



30th Galway
Abbey Duniry Scout Group



ENROLMENT FORM

CHILDS DETAILS

Name of Child:	Date of Birth:
Address:	
History of Illness /Allergies/ Special Needs:	
Parent / Guardian's Name:	
Parent / Guardian's Mobile No:	
Alternative contact – Name + No	
Alternative contact – Name + No	

ADULTS DETAILS

Name of Adult:	Date of Birth:
Address:	
Mobile No:	
Email Address	
I am willing to become an Adult Scouter with 30th Galway Abbey Duniry Scout Group	YES / NO

<p>Permission to allow Photographs</p> <p>I understand that my child will take part in activities which may be recorded by photograph or video and I give permission for my child Name: _____ to be included in this media. These photos/videos may be displayed in local newspapers / groups own facebook page / newsletters etc.</p> <p>Signed: _____ (Adult) Date: _____</p>
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Signed: _____ (Adult) Dated: _____
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Code of Conduct

Scouting is about having fun, adventures and learning about our environment, as Adult Scouters we will endeavour to run an active and interesting programme. We welcome any feedback on our programme from all Scouters, as part of our Plan, Do & Review policy.

1. **All members will wear** our group neckerchief and woggle at all times
2. **All Scouts will respect the Scout sign.** By this we mean that when a leader is trying to talk there must be silence. Instructions relating to an activity will not be repeated because Scouts are carrying out their own conversations and not paying attention.
3. **Scouts will not use bad language** or abusive behaviour at our meetings.
4. **All Scouts will learn the Scout Prayer, Promise Motto and Law** and will recite it when requested.
5. **Mobile phones / Electronic devices are not permitted** unless otherwise agreed.
6. **All Scouts and Leaders should be on time** for meetings and picked up on time also. If unable to attend please contact Section Leader in advance.
7. **All Scouts will come prepared** for weekly meetings.
8. **All Scouts will show respect for the Den** and all scout equipment. Scouts should take part in a tidy up at the end of each meeting and while on camp.
9. **All Scouts should show respect for fellow Scouters** – ensuring that they are always included in games and activities and never treated in anyway other than how they would like to be treated themselves
10. **All Scouts will show respect for leaders** and will follow instructions given to them especially in relation to their personal safety.
11. **All Scouts will act in an appropriate manner when on outings and out and about in public** by ensuring that we respect our local communities property and act in an appropriate fashion and adhere to the leaders instructions at all times.
12. **Scouts will not chew chewing gum** at our meetings

Signed: _____ Date : _____

General Information

Scouting is a World Wide Organisation which is in existence for over a hundred years. The focus in Scouting is to lay a foundation for building personal confidence and positive self- esteem in young children. This is achieved through games and activities which have at their core the exploration of the world around us, learning to respect our environment and the community of people with whom we engage with every day. It's a fantastic organisation for children to meet and make lifelong friends and of course have lots of fun!

30th Galway Abbey Duniry Scout Group has currently 4 sections.

- **Beaver Scout Section 6- 8 years**
- **Cub Scout Section 9- 11 years**
- **Scout Section 12 – 15 years**
- **Venture Section 16 – 18 years**

Enrolment

Complete enrolment form and forward to the Enrolment Officer by 30th March 2017. Enrolment decisions are made by the 30th Galway adult Scouters collectively. You will be notified by the Enrolment Officer regarding the outcome of your application.

Preference for places will be offered to:

- **children whose parent / guardian is willing to become involved as an Adult Scouter (Leader)**
- **siblings of current children in 30th Galway Scout Group,**
- **children currently on the Reserve list**

Registration for Beavers is the 1st September each year.

- If your child is six years of age before 1st September, then they can join the group and are insured automatically.
- If your child is six years of age between 1st September and 31st November, then they can join the group but cannot get insured until their sixth birthday.
- If your child is six years of age after 31st November then they cannot join Beavers until the following September. They can however attend certain scouting (non- camping activities) between the months of May and August by agreement with the Section leader, before he/she starts the following September.

You as a parent, who may be interested in becoming a leader can attend 1 or 2 activities (non – camping) in any or all sections in order to develop an understanding of Scouting.

Please Note - **You or your child** cannot start Scouting until, you as a parent have completed the residential training course as outlined below.

A reserve list will be drawn up in the event of enrolment numbers exceeding available places.

Training

Prior to starting with the group you must

- Have a briefing with Group Leaders
- undergo a Garda vetting process undertaken by Scouting Ireland
- complete a 30 minute online Story of Scouting course
- Attend a three hour basic introduction on The Story of Scouting
- Attend a mandatory Residential training course on Being A Scouter (2 Day + 1 overnight).

Costings

The cost per child is €90 per annum. This breaks down approximately to €3 per week. It is normally collected in three instalments of €30 each. Approximately €1.50 of that €3 collected goes towards insurance/ affiliation to Scouting Ireland. The remaining €1.50 goes towards the running of the group.

