



# 1<sup>st</sup> UXBRIDGE SCOUT TROOP ROUTINES & EXPECTATIONS 2016/17



It starts with Scouts.

Parents and Scouts: This document is meant to help you get settled into our Troop routines and understand our expectations. We hope you find it helpful.

## Uniform:

We have two possible uniforms.

Uniform Type	Consists of	When to Wear
Full Uniform:	Regulation Green Scout Shirt Neckerchief & woggle Beige pants or shorts Appropriate footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at regular weekly meetings</li> <li>• when traveling to and from camp</li> <li>• when participating in parades</li> <li>• when visiting public places (eg. Museums, Town Hall, Fire or Police Station)</li> <li>• when fundraising</li> </ul>
Activity Uniform	T-Shirt (preferably Scouting) Neckerchief & woggle Pants or shorts as desired Appropriate footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• on monthly night hikes</li> <li>• while at camp</li> <li>• when planting Scouttrees</li> <li>• other occasions when specified by the Troop Scouter</li> </ul>

Scouts arriving at an event/meeting not in proper uniform should expect to be sent home to retrieve the proper attire. If there is a situation that makes it impossible for appropriate uniform to be worn, Scouts should check in with a leader **before** arriving.

Scouts are expected to wear appropriate footwear for every activity. Clean non-marking running shoes for meetings at St Andrew's, sturdy shoes or hiking boots for night hikes, winter boots for outdoor winter activities. For safety reasons, Scouts without the appropriate footwear will not be allowed to participate in games or events.

Each week's inspection will check for proper uniform (neat, clean, buttons fastened, all badges attached), appropriate shoes, clean appearance, has brought Scout Field Guide, pen/pencil and notepad. We also give credit for Scouts who are ready for testing of badge requirements.

## Meetings:

Troop Meetings are held each Tuesday night from 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Scouts that arrive late (after Opening Ceremonies have begun) are asked to wait quietly at the gymnasium doors until Opening Ceremonies are complete.

We try our best to be finished meetings by 8:30. For safety reasons, a minimum of 2 leaders must stay with any youth waiting to be picked up, and are not permitted to leave until all youth have been collected by their parent/guardian. Please make every effort to



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pick up your Scout by 8:45 at the latest. If your Scout will be finding their own way home, please be sure to let the leadership team know in advance.

Night Hikes will typically be held on the third Tuesday of each month. Hike locations will be posted to the online calendar as they are chosen. All Scouts must bring their emergency kit, compass, whistle, water bottle, and wear weather appropriate clothing.

In the event that a Scout cannot attend a meeting or activity, please inform either a Scouter or Patrol leader in advance.

## **Communication:**

All 1<sup>st</sup> Uxbridge Scouting events are posted to the [www.1stUxbridge.ca](http://www.1stUxbridge.ca) online calendar.

The website also contains a Scout Troop page that has links to standard camp kit lists, information on how to select a backpack, uniform badge placement diagrams, etc.

We strive to make sure our event calendar is up to date so please check it often. Remember to look not only at Troop activities but also All Sections activities as both apply to Troop.

Additionally, communications from the adult leadership team to parents will be mainly via email. Please let us know promptly if your email information changes.

## **Scout Tracker:**

Our Troop uses <http://www.scoutstracker.ca/scouts> software to track badge requirements and to update our event calendar. Each Scout and/or parent will be given a login for Scout Tracker in the next few weeks.

From this login, the Troop calendar can be imported to a phone or other device of your choosing, thus minimizing the need to check the website.

Also, Scouts should sign on to their account to indicate they are ready to be tested for badges. If testing has been requested, Scouts should be sure to bring all required materials to the next meeting at the church!

## **Dues:**

Dues are funds used to purchase badges & supplies required for regular meetings and are not part of the Scouts Canada registration fee. Dues for 2016/17 are \$50 and should be submitted before the end of October please.



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### **Fundraising & Subsidies:**

As much as we'd love for camp to be free, we are required to maintain break even financials each year and that just isn't possible. Over the course of the Scouting year, our Troop participates in a number of fundraising initiatives that help to reduce the costs of camp, activities/events, and Jamborees. In order to encourage participation in these important ventures, our Troop has set up a sliding subsidy scale based on participation and/or success in the following:

- Scout Popcorn individual goal of \$600
- Scout Popcorn Blitz #1
- Scout Popcorn Blitz #2
- Apple Night
- Apple Day
- E-waste & bottle collection #1
- E-waste & bottle collection #2

### **And Finally:**

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with any of the leaders at a meeting or contact one of us as follows

Scouter Rob Bowers:	905.852.9205	rob@gud.ca
Scouter Sandra Bowers:	905.852.9205	sandra@gud.ca
Scouter Rob Christiansen:	905.862.0313	ve3nte@gmail.com
Scouter Meesh Therrien:	905.640.5096	smeesh@powergate.ca

If you do not feel comfortable discussing a matter with one of the Troop's Scouters you can contact our Group Commissioner, Lisa Hutchinson, at uxscoutsgc@gmail.com.



I have read and understand the 2016/17 Scout Troop Routines & Expectations.

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(Scout Name)

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(Scout Signature)

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(Parent Signature)

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(Date)