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In the Name of Allāh, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

14TH ASHTON ACM SCOUTS

Part of Tameside District and Muslim Scouts Fellowship (MSF)

JOINING APPLICATION

Ever wanted your child to **learn new life skills**, make new **friends** or be part of a **team**? Or perhaps somewhere to channel all their energy, discover **new games** and make some **amazing memories** along the way?

Answered Yes?

Well 14th Ashton ACM Scouts could be just the place for them.

Scouts is a world recognised charity organisation with children at the heart.

At 14th Ashton we want to see your children grow into well rounded adults, so we will give them the space and endless opportunities to strive to be the best versions of themselves.

So come and join all the fun and let their adventures **Begin**.....

Please read the below carefully

Beaver Section- Age 6-8years old.

Wednesdays 6.00pm-7.15pm.

Please only fill in the form if your child is no older than 7years and 4months by 1st September.

PARENT- GUARDIAN-CARER ATTENTION

Alhamdulillah, our initial form generated a great interest for scouts in the area. Although we would love to take on every child, this is just not possible, we have limited spaces, once filled we will operate on a waiting list basis.

However, if you are able to commit some of your time, your child can 'skip the queue' and have a place on the Scouts programme.

To do this, 14th Ashton ACM scouts requires commitment and involvement from yourselves.

We will require the below:-

- A minimum commitment of 4 sessions per term, each session is max 2hours including set/clean-up (there are 12 sessions per term in total). This could be across any scout sections we have active.
- A minimum commitment of 18months. If you decide to leave before this, your child/children's place on the scout's programme will be reviewed and potentially at risk.
- Ideally candidates should have a good grasp of the English Language,

We appreciate this is giving up your time, so in addition to 'queue jumping' there are a few extra perks if you take on the above responsibility. Please see below '*What you need to know*' section under *Perks and Benefits*.

We **do** require all parents/carers to be involved in the Scouts in some way, if you cannot commit as above we may reach out to you as an occasional helper. Occasional helpers will not benefit from any perks.

What you need to know:

Costs & Uniform

Are there any costs associated with scouts?

Yes, there are a few costs associated with Scouts. The group does not want anyone to miss out due to financial reasons and will do what we can to help support, this could be in the form of a payment plan.

- You will need to pay an annual membership fee of £55 every January starting from Jan 2025. This is paid to the Scouts HQ for each child. This does not come to ACM Scouts, it covers insurance, District training and for leaders to have sufficient documents to deliver a quality programme.
- Monthly cost- There is a monthly session charge of £8.00 per child, which will need to be paid in advance at the start of every month. Sibling discount is available. No refunds are given for missed sessions.
- Occasionally trips will be organised for the children. We will support on this as much as we can through fund-raising, but there may be times we ask for additional money to cover costs.
- Once your child successfully completes their trial sessions and wants to join scouts, there will be a cost to purchase uniform. Approx £12

Do I have to wear a uniform?

- Yes, to be part of scouts all children will be required to wear the appropriate uniform for their Section. This includes a Sweatshirt and Group Scout Neckerchief as a minimum; cost approx £12, along with suitable dark trousers/leggings and sensible footwear.
- Leaders/ Volunteers/Occasional helpers- are required to wear a uniform. This includes the Group Scout Neckerchief, official scouts' shirt/ blouse along with suitable dark trousers/leggings and sensible footwear.

Training & DBS Checks

Is there any training required?

- Yes there are a few mandatory online training modules to complete before becoming a full volunteer. E.g., Safeguarding, Health and Safety. Total approx 3 hours of your time.
- Ideally all volunteers need to have First Aid training. Free sessions will be held periodically to enable you to book on.

Are all volunteers vetted?

- Yes DBS checks will be carried out through the Scouts Association. It is free of charge and lasts for 5 years. On completion of the trial sessions, you will be asked to provide information to do a DBS check.

Group Section and Volunteer Structure

What is the difference between Leader/volunteer/Occasional helper?

- A leader is someone who wants to be involved in creating the session plans, who can lead a session or a Section, who can commit at least 4 sessions per term. This person is willing to do extra training to improve the section and ultimately benefiting the children. A leader benefits from extra perks.
- A volunteer is someone who can commit to the minimum 4 sessions and assists in delivering the session but does not need to plan it or lead it. Only the mandatory modules need to be completed along with DBS check. A volunteer benefits from extra perks.
- An Occasional Helper is someone who cannot commit to the minimum 4 sessions, but can be called upon if needed for extra help or support. Only mandatory modules need to be completed and DBS check. An occasional helper will not benefit from extra perks.

ALL SCOUT ROLES ARE ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, THERE ARE NO PAID ROLES. YOU MUST BE 18+ TO BE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER.

What are the additional Perks and benefits of being a Leader/Volunteer?

On completion of the trial sessions:-

- If you have a child, they will skip the queue.
- Your child/children's session price will be £4.00 each per month.
- Your Leader/Volunteer Scout uniform will be paid for. All we require is a £40 deposit upfront, on completion of the 18month commitment you will receive this back, if you leave before this you will lose the deposit.
- As a group we will try and subsidise or cover the costs for as many of the outings for Leaders/Volunteers as possible.
- Leaders/ Volunteers children will have subsidised outing costs where appropriate.

Are there mix gender adult volunteers?

- Is it important that we deliver a balanced programme in line with the Scouts Association, therefore we will be accepting Male and Female volunteers. Beavers and Cubs will have mixed gender leaders/volunteers, anything beyond will be segregated. The group expects everyone to follow Islamic and Cultural guidelines of modesty at all times.

Are the scout groups mix gender?

- The groups are mixed gender up to a certain section as follows:-
Beavers- Age 6-8years old- Mixed
Cubs- Age 8-10.5 years old- Mixed
Scouts- Age 10.5-14years old- Separate gender groups.
Explorers and Network- Separate gender groups.

I don't know if volunteering is for me or Scouts is for my child?

- Not to worry, before either you or your child fully commits, each of you will have the opportunity to do 3 consecutive trial sessions.
For the trial you do not need to purchase any uniform, or do DBS checks.
For Child- You will just pay the full weekly session fee of £2.00 per week.

Safety

My child goes to the Madrasah, can they just come down to the session?

- Unfortunately, no, we will require all children to be dropped off and picked up by an adult who has legal guardianship. This is in line with our safeguarding policy.



Please only fill in the form if your child is no older than 7years and 4months by 1st September.

CHILD INFORMATION

The earliest you can submit the form is 3 months before your child turns 6

Name _____ Gender _____

DOB ___/___/20___ Age _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PARTICIPATION

Please tick your below preference

Yes, happy to commit my time and become a Leader/volunteer
I will be an Occasional Helper

Name _____

DOB ___/___/___ Gender _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT

Name _____

Relationship to child _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Once completed-

1) Please place the completed form in the 'Scouts Joining Form Box' in the Mosque mens main entrance (Please do not leave the form anywhere else in the Mosque)
PLEASE KEEP PAGE 1-5 FOR YOUR RECORDS

Or

2) Email the completed form to the below email address.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email scouts@ashtoncentralmosque.com Please allow 48 hours for a response.

Jazak'Allah Khairun,
14th Ashton ACM Scouts team.
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