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LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES LEAFLET.

Training and development for adults in Scouting.

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GME Wood Badge
Scout Active Support Unit



LEADER AND ASSISTANT SECTION LEADER TRAINING

The training scheme for adults helping with Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Network is planned as modules. The modules completed depend upon your role. Each module will require validating; completing some tasks showing you can do this element. Learning is available for modules to build skills, knowledge and understanding for each element.

- Leaders and Assistant Leaders typically complete 18 modules
- Sectional assistants complete modules [Essential Information \(1\)](#), [Tools for the Job \(3\)](#)
- Scout Active Support members, advisers, and skills instructors complete [Essential Information \(1\)](#)

How do I complete my training?

1. **Plan your learning**, a Training Adviser may help you with this
 - 1) Use the [Leader's Training Guide](#) & a Personal Learning Plan to guide you to which modules you require
 - 2) Decide which modules you need to know more about and plan your learning; if you are confident with all the knowledge and skills for a module you may not need to complete the learning, just move straight on and try to validate it.
2. **Complete your learning** by your preferred method, take account of how you learn best and your lifestyle; most modules offer more than one option
 - 1) e-learning
 - 2) online video
 - 3) residential courses
 - 4) module sessions
 - 5) workbooks
 - 6) small group work
3. **Validate your learning**; using your learning in your Scouting. Simply demonstrating you can do all aspects of your role. The Getting Started modules need to be validated within 5 months. The Section Leader modules will be validated by your Training Adviser.

The training scheme for those working with young people is made up of modules. Once you have completed modules 1, 2 & 3 you can complete the remaining in any order. Our learning opportunities are structured and ordered to help you gain the most from them at the time you need them; Getting Started, Getting Going, Getting On and Getting Out.



Most adults in Scouting complete their training within two years, with the getting started completed in just a few months. Your learning opportunities are on the next pages and remember...

...go to what you need to know

GETTING STARTED

This is the key information needed when starting off in a role within Scouting. This section also includes a Personal Learning Plan that will identify the learning you require. It should be completed before the rest of the Wood Badge. Personal Learning Plans to match your role are available from your Training Adviser, Training Manager or www.gmescouts.org.uk. Modules in getting started include; [Essential Information \(1\)](#), [Personal Learning Plan \(2\)](#) and [Tools for the Job \(3\)](#).

HOW CAN I COMPLETE THE LEARNING?

Module Sessions			Venue	
• Essential Information (1)	09:00-11:00 on Sat 28th Jan 2012	CBC	W1A	
• Tools for the Job - Leaders (3)	11:30-13:30 on Sat 28th Jan 2012	CBC	W3A	
• Essential Information (1)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 8th Feb 2012	CBC	E1A	
• Essential Information (1)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 18th April 2012	CBC	E1B	
• Essential Information (1)	09:00-11:00 on Sat 28th April 2012	MCC	W1B	
• Tools for the Job - Leaders (3)	11:30-13:30 on Sat 28th April 2012	MCC	W3B	
• Essential Information (1)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 13th June 2012	CBC	E1C	
• Essential Information (1)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 12th Sept 2012	CBC	E1D	
• Essential Information (1)	09:00-11:00 on Sat 29th Sept 2012	MCC	W1C	
• Tools for the Job - Leaders (3)	11:30-13:30 on Sat 29th Sept 2012	MCC	W3C	
• Essential Information (1)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 14th Nov 2012	CBC	E1E	

e-learning Modules online at www.scouts.org.uk/learnersresources:

- [Essential Information \(1\)](#)
- [Tools for the Job \(3\)](#)

Study Pack Study Pack for Module 3 available in Spring 2012.

YOUR PERSONAL LEARNING PLAN: MODULE TWO

Most roles require you to complete a Personal Learning Plan. Plans for you to complete are available from your Training Adviser, Training Manager or online at www.gmescouts.org.uk (navigate to the *Adults* pages).

Guidance will be given at the Essential Information or drop in session to help you, if you do not have a Training Adviser.

HOW CAN I VALIDATE MY GETTING STARTED TRAINING?

