

Richmond upon Thames Scout District

Details of Scout Skills Workshops – Pilot Scheme

As a District, we need to be more active in sharing the knowledge and skills that our experienced leaders have gained over many years of delivering a successful scouting experience to our members. We are running a pilot series of skills sessions next year to meet this demand.

The long-term goal is to have ALL groups in the District hosting 1 or 2 skills sessions throughout the year, at their own HQ, using their own equipment (with support from District) to deliver sessions to pass on their scouting skills.

The pilot sessions will focus on the skills and knowledge that is specific to scouting e.g., fire lighting; knife, axe and saw; knots and lashings; backwoods cooking, tent pitching; map and compass etc.

The hope is, with support from groups, that additional sessions to those below will be run regularly throughout the year and each of the sessions will be delivered on numerous occasions throughout the year by different teams at different HQs enabling inexperienced leaders many options as to when and where to participate in the session.

Listed below are monthly sessions that are planned for the 2026, and we invite team members to get in touch and book on as many of the sessions as you feel you need. The sessions will aim to teach the relevant skill as well as allow participants to practice and discuss how each skill can be adapted/delivered to form part of the programme for all sections from squirrels through to explorers.

Places on the pilot sessions are limited - so first come first served!

We also invite experienced team members to offer their help in delivering the sessions - the more of us we have delivering - the greater the number of new team members that can be trained.

These initial sessions will take place at 3rd Hampton HQ, 59 Percy Road, Hampton, TW12 2JT

There is no charge for attendance

Day	Date	Times	Skills/Topic
Saturday	24 Jan 2026	9.30am - 12.30pm	Knots and lashings
Sunday	22 Feb 2026	9.30am - 12.30pm	Map and Compass
Saturday	21 Mar 2026	9.30am - 12.30pm	Tent pitching and care
Sunday	26 Apr 2026	9.30am - 12.30pm	Backwoods cooking
Saturday	23 May 2026	9.30am - 12.30pm	Knife/axe/saw
Saturday	20 Jun 2026	9.30am - 12.30pm	Fire lighting and maintenance
Saturday	25 Jul 2026	9.30am - 12.30pm	Camp kitchens
Sunday	23 Aug 2026	9.30am - 12.30pm	Lashing/whipping/splicing
Sunday	27 Sep 2026	9.30am - 12.30pm	Running games
Saturday	24 Oct 2026	9.30am - 12.30pm	Craft activities
Sunday	22 Nov 2026	9.30am - 12.30pm	Team challenges

To book onto any of the pilot sessions (**or to offer your assistance in delivering**), please get in touch with the District Adult Learning Team Leader (Nigel Waine) either by phone (07715760400) or by email (nigel.waine@richmondscouts.org.uk).