

East Norfolk Natter

A Newsletter shared with everyone registered on Compass.

The Sky at Night. Adult Opportunity...

Following the popularity of the Amazing Astronomy session at the Skills Camp, we are offering a chance to join Teo for another evening of Super Star Gazing.

Where: St Benet's Abbey

St Benet's Road, off Hall Common Road, Ludham. NR29 5NU. Meet in the Carpark, and then there is a short walk to the Abbey, where Teo will lead our astronomy session.

When: Friday 5 April **OR** if the weather is poor that day, we will move to Saturday 6 April. Meet in the carpark at 19:30 and we will stargaze with Teo for an hour or a little bit longer.

You are encouraged to car-share as the parking is limited. Bring a fold-up camp chair, some refreshments and a pair of binoculars or a telescope if you have them and wish to bring.

Book your places via the district booking email address: bookings@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk



Meeting Dates:

District Meetings for all Adults in Scouting:

Wed 27 March 2024
Wed 3 July 2024
Tues 10 Dec'ber 2024

District Leadership Team:

Tues 14 May 2024
Tues 15 October 2024

Group & Unit

Leadership Teams:

Tues 4 June 2024
Wed 6 November 2024

District Board of Trustees:

Tues 28 May 2024
Tues 17 Sept'ber 2024

District A.G.M.

Fri 21 June 2024

Events Team:

Wed 13 March 2024
Mon 8 July 2024
Wed 9 October 2024

Learning Opportunities and Validations:

Tues 12 November 2024

Young Leader Scheme:

Wed 24 April 2024
Wed 24 July 2024
Wed 25 Sept'ber 2024
Wed 27 Nov'ber 2024

Event Dates:

The Sky at Night

Fri 5 or Sat 6 April 2024

St. George's Day

Sun 28 April 2024

Adults Skill Camp 2024

Sat 7 to Sun 8 Sept'ber
at Herringfleet Campsite.

Top Awards Event

Sun 20 October 2024

Festive Celebration

Monday 2 Dec'ber 2024

District Lead Volunteer Bits & Bobs...

The Census 2024 shows growth in East Norfolk, with youth membership +3% now at 493. This is the third greatest growth in Norfolk and is down to the hard work across our Scout Groups and Explorer Units to deliver a high-quality programme – many thanks for all you do.

If you need support with any areas of the programme, please contact the Programme Leads, whose email addresses are on the back page of this newsletter. Amanda, the Beaver Scout Programme Lead is also now available to chat over any Special Educational Needs (SEN) that you might have to support any young person or adult within your Scout Groups or Units.

Peter Thurston has taken up his post as the Local Growth and Development Officer and is already working with his first three Groups to open new sections and recruit new adult leaders and trustee volunteers.

I would encourage you to join in with the opportunities the East Norfolk Events Team are providing for both young people and adults. The Sky at Night promises to be a fun evening for 18+ members to join together and star gaze and is one of two 18+ events in 2024.

St. George's Day information has been sent to all Group Lead Volunteers and Section Team Leaders and I am looking forward to seeing all Groups and Units on Sunday 28 April for our annual celebration event, The St. George and The Dragon Walk.

This edition of the Natter has lots of information, so pour yourself a cuppa and take some time to read all about: All Section Events for 2024, the HQ Programme initiative Outdoor in 24, The Night's Away Team Photo Challenge, The Big Help Out, and much more. Some much to read that it might be worth opening a pack of biscuits too!

Happy Scouting from your D.L.V. (District Lead Volunteer)

Shelly x

What's on in East Norfolk in 2024

Events for all sections and adults too...

There are lots of great opportunities for youth and adult members planned for 2024. More information to follow...

Beavers (6 - 8)

10-pin Bowling – 17 March at Wellington Bowl
Sports Day – 22 June at Northgate Primary School
Activity Day – TBC Sept/Oct at Eaton Vale, Norwich
Ramble – 13 October along Gt. Yarmouth Seafront
Sleepover – TBC December

For more information about Beaver events email
 Amanda at: beavers@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

Scouts (10 ½ - 14)

Cooking Competition – 9 March at Martham HQ
Target Have a Go Day – 25 May at Acle School
Scout Camp – 14 to 16 June at Woodbastwick Site
Fishing Competition – TBC (probably September)
Christmas Crafts – 23 November

For more information about Scout events email Sue and
 Carrie at: scouts@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

Network (14 - 18)

For more information about joining Network email Liam
 at: l.segust@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

For details about the Network Programme email Jake
 at: j.annison@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

Active Support Unit (18+)

The ASU and Retired Members support many of the district events for the youth sections and also have a busy social calendar.

