

Squirrel Scout Resources East Norfolk Scouts

SQUIRREL DREY START UP INFORMATION

Before you begin

The first step is to talk with the District Lead Volunteer to ensure that agreement is in place at a local level to start a Drey (the DLV has to approve the opening via the Smartsheet Expression of Interest Form).

Read everything on the Scout website

There is lots of information on the Scout website to tell you all about Squirrels, who they are and what they do.

The next steps are:

- Attend an online HQ Squirrel workshop: <u>Book here</u>
- Complete the Starting a Squirrel Drey Checklist
- Complete the Expression of Interest Form

Once approval is given, you can plan your launch meeting and taster sessions and start to advertise for young people to join the Drey and bring their parent to the first five sessions too.

Tools to help

The following is a suggestion to use for launch and taster sessions:

• Launch Meeting Planner

This aims to introduce some of the activity badges and a challenge award.

• Launch Meeting Base Instructions

These can be printed so that parents can "lead" their own bases (a good recruitment tool).

Taster Session Planner

A planner for the next four taster sessions. (linked Activity Badges: Brilliant Builder and Super Chef and Challenge Award: All Together Now plus work towards the Scout Membership Award)

Squirrel Songs

Songs are an important part of Squirrel meetings.

Here is one to try:

• Closing Song – The Squirrel Wiggle.

Other resources to use

Here are some other helpful resources:

- <u>Squirrel Book List</u> Squirrels have a story at every meeting.
- <u>Squirrel Game Ideas</u> Squirrel like to play games.

Info for new adult volunteers

• Download a copy of the <u>Welcome Letter</u>.

