**Scouting provides young people with skills for life**

As scouts young people take part in an exciting programme of activities from kayaking to coding. They develop character skills like resilience, initiative, and tenacity; employability skills such as leadership, teamwork and problem solving; and practical skills like cooking and first aid.

The research proves it really works, a recent report says scouts are 17% more likely to show leadership skills and work well in teams. They’re a third more likely to support their communities too.

Through the challenge and adventure of scouting young people get to take risks in a safe environment, have their first taste of responsibility and learn new skills. We give young people experiences they'll never forget. The sort of adventure scouting offers is the chance to try something different and the opportunity to face challenges. When a beaver scout wakes up the morning after a sleepover, or a cub scout has just got over her fear of heights by completing her first abseil - that's adventure!

### ****Adults are the lynchpin of scouting. Without volunteers scouting would simply not exist.****

We are working to ensure that we can provide the opportunities scouting offers to as many young people in our community we can. But we can only achieve this if we have more adult help. That’s why we are currently looking to recruit more adults with energy and enthusiasm to help us make scouting happen and we now need you to help us build our team.

**With your energy and enthusiasm, we know that we can!**

So how can you help? We are looking for people who want to make a difference in their local community, people who have enthusiasm and the motivation to help young people in our community. Do you know someone who can motivate young people? Are you interested in finding out more yourself?

**Give us an hour**

Part of scouting's modern appeal to adults is our approach to flexible volunteering, it's great when people can make a regular commitment to help to provide weekly scouting to young people, but we know it's not always possible. We know that people have busy, often unpredictable lives – meaning that they can't commit to set hours, on set days.

When a person helps at our scout group it doesn’t mean giving up all their free time. Our leaders work in small teams, some people give an hour a week, others give an hour once a month (or as it suits them), to help plan and deliver an exciting programme for our members.

Being involved is great fun and it goes without saying that helping young people can be one of the most rewarding things to do. People sometimes think that they have nothing to offer but they are always surprised!

They don't need to know anything about scouting - we provide a warm welcome, the opportunity to learn new skills and lots of ongoing support.

**Why is this so important?**

We know that our scout group has some amazing people. Yes, they are ordinary people, just like you, who together make extraordinary things happen. Recruiting more adult help will mean that more young people in our local community will get to take part in the fun and adventure of scouting.

We need your support in finding the right people to inspire, motivate and encourage our members. If you know anyone who may be interested in finding out more (or if you are interested yourself), please contact me at xxx@xxx, or give us a call on 0123456789 or visit our group’s web page to take a look at the exciting opportunities we have available to get involved (insert the link to your group page to can find it at <https://southlondonscouts.org.uk/about-us/county-directory/districts-groups-and-units>).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks.

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