Afternoon Tea – 27 March at Caister
Cinema Visit – April
Antique Talk and Valuation – May
Summer Show – June
Crazy Golf & Lunch – July
How Hill Visit and Picnic – 16 August
Coffee Morning – 12 September (Fundraiser)
Night at the Dogs – October
Christmas Wreath Making – November
Remembrance Parade – 10 November at Gt. Yarmouth
Christmas Lunch – 13 December

For more information about Active Support Unit events
 or if you want to join the ASU email Gillian at:
g.mays@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

Cubs (8 - 10 ½)

Dodgeball – 2 March at The Priory School
Cub Camp – 28 to 30 June at Eaton Vale, Norwich
Wiltshire Trophy – 12 October

For more information about Cub events email
 Michelle at: cubs@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

Explorers (14 - 18)

Explorer Mystery Activity Day – 8 August
Norfolk24 County Camp – 14 to 15 September at TMB

For more information about Explorer events email
 Sarah at: explorers@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

Young Leaders (14 - 18)

Training Sessions:
24 April, 24 July, 25 September, and 27 November.
 At The Chapter House, St. Andrew's Church, Gorleston

For more information about the Young Leader Scheme
 email Shelly at: m.okeefe@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

All Sections Events for 2024

St. George's Day

Sunday 28 April

Youth Forum

Saturday 6 July

Top Awards

Sunday 20 October

Festive Celebration

Monday 2 December at The Minster, Gt. Yarmouth

Information packs will be circulated ahead of all events.



18+ Adult Only Events for 2024

The Sky at Night

Friday 5 or Saturday 6 April (depending on weather)

Skills Weekend Camp

Saturday 7 to Sunday 8 September at Herringfleet

Outdoor in 24

East Norfolk's Night's Away Team are promoting the National Scout Programme Initiative – Outdoor in 24.

What is it all about?

The aim is to get young people outside, HQ has put together a list of 24 exciting things to do outdoors. The challenges can be completed throughout 2024 to earn the Outdoor in 24 blanket badge.

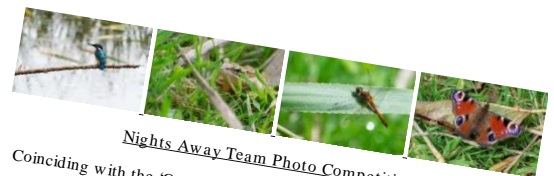
The Bucket List

You can use the prepared Bucket List (see below) or use the blank Bucket List and come up with your own challenges to complete for the badge instead. Or you could complete 24 new outdoor activities, have a sleepover for 24 hours, or learn 24 new skills. There are lots of extra activities on the [Scouts Activity Finder](#) to help add to the challenge if you want.



Resources for Outdoor in 24

All the Outdoor in 24 information available on the Scout website – use the links to access resources or order badges:
[Programme Info](#) [Bucket List](#) [Bucket List \(Blank\)](#) [Outdoor in 24 Blanket Badges \(Scout Shops UK\)](#)



Nights Away Team Photo Competition

Coinciding with the 'Outdoor in 24' promotion from HQ this year, the Nights Away team have launched their own challenge for young people across the District to join in with.

We want to see your wildlife photos, whether they're from your garden, your meeting place, out and about with your Group or when you're away on camp.

The competition will be split into 5 categories, with one winner per section (i.e., Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs etc.), there will be a prize for the winning picture in each section as well as runner up certificates.

We will also feature the best of the photos on the District website, so please get snapping and send us in your pictures.

For more information see the link on our 'Nights Away' page on the website <https://eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk/nights-away/> or use the QR code below



East Norfolk's "Nights Away Team Photo Challenge"

Teo and Gerry are running a local photo competition for you to join in with too! Whilst you are doing the Outdoor in 24 challenges, you are going to see lots of wildlife and so why not take part in the photo competition. Teo and Gerry will be sharing all the information at the District All Adult's Meeting on Wednesday 27 March or find [The Flyer here](#). As the photo entries roll in, have a look at East Norfolk's online photo gallery via the [Night's Away page](#).

Nights Away Help and Support

Teo and Gerry are available to help more section team members gain a camping permit. [Get in touch for help](#).

District First Aid Courses

From this year all members of the Section Teams will need first aid qualification.

We plan to hold a number of sessions during 2024 for all adult team members and young leaders to complete a first aid course.

Here is the information for the next course:

Saturday 18 May at Martham HQ

We will be advertising more dates soon, including a course on a Sunday.

All courses run from 9:00 to 15:30/16:00.

Remember you must complete a course ahead of your qualification expiry date. Adults with renewals due will be contacted.



Book your place: with [Sue Trueman](#).

Public Liability Certificate

The Scout Association have released an interim certificate to cover until 31.03.24.

[Please see the website for more info.](#)

HQ All Members Calls

The Scout Association host two Zoom meetings to keep all adults up to date.

Wednesday 20 March – [click to register](#).

Tuesday 5 November – [click to register](#).

Yellow Card Resources

The new Yellow Card process started from 1 January 2024 – make sure you are up to date.

Click for the [Yellow Card 2024 Guidance](#) and [New Yellow Card and Other Resources](#)

Contacts (note changes to some email addresses):

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District 18-24 Team Lead

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Scout Programme Leads

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District Night's Away Advisors

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Welcome Team Lead

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Joining Enquiries (young people and adults)

Email: join@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

Event Bookings

Email: bookings@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

The BIG HELP OUT 2024

The Big Help Out is back and this time it runs for three days 7-9 June.

This is a great opportunity to grow your group and make a change in our local communities. [Visit the Scouts website](#) to find out more and start making plans in your Group or Unit for your Big Help Out 2024.

Our Chief Scout, Bear Grylls OBE says,

"Volunteering drives kindness and generosity, which is needed now more than ever. I look forward to being part of The Big Help Out with you."

