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## Scout Challenge Easter

Dear parent/guardian,

Your child has confirmed their attendance to our new Scout Challenge which will take place at the beginning of the Easter Holidays. (Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April)

In case your child has not been able to fully explain this event here is a breakdown below;

### Thursday

- Arrive at the den at 6pm
- Bags checked and essential gear (tents, cookers etc) added to teams gear.
- Whole group agree on rules for the challenge (influenced by leaders)
- Supper and teams can finalise any logbook work.
- Bed down

### Friday

- Wake up bright and early
- Each team will be driven to their drop off point.
- Team will handed all necessary information and equipment (map, projects, final destination). Drop off car will stay with team until team have found themselves on map and are confident with how they will plan their route.
- Scouts will begin their walk in their teams.
- Scouts must make contact with leaders at two set times during the walk.
- Leaders will be in cars keeping an eye from a distance at all times during the walk.
- Scouts will be completing set projects and will be working on a budget of £15 per team for their 3 meals that day. They will cook/eat breakfast and lunch on the road.
- Scouts will check in at final destination at the indicated time and hand over logbooks and all equipment.
- Chill time and cook dinner for scouts
- Teams will be brought in for an 'assessment' (questions about their journey, projects and anything that needs brought up to determine if they succeed)
- Campfire and bed down

### Saturday

- Breakfast
- Presentation
- Home (12pm)



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Scouts will be instructed of what gear to bring and how to pack this gear for this event on Thursday night. Scouts at all times must wear their neckerchief and the hi vis vest that will be given to them.

Scouts will be awarded with a certificate for participation, and on full completion will have the possibility of being awarded two additional badges.

The cost of the event is **£\_\_per head.**

We do ask that on the day of event parents/guardians refrain from driving around looking for their scout as we don't want it to interfere with their journey. As scouts check in with us we will update parents at the same time. All routes have been planned and checked by the scout leaders.

If there are any questions relating to the event please do not hesitate to contact any of the leaders.

Yours in Scouting,

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Return slip

I the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for my child to participate in this scout challenge and I have enclosed the fee of £\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Scout Easter Challenge

If you are reading this you have had the privilege of meeting some bright and bubbly scouts from 6<sup>th</sup> Tyrone Scout Group Cookstown. These kids are currently completing a challenge that entails them walking between 12km and 15km while living on a limited budget of £15 between them for their 3 meals today. They were dropped off this morning at roughly 6am to a random location, they had to find themselves on the map and then plan their route to their end destination which they also only found out this morning.

On their journey they have to complete a log bog and included in this logbook is a couple of projects which is why they are currently talking to you as they would be very appreciative of some assistance with that. As their leaders we would also be very grateful if you could spare some time and answer the questions these kids might have.

Thank you very much

*The Scout Leaders*



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## Scout Easter Challenge 2019 - Welcome

Hey Team \_\_\_\_\_,

So you've just been dropped off to your random destination. Well we can now tell you where you are.

You are in \_\_\_\_\_

Time to find yourself on the map.

Once you have done this, it time to start planning your route. Your route should be between 12km -15km long. You should finish at the camping field in Drum manor forest park. I am sure you are very familiar with this place. You are to check in at the designated tent with your logbook and projects fully complete between 2.30am and 3.30am You **cannot** pass the caravan site until 2.30pm.

You also must check in my your given mobile phone twice during your journey, the first should be a simple text message between 8.30am and 9.30am, you must tell us where you are, your map grid reference and how you all doing. You must then check in by a phonecall at between 11am and 12pm. Again we want to know where you are, your grid reference and how everyone is doing. At this point we suggest you should be eating lunch and we will be asking about what everyone has ate, and an update on projects.

You must use this number to complete your check ins: \_\_\_\_\_

In an emergency ONLY use this Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

*GOOD LUCK!!!!*



## **Scout Easter Challenge 2019 – Projects**

### Section 1:

1. Using the provided potato, you are to complete a swap project. You will ask whoever you meet along the road to swap something for your potato. Then with the new item you find a new person to make a swap with for a different item.
  - a. You are to try swap as many times as possible – after each swap you are to record what you swap and what you got in return, who you swapped it with and where you swapped it.
  - b. You may have swapped something that you as a team as agreed you are no longer swapping as you want to keep this. If so, record all you swap to this point as stated above and then record your reason for holding onto this item. You cannot just keep the potato, or the challenge is incomplete.
  
2. Environmental project- using the bin bag and gloves provided you are to complete a litter sweep for a small portion of your journey (at least 3kms). Complete this and you gain an extra badge!!!
  - a. During the journey you are to lift as much litter as possible over the distance of at least 3kms. You are to photograph your progress (before, middle and after). In your logbook you are to record information about your litter sweep. You should include things like why you picked this area to clean, how you felt about cleaning and what you thought when cleaning it, the effect this clean up will have and how can it impact the community?



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3. Perspective Photo Challenge – using the phone provided each member of the team must organise 2 forced perspective photos each (see example below). There will be a bonus for the team with most points.
  - a. 1 point for just one team member in it.
  - b. 2 points for all 2+ team members
  - c. 4 points for getting a member of the public in it.

## Section 2

1. Derry girls – as Derry girls has just recently finished on TV people should be very familiar with this series.
  - a. Is Derry Girls an accurate portrayal of life in Northern Ireland in the 1990s? Please explain your answer with personal experiences if possible? (Don't force personal experiences)
  - b. Do you think times have changed in the last 20 years and if so, how?
2. Brexit – Brexit is hot topic of conversation in most of the world right now?
  - a. There are a number of challenges ahead. What do you see the biggest ones being for Northern Ireland?
  - b. What positives could you see?

Pick two challenges from section 1 and one challenge for section 2.