



**STEVENAGE SCOUTS**

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**DISTRICT NIGHT HIKE**  
**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2017**  
**Final Team Information**

5<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Scouts and Explorers,

Thank you for entering a team in this year's District Night Hike. The arrangements are as follows:

Start and finish: Lannock Farm, Hitchin Road, Weston, Hitchin, Hertfordshire SG4 7EE, (Grid reference TL247304). See map on page 2.

Team name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team start time: \_\_\_\_\_ on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Presentation time: 9:00am on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at Lannock Farm.

Pick up time: 9:30am (following presentation)

**Emergency Contact: 07805 389486**

Scout teams may camp over in the barn or bring sleeping tents which can be pitched in the adjacent field. Inside the barn we will provide white mess tents on a tarpaulin over the concrete floor. Separate male/female sleeping will be provided. Please ensure Scouts bring a roll mat, thick blanket and sleeping bag.

Explorer teams and Scout teams wishing to camp will need to provide sleeping tents for when they return, which can be pitched at the farm from 3pm onwards on the Saturday.

A food base will provide a burger, snack bar and hot drink about half way around the route. Teams should also bring their own snacks and drinks to keep them going throughout the night!

The Scout route is approx. 10 miles with the Explorer route being 13 miles. A first aid incident base is included. The team scoring the most points at this base will be awarded the District Scout First Aid trophy.

A basic breakfast of sausage or bacon sandwiches (or vegetarian alternative) will be provided between 8 and 8:30am on the Sunday before the presentation at 9am.

Car parking is limited at the farm, so please share lifts where possible. Please follow the directions when arriving at the farm. 'Scout Night Hike' signs will be placed on the roads leading to the farm and a one way system will be operating through the farm.

At check-in, teams will be provided with 2 laminated marked up maps, a set of grid references & an emergency contact phone list - (This will be sealed in an envelope with the team mobile phone).

Each Scout/Explorer taking part will need to return a **Nights Away Information Form**. These were provided with the initial information and are also available on the District website. They must be returned at check-in, if not before. This will allow maximum time for those last minute changes!

Copies of all the information will be available on the Scout section of the District website (address above).

## Kit List and Directions

### Individual Kit

- Warm clothing (no jeans)
- Fleece jacket or warm jumper
- Spare warm jumper (in case yours gets wet!)
- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Walking Boots and walking socks
- Drink & snack food
- Torch and spare battery
- Small day sack with plastic bag liner

### Team Kit (Discuss with your Scout Leader)

- 2 compasses
- 1 mobile phone (with credit and charged battery!)
- Reflective vests (1 per walker)
- Map pen (to write on a laminated map)
- Small first aid kit

### Personal kit to be left in barn or sleeping tents

- Sleeping bag **and** thick blanket **and** roll mat
- Change of clothes

At check-in there will be a basic kit check. **Any team member without walking boots, waterproofs and adequate warm clothing will not be allowed to start the hike.** The route will be muddy so hiking boots are essential. These can usually be borrowed from Countryside Ski & Climb in Stevenage High Street, Old Town if you don't have any (£10 deposit, which is returned if the boots are returned clean).

## Directions

From Stevenage, travel towards Gravelly on the B197, continue through Gravelly, past Jacks Hill and the Chesfield Downs Golf Course and on towards the A1M junction 9. Before you get to the motorway you will pass a recycling centre on the left, then turn right towards Weston. The road goes up-hill before a sharp right hand bend. The farm entrance is a few hundred metres after the bend on the right hand side of the road. Follow the luminous yellow 'Scout Night Hike' signs for the last mile or so.

