



BERKSHIRE SCOUTS

Muslim Scout Group Launched in Berkshire

Saturday 22 April sees the newly formed 102nd Reading Muslim Scout Group throwing open its doors and inviting the community in to find out what Scouting is all about. The Open Day at the Oxford Road Primary School in Reading kicks off at 12.30 and runs through to 4.30pm with a short presentation from 2pm hosted by Islam Channel Presenter Sajjid Varda. The Group Scout Leader Omair Zaman will be presented with a Certificate marking the Group Registration with the Scout Association by the Chief Commissioner for England, Jane Lewis.

The Group will be launching a Beaver Scout Colony for boys and girls aged 6 to 8 years old in May along with two Cub Scout Packs for boys and girls aged 8 to 10.5 years old. Scout Sections for boys and girls aged 10.5 to 14 will start towards the end of 2006. At the Open day youngsters will be able to take part in some of the activities they can expect in the Beaver or Cub Scouts including games, outdoor and craft activities, camping and tackling the climbing wall.

Omair Zman, Group Scout Leader for 102nd Reading Muslim Scouts said "I want to help young Muslims become leaders in their community and society and Scouting, one of the longest-running youth organisations in the world, is the best way to achieve this. We will provide opportunities for children to have fun in an Islamic environment and which allows them to develop their full potential in terms of team skills, leadership qualities and lasting friendships. We believe in supporting tomorrow's leaders today".

Geoffrey Mitchell, for Berkshire Scouts said "this is one of the exciting projects we are running to bring Scouting to even more young people across Berkshire. Scouting is for all young people and offers adventure and fun for boys and girls, young men and women from 6 to 25. It is a world-wide movement with some 28 million members, it is one world, one promise"

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If you would like to attend the Open Day you will be most welcome. Please contact Geoffrey Mitchell to make the arrangements.

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For more information on 102nd Reading Muslim Scout Group see their Web Site www.readingmuslimscouts.org info@readingmuslimscouts.org 0781 662 0725

102nd Reading is one of 16 Scout Groups in Reading and one of over 120 Scout Groups across Berkshire.

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Berkshire Scouts is part of the Scout Association which itself is part of the World Organisation of Scout Movements, the largest co-educational youth movement in the world and in the UK.

It contributes to the fulfilment of their potential using a progressive and enjoyable values-based programme for personal development. It provides a programme of fun, friendship and adventure for young people aged 6 to 25. There is an emphasis on outdoor adventure and helping others.

In Berkshire there are 7,510 (2006 annual census) young people and adults enjoying a wide range of Scouting activities. Scouting is mainly provided through over 130 local Scout Groups and District-based Explorer Scout Units.

In 2007, Scouting celebrates its 100th Anniversary which includes the World Scout Jamboree in the UK for over 40,000 young people drawn from over 200 countries around the world.

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