



Black Dam Sea Scout Group

National Scout registration 42013 - Charity Commission registration 289028
Based at the Eastrop Community Centre, Eastrop, Basingstoke.

Group Gift Aid Scheme

The Group is introducing the new government Gift Aid scheme. This is the scheme that was introduced to replace the old Deed of Covenant scheme. The Gift Aid scheme was introduced by the current Labour government as part of their "Getting Britain Giving" campaign. Major changes have been made to the Gift Aid scheme, which allows tax to be reclaimed on any qualifying donation to a charity, regardless of whether it is regular or one off.

The new system for claiming tax is much simpler to operate and is more flexible. The parent or guardian no longer has to make a legal commitment and now need only provide the Group with a simple Gift Aid declaration. The Scout Group will then make all the arrangements with the Inland Revenue to reclaim the tax. It is as simple as that.

This scheme costs you nothing. You can end the agreement at anytime. The Group deals with all the paperwork required by the Inland Revenue, and the control of the scheme is governed by them, and must operate under the rules of the National Scout Association and the Charities Commission. All we ask is for you to complete the Gift Aid Declaration.

So what does the Group and the children in the Group get out of this? The group is able to claim back from the government the income tax that you have paid on any amount you pay to the Group. So at the present time, for every £1 you pay to the Group in the form of subscriptions, the Group can claim back 28.2p. So the £1 becomes £1.282 towards the Group funds. And it has not cost you or the Group anything.

So what is the Group going to do with this money? Firstly, we will have to wait a year to get this money. It will be used to help with the running costs of the Group, and by that help to keep the subscriptions from rising. It will also be used to help fund new equipment required by the Group either for day-to-day requirements, or for new equipment for camping.

Please remember that the Group is a voluntary organisation as well as a registered charity. None of the leaders or executive committee receives any payments for their time, which they so freely give. The Group has to rely on subscriptions, fund raising events and donations for it to function.

Attached to this announcement you will find a list of the most frequently asked questions to help you make up your mind, as well as the "Gift Aid Declaration" form for you to complete, if you agree that this is a very easy way for you as a tax payer to help all of the children in the Group.

On behalf of all the children and leaders in the Group, can I thank you for taking the time to read this information and hopefully registering with our scheme.

Nick Woodcock
Group Scout Leader

Twinned with the Argonauts Scout Group, St Petersburg, Russia



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Questions and Answers about the scheme.

Q. Is a Gift Aid declaration complicated?

A. No, it is a very simple and only requires you to declare that you want your subscriptions to be treated as Gift Aid payments.

Q. Do I have to complete a separate declaration for each of my children in the Group?

A. No, one declaration covers all payments you make in respect of their subscriptions.

Q. Will I have to reveal any personal tax information?

A. No, all that is needed is very basic information including your name, address and confirmation that you want your subscriptions to be treated as Gift Aid payments.

Q. Will it cost me anything extra?

A. No, the Group will simply claim back tax that would have otherwise have gone to the Inland Revenue. We can then use this tax to reduce the impact of subscriptions, and improve our Scouting program.

Q. What will I have to do in the future?

A. Nothing, once you complete the declaration this covers your child(ren) until they leave the Group. You need Only notify the Group if you change name, address or are no longer able to confirm the details on the Declaration.

Q. What happens if my child changes section?

A. Nothing, as the Gift Aid declaration is not in respect a specific sum, but merely the subscription, however Much that will be.

Q. What happens if I stop paying tax?

A. If you stop paying tax or have paid insufficient tax to cover the amount the Group will be claiming back, you Should inform the Scout Group, and they will not make a claim for your payments.

Q. What happens if my child leaves the Group?

A. As there is no legal commitment in a Gift Aid declaration, the Group will only claim back the tax on the Payments you made before the child left the Group.

If you have any other questions, then please contact the Group for clarification.

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GIFT AID DECLARATION

The Black Dam Sea Scout Group

(To be completed by the parent or guardian, who is a tax payer, of the Group member.)

Title _____ Forename(s) _____ Surname _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Group members name _____

I would like the Black Dam Scout Group to treat all payments I make on or after the 6th of April 2000, in respect of the member subscriptions for the Group, as Gift Aid donations.

Signature _____ Date _____

Notes.

1. You must pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax the Group will Reclaim on the payments. (Currently 28p for every £1 you give)
2. You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the Scout Group.
3. Please notify the Scout Group if you change your name or address.
4. A copy of this declaration will be returned to you for your records.