In own area with your assigned Training Adviser

Drop-in session For PLP support, or validation of "Getting Started" if you do not have a Training Adviser
At Cheadle Base Camp, Cheadle, SK8 5DR (unless otherwise stated) - anytime between the times stated below:

Wed 14th March 2012 (19:45 - 21:00)

Sat 28th April 2012 (14:00 - 16:00) **at Mossley Community Centre**

Wed 9th May 2012 (19:45 - 21:00)

Wed 11th July 2012 (19:45 - 21:00)

Sat 29th Sept (14:00 - 16:00) **at Mossley Community Centre**

Wed 10th Oct 2012 (19:45 - 21:00)

GETTING GOING

These modules will help you early on in your role and ideally you should aim to complete and validate these modules within a year. Modules in Getting Going include; [Valuing Diversity \(7\)](#), [First Aid \(10\)](#), [Administration \(11\)](#), [Balance Programme \(12\)](#), [Young People Today \(14\)](#), [Challenging Behaviour \(15\)](#).

HOW CAN I COMPLETE THE LEARNING?

[First Aid Course \(10\)](#) Arranged by Scout Districts

Courses are arranged at locations across the area throughout the year. Charges may apply. Please see GME Scouting+ emails for details.

Module Sessions			Venue	
• Young People Today (14)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 18th Jan 2012	CBC	E14	
• Challenging Behaviour (15)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 19th Sept 2012	CBC	E15	
• Young People Today (14)	09:00-11:00 on Sat 27th Oct 2012	MCC	W14	
• Providing a Balanced Programme (12)	11:30-13:30 on Sat 27th Oct 2012	MCC	W12	
• Challenging Behaviour (15)	14:00-16:00 on Sat 27th Oct 2012	MCC	W15	
• Valuing Diversity (7)	09:00-11:00 on Sat 24th Nov 2012	MCC	W7	
• Administration (11)	11:30-13:30 on Sat 24th Nov 2012	MCC	W11	
Residential Course	This weekend course includes learning for modules 7, 11, 12, 14 & 15 ; and is held in the Norlog at Linnet Clough.	09:00 on Sat 18th Feb 2012 - 16:00 on Sun 19th Feb 2012	Linnet Clough	GO
e-learning	Modules online at www.scouts.org.uk/learnersresources :			
	• Providing a Balanced Programme (12)			
Online Video	Modules online at www.scouts.org.uk/learnersresources :			
	• Valuing Diversity (7) note - some content is out of date			
Workbook	Modules online at www.scouts.org.uk/learnersresources :			
	• Young People Today (14) & Challenging Behaviour (15)			
Small Group Work	Available modules:			
	• Valuing Diversity (7) , Administration (11) , Providing a Balanced Programme (12) , Young People Today (14) , Challenging Behaviour (15)			

The residential and module options are aimed at those in their first year of leadership. However, anyone can attend.

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GETTING OUT

These modules will help you with the outdoor and active aspects of our programme, understanding activity guidance and help you ensure all our young people broaden their experience. You should aim to complete and validate these modules within three years. Modules in getting out include; [Introduction to residential experiences \(16\)](#), [Activities Outdoors \(17\)](#), [Practical Skills \(18\)](#), [International \(19\)](#).

HOW CAN I COMPLETE THE LEARNING?

Module Sessions			Venue	
	• Residential Experiences (16)	09:00-11:00 on Sat 25th Feb 2012	MCC	<u>W16</u>
	• International (19)	11:30-13:30 on Sat 25th Feb 2012	MCC	<u>W19</u>
	• Residential Experiences (16)	19:30-21:00 on Wed 21st March 2012	CBC	<u>E16</u>
	• Activities Outdoors (17)	09:00-11:00 on Sat 31st March 2012	MCC	<u>W17</u>
	• Practical Skills (18)	11:30-13:30 on Sat 31st March 2012	MCC	<u>W18</u>
	• International (19)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 20th June 2012	CBC	<u>E19</u>
	• Activities Outdoors (17)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 21st Nov 2012	CBC	<u>E17</u>
Residential Course	This weekend course includes learning for modules 16, 17, 18 & 19 ; and is held in the Norlog at Linnet Clough.	09:00 on Sat 13th Oct 2012 - 16:00 on Sun 14th Oct 2012	Linnet Clough	<u>OUT</u>

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GETTING ON

These modules will help you develop in your role and support you in providing quality Scouting for young people. You should complete and validate these modules within three years. Modules in getting going include; [Fundamentals of Scouting \(5\)](#), [Changes in Scouting \(6\)](#), [Skills of Leadership \(8\)](#), [Working with Adults \(9\)](#), [Developing your section \(13\)](#), [Special Needs \(36\)](#).

