

# Scouts

## 1st Dinas Powys



# Scouting at Home

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## Introduction

While everyone is stuck at home we have a great opportunity to make progress on badge work and try some new activities and ways of Scouting such as online meetings and camping at home.

## Online Meetings

We will be holding regular online meetings now that we can no longer meet in person. They'll be on Fridays starting at 7:30pm for about 30 to 40 minutes for now, although there is nothing stopping us from having them more often if we need to.

We will be using Zoom to run the meetings, all you need to do is **install the app to a mobile phone, tablet or laptop**. You don't even need to create an account.

**Safety:** All meetings will be recorded and parents are encouraged to supervise their scouts.

# Camps at Home

We were going to have a weekend camp at Warren Oak, obviously that had to be cancelled so we will be doing a Camp at Home instead on Saturday the 28th March.

Scouts need to either, **put up a tent in their back garden or build a shelter/den/fort/ etc indoors and sleep in them overnight. They also need to cook dinner**, either for themselves or for the family as a whole. The idea is that we all do this on the same night but it's not essential. If you can't do it on Saturday night then try and do it the night before or after.

Make sure you take a picture of the meal and the tent/shelter/den/fort/etc, and send it to me at [tom@1stdinaspowys.org](mailto:tom@1stdinaspowys.org) so that I can award credit for it.

**Safety:** As parents, only you know the security of your neighbourhood and garden so that is your call to make. Some of our scouts are very good cooks, it is up to you to decide how much supervision your scout needs while cooking.

## Badge Work

You will find a lot of common scout badges listed below along with the requirements that can be completed at home. **Log on to OSM and go to the badges section. Make a note of which of the requirements your scout needs to complete.**

I've decided to make some allowances with some of the requirements given the current circumstances.

Any badges that have a house icon are part of the new "Badges at Home" system, you can upload photos, videos and documents as evidence of any work your scout has done and mark the requirements that the evidence covers. There is also an area on each badge for you to ask questions or send us a message. Just click on the badge, then click "Complete at Home".

## Chief Scout Gold Award

The Chief Scout Gold Award is the top award that a scout can achieve. To get this, scouts need to earn all 9 challenge badges below. These badges require a certain amount of work at home. This is the perfect opportunity to catch up on some of that work.

## Adventure

**Module A** requires scouts to take part in four adventures (climbing, kayaking, sailing, etc). We do these as a regular part of our programme. If you have any evidence of your scout doing something adventurous outside scouting then now is the time to let us know.

**Module B** can be done at home, a short report will do.

## Creative

**Module A** can easily be done at home, think of something fun.

**Module B** can be done at home, a short report will do.

## Expedition

It might appear that we can't do this anymore but **Module A** can be done at home. Scouts just need to plan the expedition described in Module B as if they were going to do it for real.

**Module B** can't be done as normal. If current government guidelines allow, your scout can go for a 5 mile walk, as long as they are accompanied and plan the route beforehand. Then submit a short report.

## Outdoors

This is another badge that doesn't look as if we can do this anymore, but there are a few requirements that can be done at home.

**Module A** Scouts can produce a report or presentation on the countryside code, camp hygiene, accidents and how to deal with them, and knife, axe and saw safety.

**Module B** Scouts can plan a menu for a weekend camp and find out how to use gas lamps and stoves safely.

## Personal

It can be very difficult to get the scouts to complete this badge as it needs a lot of independent work. There is a list of example challenges, but anything will do as long as they are something that the scout will find sufficiently difficult.

They need to choose one of the challenges themselves. We did this a few weeks ago at scouts and I still have a list. Contact me if they need reminding what they chose.

Parents can choose the challenge for the leader challenge.

## Skills

This is a HUGE badge and is mostly completed at home so this is another badge that scouts struggle to finish. It actually replaced THREE separate challenge badges on the old scheme.

**Module A** requires a diary that records 4 to 6 weeks of physical activity and a report on diet, sleep, and smoking, etc.

**Module B** is a large list of useful household skills. I'm sure you have plenty of chores that need doing.

**Module C** is largely done at scouts as part of our regular programme. If your scout does a problem solving activity while at home feel free to submit any evidence.

## World

We can't complete the volunteering or environmental project requirements at the moment but the rest of the badge can be done at home.

Scouts need to write a report for the discover, values, gender and disabilities, and international issue requirements. For the Other Country requirement scouts just need to investigate scouting in another country, they don't have to make contact with anyone.

## Activity Badges

There are plenty of activity badges that can be done at home, these are just a few of them.

## Artist

Scouts need to complete either Module A (for artists) or Module B (for art enthusiasts). The Two Visits requirement can be waived in the circumstances.

## Chef

All the requirements are easy to do at home. The weekend menu requirement is the same as the menu part of Module B of the Outdoor challenge and cooking a meal is one of the household skills on the Skills challenge.

## Craft

Easy to do at home, just complete a craft project that takes about 6 hours. There are plenty of examples.

## DIY

This badge is for scouts who already have an interest in DIY as it's quite difficult.

## Fire Safety

We spent an evening doing most of the requirements for this badge so most scouts only need to do the Family requirement. I would suggest that scouts draw up an escape plan.

## Global Issues

This is another badge that is easy to do at home, it just requires some research. However the Disaster requirement cuts a bit close to home at the moment.

## Model Maker

Scouts only need to complete one module of this badge, we have been working on **Module A** this term so most scouts will have done the Model requirement already. They just need to complete the Knowledge and Discussion requirements.

## **Photographer**

This is another good badge to complete at home. Scouts can do either **Module A or B**.

## **Writer**

Scouts that enjoy writing will find this badge rather easy, they only have to complete four of the requirements.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.