

Warrington West Youth Forum

Post meeting newsletter!



Introduction

Who are we?

In simple terms, we are the Warrington West Youth Forum Team.

Let us expand a bit... The Youth Forum is a group of young people who meet every few months. We are aiming to have 2 representatives from all scout and explorer groups in Warrington West.

What do we do?

We discuss opinions of the scouting program, ideas for future adventures and activities, and have an opportunity to input our voices into the important decisions in scouts.

Why are we important?

The Youth Forum is a safe space for young people to express their concerns and suggest their ideas for making our community and scouting experience better!

This group gives young people the opportunity to shape scouting to their best suiting. It gives them the chance to have their voice heard, and allows the district to hear their feedback, through us leaders forming an open communication channel.

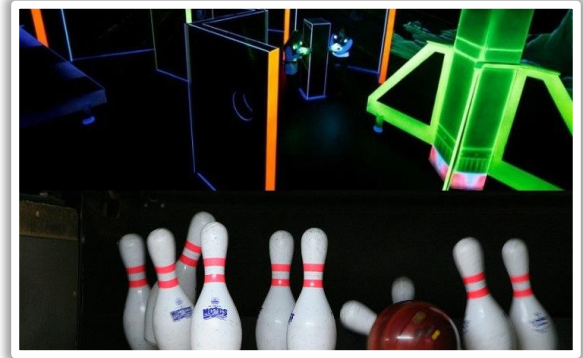
Announcements

- ❖ *The next youth forum meeting will be Sunday 8th December, at Tenpin Bowling, Warrington. Details and invites have been sent out.*
- ❖ *Please make sure to talk to others in your group to get ideas for what ideas they have for making scouts better. E.g., more camps, more days out, more hikes etc...*
- ❖ *If you have not already, please update your personal details and permissions on OSM.*
- ❖ *Leaders: If you do not have any representatives for your group, or you would like to change your representatives, please contact us.*



What have we been up to?

In our meeting on Sunday 8th September, we discussed many things... Starting off the meeting with a round of introductions, we welcomed two new representatives to our crew. Afterwards, we looked through the newsletter and discussed ways that we could improve it, and ensured everyone liked it. The representatives then had a lovely brunch together, getting to know each other and having some laughs. We voted on ideas for the Christmas meeting and came to a final decision... Bowling and laser tag!!



We then continued to brainstorm some ideas for the future of the Youth Forum, considering many suggestions on how to get our name out there and educate more people about who we are and what we do.

To end our meeting, the representatives sprouted many proposals for our future meetings and begin planning activities that we could run as a group. We also snapped a fantastic group picture before leaving.



In the next meeting, we will be discussing more ideas for getting our name out there and showing everyone what we do as a group. We will also be using the meeting as an opportunity to discuss topics that will be spoken about in the upcoming County Youth Forum.

It would be appreciated if the representatives could discuss with their groups to get some more ideas for scouts and explorers, and get some feedback on their current scouting experience, so that we can discuss it at the next meeting.

Cheshire Hike

Just a quick mention to all those who completed Cheshire Hike... We are all enormously proud and send you our praises and thank you to all the leaders who made it possible. We saw some fantastic dress up costumes, hats, and accessories too!

What is to come?

As the leaders of the youth forum, we will organize the ideas and take a deeper look into the possibility of them happening, we will also discuss the ideas with the district team and see what we can make possible. We are currently planning a Youth Forum Led 'Fun Day' for the district to engage in scouting activities and some exciting skill gaining projects.