HOW CAN I COMPLETE THE LEARNING?

Module Sessions			Venue	
•	Changes in Scouting (6)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 29th Feb 2012	CBC	E6
•	Developing your section (13)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 16th May 2012	CBC	E13
•	Changes in Scouting (6)	09:00-11:00 on Sat 26th May 2012	MCC	W6
•	Developing your section (13)	11:30-13:30 on Sat 26th May 2012	MCC	W13
•	Fundamentals of Scouting (5)	14:00-16:00 on Sat 26th May 2012	MCC	W5
•	Skills of Leadership (8)	09:00-11:00 on Sat 30th June 2012	MCC	W8
•	Working with Adults (9)	11:30-13:30 on Sat 30th June 2012	MCC	W9
•	Special Needs (36)	14:00-16:00 on Sat 30th June 2012	MCC	W36
•	Fundamentals of Scouting (5)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 17th Oct 2012	CBC	E5
Residential Course	This weekend course includes learning for modules 5, 6, 8, 9 13 & 36 ; and is held in the Norlog at Linnet Clough.	09:00 on Sat 17th Nov 2012 - 16:00 on Sun 18th Nov 2012	Linnet Clough	ON
e-learning	Modules online at www.scouts.org.uk/learnersresources :			
	• Fundamentals of Scouting (5)			
Online Video	Modules online at www.scouts.org.uk/learnersresources :			
	• Changes in Scouting (6)			
Workbook	Modules online at www.scouts.org.uk/learnersresources :			

MANAGERS AND SUPPORTERS WORKSHOPS

Managers and Supporters in Scouting who are effective in their role are as important in providing Everyday Adventure to young people as section leaders. They ensure smooth running behind the scenes and make sure that all Scouting activities are exciting and safe at the same time as ensuring all adult volunteers get the right training and support for their role and enjoy Scouting as much as the young people do. Here in Greater Manchester East it is important to us that you also have the right training to help you carry out your role.

Do I need another Wood Badge?

You may already hold a Wood Badge for a different role, and that means you may have already completed some of the requirements for the Wood Badge you need. This will be taken into account when creating your Personal Learning Plan.

How do I start?

- Request a needs analysis from gmelearning@gmail.com
- Complete the needs analysis in your own time, think carefully about making your answers quite detailed, as some of the information you give may immediately validate you for some of the areas to be covered. It's not an exam but a way to find out where your strengths are and any gaps you might need to address. To talk to someone please contact Kay Hill on 0161 681 8619.
- Your completed needs analysis will be assessed. You will receive back a Personal Learning Plan including recommendations for learning and any validated criteria completed.

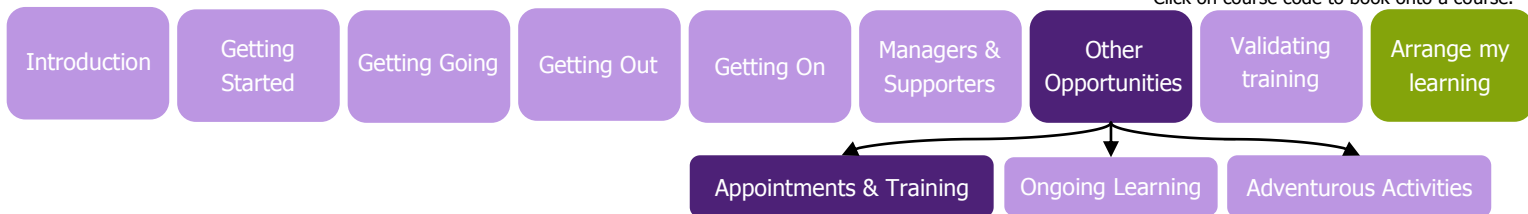
MANAGER AND SUPPORTER WORKSHOPS ARE DESIGNED FOR BOTH THOSE NEW TO SCOUTING AND THOSE WISHING TO UPDATE THEIR SKILLS

