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What has changed with the Parent's Guide to Scouting?

The Parent's Guide to Scouting (From Abseiling to Zorbing) has been reviewed and updated. There are now four section-specific versions of the Parent's Guide resource, which are:

- Parent's Guide to Beavers
- Parent's Guide to Cubs
- Parent's Guide to Scouts
- Parent's Guide to Explorers

The guides are designed to give parents a brief introduction to the section, explain the types of activities young people take part in and includes a breakdown of skills the young people will gain. These guides support Leaders to engage with parents and encourage parents to get more involved with Scouting.

When will the new resources be available?

All four versions are now available.

Where can I get a copy?

All versions of the Parent's Guides can be accessed in the following ways:

- **Member Resources** – PDF is free to download or view online
- **Print Centre** (scouts.org.uk/brand) – the guides are available on the print centre and can be personalised in places to make them relevant to the local section. These personalised copies of the Parent's Guides can be downloaded for free or hard copies can be purchased and delivered to members.
- **District Scout Shops** – printed copies of the guides can be picked up free from District Scout Shops

Can I personalise them to my Group or Unit?

Yes – all versions are available on the Print Centre at scouts.org.uk/brand. Members can log in using their username and membership number as their password to view the guides under the "Parent Resources" section. All the guides are available to download for free or you can purchase printed copies to be sent to you. The back page can be personalised to include the details about your section.

Why have the guides changed?

The Parent's Guides have been updated based on feedback from parents, volunteers and staff about how the guides are used and what will be most useful for parents.

By making the Parent's Guides specific to each section, it allows the content to be tailored to the parents in that section and therefore more relevant to the target audience. The design has been updated to have more bold and exciting images and colours that will be attractive to engage new parents. There is a page at the back that Leaders can use to write in the information and contact details for their section to make it easier for parents to get in touch.

Can I still order the previous version of the Parent Pack (From Abseiling to Zorbing)?

The Parent's Guide to Scouting (From Abseiling to Zorbing) is no longer available as the new section specific guides have replaced this resource.

Why can't I order the guides online directly from The Official Scout Shop?

As there is no charge to members for these guides, the cost to the Association of packaging and distributing these resources directly to members is very high. In order to ensure that these resources remain free for members, we have had to look for alternative methods of distribution in order to make the provision of free resources more sustainable in the future.

We are trialling a new method of distribution for these free guides whereby members can get these resources free from District Scout Shops. This will ensure that these resources can still be provided free of charge to members as well as save the Association money.

We encourage the use of alternative methods to get these guides to parents, for example sending pdfs electronically or directing parents to the website. Printed copies of these resources are still available free from District Scout Shops and they can also be personalised and printed at a cost via the Print Centre.

How can I provide feedback about these resources?

If you have any comments or feedback about the guides please get in touch with the Information Centre at infocentre@scouts.org.uk or 0345 300 1818.