Any new entrant must pay €45 insurance for the first year that they join – the insurance for all subsequent years will be paid for by the group from the weekly subscription.

Uniform

Beavers uniform - is a blue Beaver sweatshirt, neckerchief and woggle a navy/black pants/tracksuit bottom and dark shoes.

Cubs uniform – is a navy sweatshirt, neckerchief and woggle a navy/black pants/tracksuit bottom and dark shoes.

Scouts uniform – is a navy shirt, neckerchief and woggle a navy scout pants, belt and dark shoes.

Please note the neckerchief and woggle are provided by the group on investiture to 30th Galway Abbey Duniry Scout Group. Uniform can be purchased at the Scout shop in Dublin, the online Scout shop or the mobile scout shop which comes to Galway once a year usually in October / November. You can also purchase your uniform second hand from another Scouter.

Meetings

Planning Meetings – Each section has usually four planning meetings a year to organise activities for the term ahead.

AGM – Our AGM takes place in Sept / Oct and we will then have two follow on Group council meetings.

Your attendance is requested at all meetings.

Fundraising

There are approximately 3 / 4 fundraisers a year. These fundraisers are necessary in order to keep the group active. Your participation at these events is greatly appreciated.

Badges

Badges worn on our uniform are an integral part of Scouting. There are yearly achievement badges earned in each section and also a number of skills badges at various levels achieved during the scout year. These badges need to be sewn on to the uniform promptly.

*Thank you for your expression of interest in
30th Galway Abbey Duniry Scout Group*

Attendance Policy for Scouters and Scouts

We warmly welcome you to our Scout Group.

Please read this policy carefully before completing your enrolment form.

A well organised and good fun Scouting Group is dependent on team work and above all the commitment of Scouters and Scouts to attend weekly activity meetings.

This policy is drafted following discussion with the Scouters in 30th Galway to give guidelines to Scouters and Scouts of our expectation of their commitment to our Scout Group.

Definitions:

Scouter in this policy refers to the Adult Leader

Scout refers to the child - Beaver Scout (6yrs – 9yrs), Cub Scout (9yrs – 12yrs)
or Scout (12yrs – 16yrs)

Management Committee is the group made up of Group Leader, Scout Section Team Lead, Cub Section team Lead, Beaver Section Team Lead and Secretary.

Scouters.

1. Training – **Before registration** each new Scouter is required to complete training as outlined in the general information section.
2. There is an expectation that each Scouter will commit to attend **two - thirds** (66%) of all planned activity meetings. A three year commitment is required for all new Scouters.
3. If there is an exceptional circumstance, whereby you are no longer able to commit to this level of attendance, please inform & discuss this with the Section Leader. The Section leader can discuss this item with the leaders in the section. The situation will then need to be reviewed by the Management Committee and a decision will be made at the discretion of this committee. The management committee will then meet the leader in person to discuss same.
4. As you are aware places in this group are much sought after and our enrolment criteria are dependent on a parent/guardian becoming a Scouter for 3 years. If a Scouter has to leave the group within the first 3 years of them joining, then their Scout /Scouts may also have to leave the group.
5. New Scouters who commence in September will have a review of their commitment to their Leadership Role carried out at the end of the first term by the Management committee and on an ongoing basis thereafter.

6. Arrive on time to weekly activities – allowing time to set up activities if it is your week to organise same. Prior to leaving at the end of each activity please ensure that the hall or area where activity has taken place is left clean and tidy. Involve Scouts to assist Scouters in the clean up.
7. Reply to all texts from the Group Leader, Section Team Leads and all fellow Scouters **as soon as possible**, as this makes the organisation of activities so much smoother.
If you are not available to be there on that specific date – **(A)** inform your Section Team Lead & **(B)** if you are in charge of running the activity on that date, please swap with another Scouter to take your place for that particular date. If possible make the swap at least one week in advance.

Scouts.

1. Scouts are to attend each activity usually once weekly.
2. If a Scout is unable to attend please text in advance of the activity.
3. Subs are due on a term basis.
4. If a Scout is absent for more than 3 consecutive weeks or if Scout's attendance is noted to be sporadic, the Scout's parent will be contacted by the Section Leader. The Section Team Lead may then refer the matter to the Management Committee for review.
5. If there are certain activities which your child is unable to attend or take part in e.g. water activity due to a fear of water please inform the Section Team Lead.

Note. The number of Scouts in each Section (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) will determine how many Scouters are required at each weekly activity to ensure safe and correct ratio of Scouters to Scouts is maintained as outlined by Scouting Ireland.

Signed: Rose McDonagh
Rose McDonagh, Group Leader

Signed: Rosaleen Robinson
Rosaleen Robinson, Group Leader

Signed: Mike Behan
Mike Behan, Enrolment Officer.