

## UNIFORMED GROUPS

### Rainbows

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### Brownies

To be a Brownie you need to be a seven to ten year-old girl, and want to have lots of fun and real adventure! Brownies meet together in a Pack most weeks. The Pack is made up of small groups called Sixes. The Pack is run by a Guider and a team of adult leaders. They look after you and make sure you have a great time on your Brownie Adventure.

**Guides** are usually aged between ten and 14. Any girl over the age of ten can become a Guide as long as she is able to understand, and wants to make, the Guide Promise. Being a Guide is all about belonging to a group, learning new skills, making new friends and helping others. Each Guide is encouraged to achieve her own personal goals through a progressive programme with the opportunity to work for a wide variety of badges.

**Beavers** are young people aged between 6 and 8 years who are members of the Scout Association. They meet together and work in a variety of small groups called lodges. Usually there are 24 boys in a Colony and a team of adults who plan and run the programme.

**Cub Scouts** are youngsters aged between 8 and 10½ years old who are members of a Cub Scout Pack. The Cub Scout Leader runs the Pack with a team of Assistants who all give

their time freely and have had special training to help them do an effective job. The youngsters usually call the Cub Scout Leader Akela, and other Adults may be Baloo, Bagheera or Kaa. The Adult Leaders are responsible for planning and running the programme of games and activities for Pack meetings and special outings and events. The youngsters work in small groups called Sixes which are led by older Cub Scouts called Sixers.

**Scouts** are young people, usually aged between 10½ and 14 years. A young person can come in to the Troop at 10 and may stay until they are 15 years old. The Scout Troop is the third and final Section in the Scout Group.

**Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys** are boys ages 6 to 8 years of age. This is the start of fun and friendships, learning to play together and indeed for many, the start of their time in The Boys' Brigade. With a year of school behind them, these boys are still very much individuals excited by each new discovery. The programme offers them so much. A time packed with games and songs, crafts and stories expressly designed for their age.

**Boys' Brigade Junior Section** is for boys aged 8 to 11 years of age. The eight year old is an established individual, looking to try new adventures and activities. He is usually one of a group of friends, although many still like to explore some interests on their own. The programme is a full and varied one, typically lasting one and a half hours with a few if any individual activities lasting more than ten minutes.

**Boys' Brigade Company Section** is for boys aged 11 to 15 years of age. Boys in their early teens are usually looking to define themselves as individuals - and this in a world that often tries to force them into a mould. Early teen years are difficult. How can you be an individual with your own interests, likes and personality while keeping up in today's ever changing fashions and retaining an identity with the group? It is a conflict which often leads to the confusions associated with adolescence.

**Girls' Brigade Explorers** are the youngest of the four sections within the company. An Explorer may be between the ages of 5 and 8 years old although some girls may join at 4 ½.

**Girls' Brigade Juniors** cater for girls aged 8 to 11 years of age are in charge of this section.

**Girls' Brigade Seniors** cover the 11 to 14 age range. Children grow in confidence and develop their skills and abilities. The children work together and show care and concern for others. Encouraging children to explore and respond to the Christian Faith as a part of God's family, the Church and develop the Christian values and in particular a care and respect for all aspects of God's creation.