**4th EFS Sea Scouts Chief Scout Gold Award Programme**

**Year Three**



In this their final year Scouts should have completed most elements of the award through their attendance at Thursday evening meeting and completing all the independent work. Their progress can be viewed on OSM.

Scouts will also usually need to complete the most difficult elements of the Challenge Awards (although some Scouts may have had the opportunity to complete some of these elements during their second year with the troop). Scouts will be invited to take part in a number of additional activities to help them complete the award. These are:

- an Environmental project;

- an Expedition;

- they will be set a personal challenge by the leaders;

- as PLs or APLs they will undertake a number of team leader activities.

**All Scouts will be given an individual development plan for this year to help them complete the award where this is possible. This letter therefore may not reflect your Scout’s exact circumstances.**

**Chief Scout Gold Award Programme**

The full details of the award requirements can be found on the main Scouts website [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk) and also on the 4th EFS website (see links in covering email).

By now Scouts should have completed all the Independent Activities they have been given in the last two years. Please speak to a leader if there are any problems preventing these activities from being completed.

**Summer Camp**

Scouts who have did not attended Summer Camp last year will need to attend Summer Camp this year if they wish to complete the award.

**Reminders of all these activities are detailed on the next page.**

**The small print!**

1. All Scouts in this year will be able to take part in these activities if they are offered so the development opportunity for the Scout is still available. There will be limited ability to take into account personal date preferences so we cannot guarantee to provide the opportunities at a time to suit all Scouts in this year.

2. Additional activities will only be provided if it is judged that some Scouts in this year have a realistic expectation of completing the Gold Award.

3. Leaders will try to ensure that the plan for the Thursday evening activities for the year provides an opportunity to complete any outstanding elements so it is important that Scouts in their third year with the troop have a near perfect attendance record to make sure they can take advantage of these opportunities. Thursday evening activities cannot be moved to suit individual Scouts. (If a Scout has had a relatively poor attendance record in previous years then it may not be possible for the programme to address all outstanding points).

**A reminder of the Independent Activities that should have already been completed or close to completion**

**Additional Independent Activities - Year One**

The additional activities for Scouts in their first year are as follows:

a. Regularly take part in physical activities over a period of four to six weeks. Keep a record showing your improvement. Your goal could be to develop in an activity or successfully complete a challenge.

b**.** Take part in an activity that shows you understand your own faith or beliefs. What values do we share as Scouts? Which Scout value means the most to you?

**Additional Independent Activities - Year Two**

a. Undertake a personal challenge that will take a high degree of self control and/or organisational ability to achieve over a period of time.

b. Give at least three examples of when you’ve been in different types of teams (outside of the Scouting environment). Explain your role in those teams. Only one example may feature a sporting team.

c. Learn and use at least five household skills.

*The relevant self completion Pro-formas are available alongside this letter in the email but are also found on the 4th EFS website.*

**Challenge Awards**

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| The core element of the Gold Award is the requirement to complete the 9 Challenge Awards.  Many of the award elements are covered by our Thursday evening programme but some elements will need to be undertaken independently.  Four of these are listed below. These are:   1. Additional Activity Badges; 2. Adventurous Activities; 3. Creative Activities; 4. Taking part in a performance. | C:\Users\David\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\Challenge Badges.jpg |

**Activity and Staged Badges**

There are also a great many activity and staged badges Scouts can complete.

Details on how to complete each badge on the Scouts website www.scouts.org.uk

The lower stages of some of the 'staged' badges are completed during Thursday evening sessions (Swimmer, Time on Water, Emergency Aid, Nautical Skills, Paddle Sports, Sailing) but if these badges cover an area of deep interest please speak to a Scout leader about the higher stages.

**Summer Camp**

A Scout who does not attend at least one (but usually two) Summer Camps is not going to be able to complete the Chief Scout Gold Award as the Outdoors Challenge can only be completed by attending Summer Camp.

It can be difficult to complete all elements of the award during one camp and as there are many leadership elements to this award only Scouts who attend a Summer Camp at the end of their second or third years with the troop will be given the opportunity to complete the 'team leader' elements of the Outdoors Award.

We alternate the dates of Summer Camp each year to try and provide as many chances as possible to attend to as many Scouts as possible. Summer Camp always takes place at some point in July and we can generally be flexible about late joiners and leavers.