Workshops			Venue	
• Growing & developing quality Scouting (21)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 25th Jan 2012	CBC	<u>MAN1</u>	
• Safety & legal duties (20, 23)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 22nd Feb 2012	CBC	<u>MAN2</u>	
• Better Scouting for more young people (20, 21)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 28th March 2012	CBC	<u>MAN3</u>	
• Essential leadership skills (8, 9)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 25th April 2012	CBC	<u>MAN4</u>	
• Further leadership skills (8, 9)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 23rd May 2012	CBC	<u>MAN5</u>	
• Support the youth sections (22)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 27th June 2012	CBC	<u>MAN6</u>	
• Getting the basics right (24, 26)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 26th Sept 2012	CBC	<u>MAN7</u>	
• Ensuring effective Scouting (24, 26)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 24th Oct 2012	CBC	<u>MAN8</u>	
• Key values in Scouting (5, 6, 7)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 28th Nov 2012	CBC	<u>MAN9</u>	
• Growing & developing quality Scouting (21)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 30th Jan 2013	CBC		
• Safety & legal duties (20, 23)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 27th Feb 2013	CBC		
• Better Scouting for more young people (20, 21)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 27th March 2013	CBC		
• Essential leadership skills (8, 9)	19:45-21:15 on Wed 24th April 2013	CBC		
Safeguarding update for GSLs, DCs, ADCs and County Team Members	19:45-21:15 on Wed 7th March 2012	CBC	<u>SFK</u>	
	19:45-21:15 on Wed 7th Nov 2012	CBC	<u>SFM</u>	

Adults in Scouting course (Modules 25 & 37). Please see the [Other Opportunities page](#).

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OTHER OPPORTUNITES & ONGOING LEARNING

Please use the buttons above to see all the other opportunities available including: Appointments & Training, Trainer Development, Training Advisers, Safeguarding, Residential Experiences (38), Adventurous Activities and more.

SUPPORTING ADULTS, APPOINTMENTS & TRAINING

A range of support and modules are available, some of which lead to permits or certificates to help you with your Scouting.

ADULTS IN SCOUTING - FOR MANAGERS, TRAINING ADVISERS & APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

HOW CAN I COMPLETE THE LEARNING?

Course		Venue	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults in Scouting (25 & 37) Course over 3 sessions 	1) 19:30-21:00 on Mon 6th Feb 2012	County Office	<u>AS1</u>
	2) 19:30-21:00 on Mon 20th Feb 2012	County Office	<u>AS2</u>
	3) 19:30-21:00 on Mon 5th March 2012	County Office	<u>AS3</u>
Who should attend which sessions?			
Managers - Session 1			
Appointment Committee Members - Sessions 1 & 2			
Potential Training Advisers - Sessions 1, 2 & 3			

ADULT TRAINING DEVELOPMENT

Please click on the course codes to view further information on what the course will cover and which roles it is suitable for.

HOW CAN I COMPLETE THE LEARNING?

Workshop		Venue	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding Learning (25, 27-34) 	10:00-13:00 on Sat 10th March 2012	M/cr City Centre TBC	<u>AT1</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing Learning with Small Groups (28 & 32) 	14:00-17:00 on Sat 10th March 2012	M/cr City Centre TBC	<u>AT2</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing Learning with Presentations (29) 	09:00-12:00 on Sun 11th March 2012	M/cr City Centre TBC	<u>AT3</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managing Learning for Courses (31 & 32) 	13:00-16:00 on Sun 11th March 2012	M/cr City Centre TBC	<u>AT4</u>

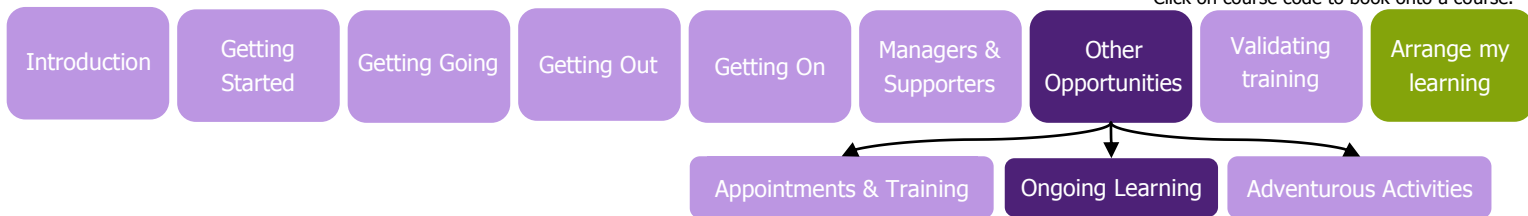
TRAINING ADVISERS

Update workshops and drop-ins for Training Advisers.

