

## ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES - WASTE

Working with Norfolk County Council and the Norfolk Waste Partnership, the Norfolk Scout Association has put together these challenges for Scout Troops to complete.

Most challenges are linked to Activity or Challenge Badges so completing these will help each Scout work towards their Chief Scout Gold Award.

The following information has been developed by environmental professionals and Scout Leaders to help Leaders deliver activities as part of a balanced programme

## SCOUT BADGE LINKS

The following links to all the requirements for the Environmental Conservation Activity Badge

(<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/4362/environmental-conservation-activity-badge/?cat=7,64,779&moduleID=10> )

and the World Challenge Award – point 7

(<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/4408/world-challenge-award/?cat=7,64,781&moduleID=10> )



## SAFETY NOTES

We've put together a list of things to consider when completing these challenges, but remember that these are not a substitute for POR or any training you have been given.

Common sense should be applied to all activities you undertake.

<b>Away from the HQ</b>	<b>Crafts</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tell your GSL and agree the procedures (i.e. In Touch)</li><li>• If you attend a location in different District or County – inform the DC of that District (unless a centrally organised event)</li><li>• Please ensure that you have the correct adult to young person ratio</li><li>• Take regular head-counts</li><li>• Take a contact list of parents/guardians and ensure it is kept secure</li><li>• Carry a first aid kit</li><li>• Where necessary wear suitable Hi-Viz vests</li><li>• Make sure members of the public are aware of what you are aiming to achieve</li><li>• Make sure parents/guardians are aware of your plans and send Beavers in suitable clothing</li><li>• Make sure you promote Beaver Scouting, wearing uniform/neckers where appropriate.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Make sure that safety rules are followed where flying objects are involved</li><li>• Activities with scissors or sharp objects are supervised at all times</li><li>• Appropriate glue is used and area are well ventilated</li><li>• Parents are advised when messy activities are due to take place</li><li>• Appropriate overalls or shirts are provided</li><li>• Remove neckers and jumpers if appropriate</li><li>• When junk modelling, use clean or washed items only</li><li>• Make sure small objects are not chewed/swallowed</li></ul>

## **When dealing with food/seeds/plants**

- Consider any child with food allergies
- Ensure correct health and hygiene procedures are followed
- Take hand gel if eating outside with no means of washing is provided
- Take your rubbish home
- Provide a healthy and balanced menu

## **Introducing new people to Scouting**

- Full emergency contact details etc. are provided before any child is left at a Troop meeting
- No parent/guardian not holding an appointment is left unsupervised with children
- Ensure all visitors and guests are accompanied at all times whilst on the premises

## **Fires**

- Be aware of safety when cooking near sources of heat or fire
- Ensure all food that required cooking is thoroughly cooked
- Have a bucket of water or extinguisher nearby
- Ensure the fire is watched by a responsible adult at all times
- Ensure the fire is fully extinguished prior to leaving the site of fire

## **Use of technology and social media**

- When computers and social media is used as part of a Troop activity please ensure Scouts are appropriately supervised at all times
- Ensure parental permission is given before taking pictures of children
- Be aware of restrictions on posting pictures of children online & the need for appropriate permission
- Ensure any music or videos played at a scout venue are covered by the relevant licenses