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1ST ECCLESHALL EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT

The Scout Headquarters
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August 2010

To the parents of: «First_Name» «Surname»
«Address_1st_line_»
«Road»
«SubTown»
«Town»«County»
«Postcode» «F16»

Dear Mr & Mrs «Surname»,

Explorer Unit Alcohol Policy

The Scout Association alcohol policy for Explorer Scouts is simple: The consumption of alcohol by people less than eighteen years of age is forbidden on all Scouting activities.

Over the last few months we have noticed an increase in consumption of alcoholic drinks on recent events and a few parents have expressed concern. I too am bothered by the problem and wish to assure you that I will address it.

Young people need to develop a responsible attitude towards alcohol and should not be barred from it until their eighteenth birthday but Scouting is an inappropriate environment for this. This is something that is a parents' responsibility in addition to which the potentially dangerous nature of Scouting activities makes alcohol a significant hazard.

Alcoholic drinks will not be tolerated on any future Explorer activities and we reserve the right to send any young person home from an activity if they are found in possession of alcohol. If leaders find a young person in possession of alcoholic drinks we will confiscate unopened items and return the drinks to you. Opened items will be confiscated and poured away. In addition Explorers may forfeit awards that they are working towards.

We want our young people to have fun by enjoying the activities they are engaged in and the fellowship of their friends.

I will operate a "zero tolerance" attitude in future.

Scout Headquarters have made it clear to all leaders that they will close Explorer Units if young people are discovered to be consuming alcohol on Scouting activities.

A Partnership between
1st Eccleshall Scout Group
and
Stone District Scout Council

District Explorer Scout Commissioner: Ian Evans

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People over the age of eighteen may consume alcohol but in moderation and must remain fit at all times to carry out their duties. It is recommended that spirits are avoided.

We ask you to support this policy by reminding your son or daughter of it and trying to ensure that they do not take alcohol to any Scouting activity. Please will you sign and return this slip at the bottom of this letter.

Yours in Scouting,

Kingsley Leigh
Explorer Scout Leader



Please sign and return

Explorer Unit Alcohol Policy

I acknowledge receipt of 1st Eccleshall Explorer Scout Unit alcohol policy dated August 2010.

Signed: Date:

Parent of: «First_Name» «Surname»

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