



Girlguiding

5th Roundhay Guides

St John's Guides
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Dear parent,

The 5th Roundhay (St John's) Guides currently meets at Roundhay Methodist Church. We are not a 'Methodist' group, we have girls from all different religions, and just meet in the Church's lovely building.

We meet on **Thursday evenings, 7.30pm-9pm, *nearly*** every week of the school term. The subs are currently **£20 a term for every Guide**. We do not offer a reduction for siblings. If your Guide joins part way through the term there will be a reduction eg £10.00 after half term. If you have financial concerns about the subs please contact me in confidence. We do not seek to make a profit out of the Guides or their parents and all income is used to benefit the Guides. The Guiders receive no financial reward - all our help is given voluntarily! Subs for new Guides are payable as soon as your Guide has taken her Promise - which is usually 2-3 weeks after her first meeting.

In addition, from the 1st January 2007, there will be a **£12 one-off payment to this Guide Unit** when your Guide decides she is going to take her Promise with our Unit. For this amount she will receive a G File, Personal Organiser, a 5th Roundhay Guides Necker, and a Plaited Woggle and stationery from the Unit –all for her to keep, but please remember **to name all the uniform items**, when we have sleepovers, camping, and just at meetings - everybody's clothing and possessions are just the same as yours! Therefore the first full term's payment will be £32, and if you start at half term - £22.

The Guides must have at least one navy Guide Polo Shirt (£10.50) and a Guide gilet (£10.50) to wear the badges on. No other Guide clothing, T-shirts, jackets, etc is required.

All Guides wear their neckers for special occasions such as Church Parades and Guiding events so that they will be easily recognised.

When attending Church Parades, this Unit asks for all Guides to wear a clean uniform top, necker and woggle and dark coloured "bottoms". Please bring some money for the collection too. On Remembrance Sunday, please wear a new poppy.

We attend Roundhay Methodist Church Parades (this building), they are on the 2nd Sunday of every month. The service is from 10.30am - 11.30am approx.

We go on weekend pack holidays, weekend camps, week camps, holidays in hotels, holidays abroad, 12 hour day events, trips to the Big Gig concerts, canoeing weekends, camps abroad and International Camps/Jamborees - like Poacher 1992, 1996, & 2000 - in England, holidays In Switzerland, camping in Calais, canoeing in the Ardeche & holidaying in Rome.

All of these events include activities which we would not normally do during our weekday evening meetings. More details of these events are announced as they are planned by the Guiders. We usually meet up with the 4th and 6th Roundhay Guides for camping etc.

We usually make our "5th Roundhay Guide Rules" each year and your Guide will be asked to sign them before the rules are encapsulated. If we have any problems at Guides we contact parents and explain the difficulty. If the problem cannot be resolved we may, in some exceptional cases, have to resort to excluding guides who have been persistently difficult, naughty, rude or who are caught bullying others!

If you have any questions or concerns at any time and you wish to speak to any of the Guiders **please come along to our meetings on a Thursday evening (after the meeting if possible)** or you may wish to contact me at home. My details are given at the top of this letter.

We hope that your daughter enjoys our guide activities and decides to become a full member by taking her "Promise" and joins us regularly.

The uniform and other items are available from our local Guide Depot - North East Leeds Badges. A catalogue is available for you to look at what sizes are available, and you can order through me.

Yours in Guiding

Guide Guider in Charge