition. Consideration being given to the young persons developing maturity and progress (or lack of) through their Chief Scouts (Gold) Award.
 - It will be the responsibility of Scout Troop leadership to support these Scouts towards a successful transition to an Explorer Unit, and this should form part of the Troop programme for the year. The Troop Leadership should award the Scout to Explorer Moving on Award on, or after, the Scouts final event with the Troop. Scouts should not continue with the troop after this final event in the capacity as a Scout.
 - Troop leaders will be expected to establish direct liaison with the leader of a Scout's Unit of choice to ensure the successful transition, which should include a follow up visit to monitor the success of any such transition.

- The Chief Scouts (Gold) Award is a Scout Section award and should be completed, wherever possible, before the Young Person leaves the Troop. In circumstances where the young person has not been able to complete the award before moving on, the Association allows for them to complete the award during their early weeks in the Explorer Unit. Where this flexibility is necessary the situation should be discussed and agreed between the Scout Leader and ADC Scouts. The ADC Scouts will then communicate this agreement to the Explorer Section. In each case consideration should be given to the ability of the young person to successfully complete the award during an acceptable time limit.
9. Communication to prospective Explorers Scout will typically be routed via the Troop leader until the transition date. Events after the transition date may be communicate direct to the young person.

Young Leaders

10. All Young Leaders are Explorers. Involvement of a Young Leader in a section is at the discretion of the DESC and by agreement between the Section Leader and the Young Person. It is a requirement of the Scout Association for a Young Leader to receive training. All Adult Leaders are asked to encourage the YL to undertake this training and support the training tasks.
11. Colonies, Packs or Troops may invite Explorers on camps. Their participation should be communicated to the District Explorer Scout Administrator. Where this is not part of a Unit activity the Explorer **must** have complete Module A of the Young Leaders Training Program.
12. Young Leaders are not allowed to lead activities without adult supervision.

Equipment, facilities and resources

13. The Explorer Scout Units meet at various locations in the District which are the property of the various Scout Groups. The financial arrangements for providing the meeting place are discussed and arranged locally with the Scout Groups concerned.
14. The Explorer Scout Units will normally meet on regular scheduled evenings. The Unit may also use the meeting places at other times, provided that the locally agreed booking procedure is followed.
15. All Scout Groups in the District may be asked to support any Explorer unit based in the District with regards to the use of Equipment and resources, subject to previous and timely booking using locally arranged procedures. Groups will be responsible for ensuring that equipment lent is in a safe and complete state. Any damage should be communicated as soon as possible and made right at the cost of the responsible party and taking into account the existing state of the equipment.
16. Eastleigh District will, in the event of one of the Unit's closure, have ownership resources and equipment owned by the closing Unit.
17. The Explorer Scout Section will manage its own finances under the authority of the District Treasurer and in line with the rules set out in POR. It will provide annual accounts to, and pay the Headquarters membership fee, along with any other fees (e.g. County and District levy) to the District Treasurer.

Review

18. This statement will be reviewed by all parties at the District AGM or sooner if there is a change of any of the persons holding the roles below:

Group Specific Detail

The following conditions apply to the agreement between the specified group and the District Explorers:-

Group	Hall Booking Contact and Booking Process	Equipment Booking Process	Hall Rental
1st Eastleigh			
4 th Eastleigh			
7 th Eastleigh	Ian Patrick	Ian Patrick Equipment should be requested as soon as a date can be set for an activity. Equipment that is borrowed should be booked out of the Group Stores in the loans Book. Group sections will also verify that a prior booking has not been made before creating an equipment conflict.	Not Applicable
8 th Eastleigh			
12 th Eastleigh	Kathryn Lynch	Darrel Instrell or Lyn Jack. Equipment will be available for loan if not in use by members of 12 th . Equipment will be loaned in line with item 11 above.	Ad hoc use of the hut is free of charge Regular bookings will be charged at our normal rate.
13 th Eastleigh	Via St Paul's Church Booking Secretary, Mrs B Organ.	Steve Bedford (GSL) Equipment should be requested as soon as a date can be set for an activity. Equipment that is borrowed should be booked out of the Group Stores in the loans Book. Group sections will also verify that a prior booking has not been made before creating an equipment conflict. Any Water Activity equipment is not available to the Explorer section unless a Adult Member of the 13 th Eastleigh is available to support the activity	Not Applicable (NB Separate Agreement with St Pauls Church)
14 th Eastleigh			

Outline Of Information to be supplied by Troop leaders to District Explorer Scout Administrator.

Name Of Scout	Address	Date of Birth	Project Transition Date	Project Chief Scout Award
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Signatures to the Support Statement

GSL

- 1st Eastleigh
- 4th Eastleigh
- 7th Eastleigh
- 8th Eastleigh
- 12th Eastleigh
- 13th Eastleigh
- 14th Eastleigh

Explorer Unit Leaders

- Kayoss Explorer Unit
- Cobra Explorer Unit
- Outlaw Explorer Unit

District Explorer Scout Commissioner

- Phil Hallett

Assistant District Commissioner Scout

- Vicky Painter

District Commissioner

- David McGregor