

COSTUME

There is no uniform in the Woodcraft Folk, but members are encouraged to wear clothing showing the Woodcraft symbol. Shirts, T-Shirts & "Hoodies" are available to buy, or can be made or improvised.

We see the costume as a 'unifying symbol of membership', a 'signing-up' to our aims and principles.

PARENTS

We recognise that the Woodcraft Folk does not suit all young people. Success does sometimes depend upon the encouragement and support of parents.

We welcome the participation of parents, especially on our camps, and offer an invitation to you all to be young again!

OTHER INFORMATION

All of our Groups are wheelchair friendly.



If you want to know more about the running of our groups, please contact one of the following :-

CONTACT DETAILS

ELFINS -

- Anne Brinkhoff 01242 523636

PIONEERS -

- Chris Sturgeon 01242 604475

VENTURERS -

- Louise Medus 01242 576676

OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION.

- National Woodcraft Folk -

Tel No. 020 7703 4173.

(www.woodcraft.org.uk)

- Gloucestershire Youth and Community Services -

Tel No. 01242 243242.

LOCAL INDEPENDENT PERSON

If you wish to contact someone independent from our groups, about issues of concern regarding the way we operate, you are invited to speak to Julie Bartram : Youth Work Manager at "Young Gloucestershire"
Tel no. 01452 501008.

CHELtenham DISTRICT WOODCRAFT FOLK



empowering young people

"The radical alternative"

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

www.thewoodcraftfolk.org

EDUCATION

The Woodcraft Folk is an educational movement for children and young people, designed to develop self-confidence and activity within society, with the aim of building a world based on Equality, Friendship, Peace & Co-operation.

We are open to boys and girls from the age of 6 to 106!! We welcome people of all classes, races, cultures, creeds and abilities. Sympathy with our aims is the only qualification required!

EQUALITY

Our meetings are based on a circle, where every young person has a right to speak and a right to be heard.

From day one our young members are encouraged to speak out on issues that concern them.

Our groups in Cheltenham are part of a National Organisation and each leader and young person has a say in how the organisation is run. Democracy is an important feature of our organisation and has been so ever since the foundation of the Woodcraft Folk.

FRIENDSHIP

The motto of the Woodcraft Folk is:

"Span the World with Friendship"

We learn respect for each other and to value the contributions other people make to our colourful world.

ENVIRONMENT

Being friends with the natural world and learning respect for our environment is also important to the Woodcraft Folk.

PEACE

The Woodcraft Folk was formed in 1925, by a young man called Leslie Paul.

He left the Scouts, due to his dislike of the military aspects of the movement at that time, and Peace has remained an important theme of the Woodcraft Folk ever since.

CO-OPERATION

Throughout all of our activities, we show our young members that there is a real alternative to competition, through our games, badgework discussions, songs, camping and outdoor activities.

The Woodcraft Folk is supported locally and nationally by the Co-operative Movement.

THE "KINGFISHER" ELFINS

This Cheltenham group caters for the 6–10 year olds, and meets on Friday evenings, at the Scout Hut on Leckhampton Road, (near the foot of Leckhampton Hill) Meetings run from 6:00pm until 7:15pm.

THE "HOWLER MONKEY" PIONEERS

This group caters for the 10-13 year olds and meets on Friday evenings, from 7.15pm until 8.45pm, also at the Scout Hut.

THE "URBAN PEACE PANDA" VENTURERS

This group is for 13-16 year olds, from both Cheltenham & Gloucester and meets at the Horizons Youth Centre, Churchdown, on Thursday evenings, from 7.00pm until 9.00pm.

All groups meet during term time only.

COSTS

At Elfins & Pioneers we collect "subs" of £1 per week for each young person. At Venturers we collect £1.50 per week for each young person.

(Or you can pay by the term.)

For low income families, charges are reduced.

Other activities; camps; outings; events etc., usually have a charge, but these are kept to a minimum and any surplus is put back into the groups.

CHILD PROTECTION

All leaders and volunteers are required to be members of the National Organisation, which provides us with insurance and training, as well as access to national and regional resources and activities.

Each leader must provide a reference and must commit to our child protection policy. This document is available for inspection, and covers standards of behaviour in relation to child protection and child safety.

Additionally, all leaders are subject to the National Criminal Records Bureau disclosure procedure.