



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are really excited to be working with Suffolk Scouts this year to share an unforgettable summer experience for young people across Suffolk.

The NCS programme offers young people, aged 16-17, the opportunity to do something meaningful with their summer break, as well as a chance to develop skills and take on new challenges that will set them up for adult life. They'll also do something good for their local community, carrying out a social action project to support a cause they care about. We've seen first-hand what an amazing feeling of accomplishment and increased confidence this programme brings. Last August, teenagers on NCS donated 200,000 hours of their time to help rebuild their communities after the first lockdown, showing what a difference young people can make when they work together towards a goal.

More information on the NCS summer programme can be found below or on our website; Over a period of 2 or 3 weeks they will;

- ✓ Meet new people
- ✓ Try new things
- ✓ Give back to their local community through voluntary action
- ✓ Take on new challenges
- ✓ Develop the skills and confidence to take on their next steps
- ✓ Generate experience for their university application, job/apprenticeship interview or CV and more!

But why take part in NCS if you're already a Scout?

NCS is a different experience and an important platform to support your transition into adulthood. NCS participants come from all over the county and everyone has a wide variety of life experiences to share. . NCS is all about building social bridges so it's a great opportunity for your young person to meet someone who is a little different from themselves and learn more about the community around them whilst learning key skills and having fun.

Not only will you gain all the benefits we have to offer but the experience will tick off several elements of your young person's Scouting journey. The Social Action Project can be used in many

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ways ranging from the Community Impact Staged Activity Badge all the way up to the Queens' Scout Award. All in one summer, action-packed programme designed to make your CV and college/university applications stand out from the crowd

As you can imagine, our programmes are getting booked up fast so we highly recommend signing up as soon as you can to make sure your teen doesn't miss out.

A place on NCS is worth around £1500. However, thanks to government funding for the programme, we only ask for a contribution of £50 to cover some basic costs. We want to ensure that everyone can do NCS so there are bursaries available for students if you need some help to cover the cost, please contact me directly to discuss if your child is eligible.

This summer, we are running a couple of programmes however our 3-week residential programme is now already fully booked. Therefore, we are offering a unique two-week programme that does not include a residential stay but includes an action-packed day of outdoor activities locally instead.

16th August - 2 weeks based in Ipswich and Lowestoft (non-residential)

Go to www.wearencs.com to sign up and **when it asks for a school simply search for 'Suffolk Scouts'** to make sure you are on the right programme.

Frequently asked questions can be found at wearencs.com/faqs. Alternatively, if you have any questions please get in touch with us directly.

We look forward to welcoming your teen on NCS this summer!

Warm wishes,

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