- TA Drop-In/Workshop 19:45-21:15 on Wed 2nd May 2012 CBC
- TA Drop-In/Workshop 19:45-21:15 on Wed 3rd Oct 2012 CBC

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SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS

This, like First Aid, is a requirement before renewing an appointment. Priority may be given to those nearing their review.

HOW CAN I COMPLETE THIS TRAINING?

Workshop			Venue	
Safeguarding Update for Leaders	10:00-12:00 on Sun 22nd Jan 2012	401st M/cr	<u>SFJ</u>	
Safeguarding Update for GSLs, DCs, ADCs and County Team Members	19:45-21:15 on Wed 7th March 2012	CBC	<u>SFK</u>	
Safeguarding Update for Leaders	19:45-21:15 on Wed 30th May 2012	CBC	<u>SFL</u>	
Safeguarding Update for GSLs, DCs, ADCs and County Team Members	19:45-21:15 on Wed 7th Nov 2012	CBC	<u>SFM</u>	
<i>Other Safeguarding updates arranged at locations across the area throughout the year. Please see GME Scouting+ emails for details.</i>				
Online	<u>Keeping Children Safe</u>	Small charge made		
Workbook	<u>Keeping Children Safe</u>	Small charge made		

RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCES (INDOOR & CAMPSITE)

This module will help you with the skills required to lead residential experiences for all sections. Module 38, [Skills for residential experiences](#) is covered and covers the skills required to apply for a Nights Away Permit (indoor or campsite).

HOW CAN I COMPLETE THE LEARNING?

Residential Course	This weekend course includes learning for <u>Skills for residential experiences (38)</u> ; and is held in the Lynmouth at Linnet Clough	09:00 on Sat 24th Mar 2012 - 16:00 on Sun 25th Mar 2012	Linnet Clough	<u>RE</u>
If you only wish to do indoor permit training, then you can leave the course at 4pm on the Saturday.				

HOW CAN I VALIDATE THIS MODULE?

Either	Complete a set of validation tasks with a Training Adviser. NB: This does not gain a Night's Away Permit.
Or	Contact your District Nights Away Adviser and apply for and complete assessment for a Night's Away Permit.

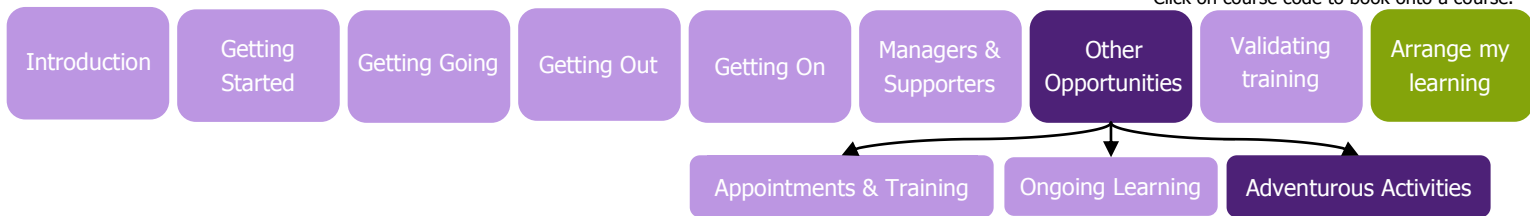
This module is not part of the Wood Badge. A Permit is required to lead any residential experience for young people.

SCOUTING FOR ADULTS DAY - 12th MAY 2012 AT LINNET CLOUGH

Action packed day filled with activities, showcases, information and workshops to support you in your Scouting role.

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ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES

The County provides a number of training events & workshops for a selection of adventurous activities. We are also in a position to be able to assess and issue permits for a wide array of adventurous activities.

Please see the County’s Adventurous Activities page for further details;
<http://www.gmescouts.org.uk/programme/adventurous-activities>

Unfortunately, the County isn’t able to provide funding to cover the cost of the Adventurous Activities training & workshops. We advise that you contact your District or Group for help with funding.

To book onto these courses please see: <http://www.gmescouts.org.uk/programme/adventurous-activities>

HOW CAN I COMPLETE THIS TRAINING?

Course		<i>Venue/Location</i>
Hill Walking		
• Basic Hill Walking (Terrain 1)	Thurs 19th (evening) & Sun 22nd April 2012	TBA
• Basic Hill Walking (Terrain 1)	Thurs 26th (evening) & Sun 29th April 2012	TBA
• Security on steep ground	27th May 2012	TBA
• Winter Skills	15th-19th Feb 2012	Scotland
Climbing		
• Artificial Wall Workshops	3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th May 2012	Awesome Walls & Linnet Clough
Kayaking		
• Kayaking Workshops	19th & 20th May 2012	Glossop Pool & Roman Lakes, Linnet Clough
Archery & Shooting		

If you are interested in training as an instructor, please contact Linnet Clough (linnetcloughcamp@aol.com), when there are adequate expressions of interest a course will be arranged. Training is offered at a minimal cost on the agreement that you will join the bank of volunteer activity instructors that Linnet can draw on.

VALIDATING TRAINING AND RECEIVING THE WOOD BADGE

Outlined is the way to achieve the Wood Badge, the award that recognises completed training for many adult roles within Scouting. This should start with completing a Personal Learning Plan within a few weeks after the local approval of the appointment. The training must be completed and signed off within three years but is often best achieved within the first year and a half of appointment.

Complete a Personal Learning Plan (PLP), ideally guided by a Training Adviser. Use the GME Wood Badge Scout Active Support Unit PLPs. They combine all the information from the national forms and ensures at a glance nothing is missed.



Module sessions, residential courses, e-learning, online video, workbooks, small group work for selected modules.



Prior knowledge & experience counts for selected modules.



Validate all modules by completing selected activities and record on Personal Learning Plan. The assigned Training Adviser must sign off each validation activity.



Send completed personal learning plan to:
*Amanda Warburton at gmelearning@gmail.com or by post to,
6 Bardsley Avenue, Failsworth, Manchester, M35 0EA.*
Your training record will be updated and certificates issued.
Fully completed plans will trigger the recommendation of the Wood Badge by the County Training Manger.
The Wood Badge / certificate will be sent to the District Commissioner to arrange for presentation.

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HOW DO I ARRANGE MY LEARNING?

RESIDENTIAL COURSE OR MODULE SESSIONS

Online	at http://gmescoutstraining.eventbrite.co.uk
Voicemail	07407 505 831 and leave a message ...with your name, membership number, preferred contact details, course code and any individual requirements
Text	07407 505 831 ...with your name, membership number, preferred contact details, course code and any individual requirements

No payment required from any adult holding an appointment within Greater Manchester East

ADULTS FROM OUTSIDE GREATER MANCHESTER EAST

Please contact gmelearning@gmail.com to enquire about booking. There are charges associated with the courses.

ONLINE VIDEOS AND E-LEARNING

Download or view from <http://www.scouts.org.uk/learnersresources>

SMALL GROUP WORK

Small group: Delivered by trainers, email gmelearning@gmail.com with your details & requirements

Venues:
CBC - Cheadle Base Camp, Oak Avenue, Cheadle, Stockport, SK8 5DR
MCC - Mossley Community Centre, Roughtown Road, Mossley, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL5 0SG
CO / County Office - County Office, Youth Service Resource Centre, Reddish Vale Road, Reddish, Stockport, SK5 7HQ
Linnet Clough - Linnet Clough Scout Camp, Gibb Lane, Mellor, Marple Bridge, Stockport, SK6 5NB
LGF - The Lesbian and Gay Foundation, Number 5, Richmond Street, Manchester, M1 3HF

Course bookings: All bookings open 90 days before course and close 7 days before for an evening or weekend session and 14 days before for a residential course.

Have you an interest in helping and supporting adults with training?

Join 'GME Wood Badge Scout Active Support Unit' in Greater Manchester East. Members fulfil a range of tasks including; Training Adviser, local co-ordinators, course mentors/tutors, presenters, course leaders and training managers.



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