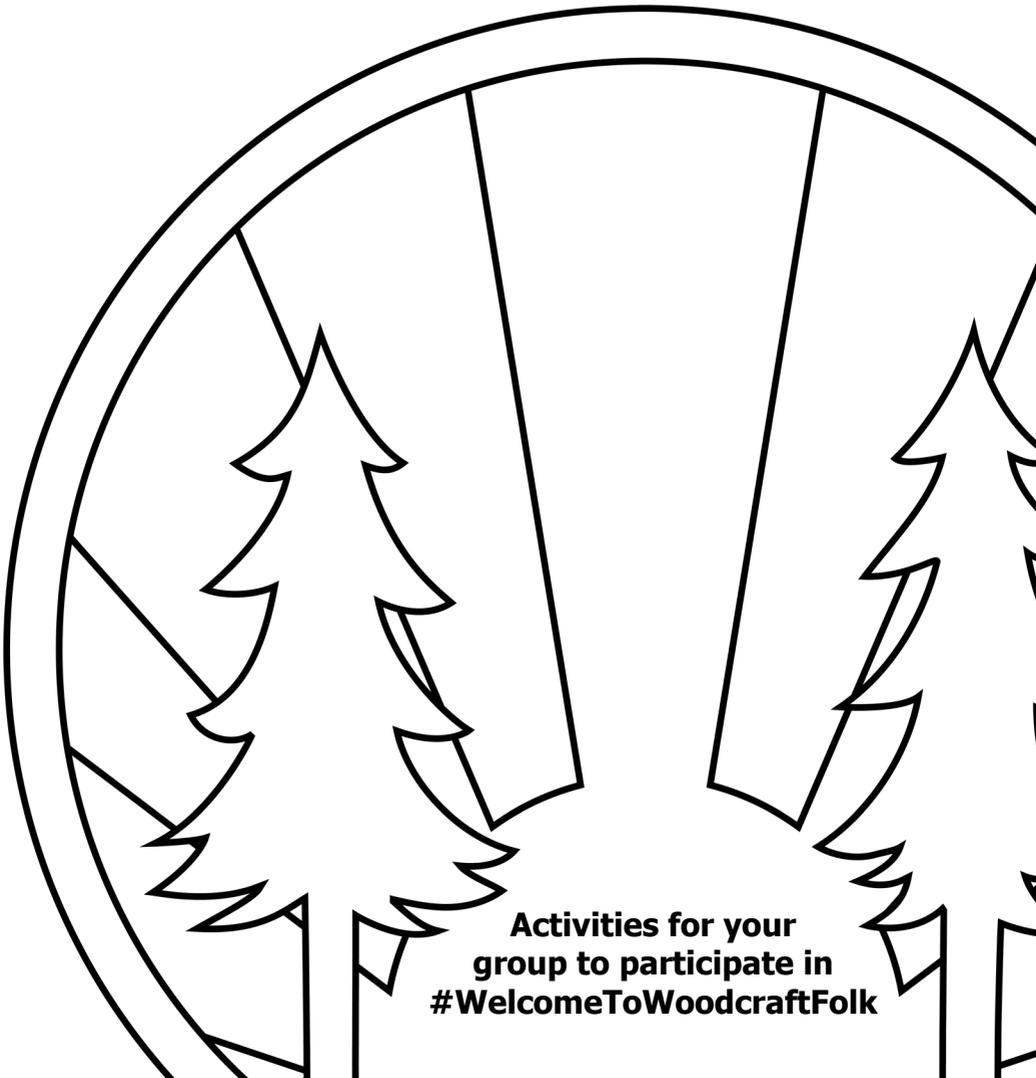


Welcome to
Woodcraft Folk:
Group Night Resources



**Activities for your
group to participate in
#WelcomeToWoodcraftFolk**



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These activities have been designed to enable groups of all ages to participate in the #WelcomeToWoodcraftFolk campaign which runs from January to March 2019. They link to the key messages of the campaign and give young members a chance to help welcome new volunteers to the organisation, as well as saying thank you to those who already give their time.

We would love for groups to take part and share their fun online in the week starting the 11th March 2019, but feel free to try them out wherever you can fit any of these activities within your programme.

Take a photo of your group taking part in any of these activities or their creative results (ensure you have photo permission for all children in a photo) and share using #WelcomeToWoodcraftFolk and tag @WoodcraftFolk on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.



Thank You Cards

Age Group: Woodchips, Elfins

Time to run: 15 - 30 minutes

Resources needed: Card, envelopes and whatever materials you choose to decorate with.

In this activity our youngest members can help welcome new volunteers and say thank you to those who already give their time.

1. Make your cards

Using a plain card or folded piece of paper as a base, create your own designs to say thank you to the adults who make Woodcraft Folk happen near you.

You might want to colour, paint or collage your card. Once you've decorated it, make sure to write a nice welcome or thank you message inside.

You could work together as a group to make an extra large card for someone special

2. Give out your cards

Give your card to an adult who has helped to run a Woodcraft Folk activity. Group leaders might want to keep the finished cards to give to those who help occasionally or who come away on camp with the group.

Welcome cards could be given to new volunteers or group members at their first group night.



A Unique Organisation

Age Group: Pioneers, Venturers, DFs

Time to run: 30 mins +

Resources needed: Large paper, pens, any materials to make your posters or flyers.

This activity gets members discussing the best bits of Woodcraft Folk and putting them to use to encourage more adults to join.

1. Have a discussion

In small groups, use a big piece of paper to make a list of what is special about being part of Woodcraft Folk. What makes us unique compared to other clubs and activities?

Once everyone has had a chance to contribute, you should share the ideas with the other small groups. What ideas were the same? Are there any you disagree on?

2. Tell the world

In the same small groups or working all together, create a poster or flyer using your ideas to encourage new volunteers. What unique things could they be part of and do with Woodcraft Folk?

You could use collage, painting, drawing, design it on a computer or use another creative technique to make it.

Maybe you could display the poster at your meeting place or photocopy flyer designs for group members to share with those who might be interested in volunteering.



Test Your Knowledge

Age Group: Pioneers, Venturers, DFs

Time to run: 20 mins +

Resources needed: Cards cut out from the "Welcome to Woodcraft Folk - Induction Session Plan"

This activity gets members thinking about what they know about Woodcraft Folk and what else new volunteers might like to know.

1. Match the cards

Download the session plan and matching cards from www.woodcraft.org.uk/welcome

Print and cut out enough sets for the size of the group. Shuffle and hand out the cards.

Give everyone time to see how much they know about Woodcraft Folk by matching the terms and pictures with their descriptions.

For an added challenge you could play it as a relay running race to burn off energy or hide the cards around as a treasure hunt.

2. Make your own

What other key terms do the group think new volunteers might need to know?

Make your own cards to add to the set with hand drawn pictures and descriptions. You could keep these and play again with new volunteers or group members.



Welcome Video

Age Group: Elfins, Pioneers, Venturers, DFs

Time to run: 1 hour +

Resources needed: Welcome to Woodcraft Folk Induction Video, a laptop, smartphone or camera, pens and paper

Take inspiration from our campaign video and make your own to welcome new volunteers to your group.

1. Watch the video

Watch our induction video which can be watched online or downloaded from:
www.woodcraft.org.uk/welcome

2. Make your own

What do members of your group think it's important for new volunteers to know about your Woodcraft Folk group?

You could make a storyboard for a video with the key messages and images you would want to include, by drawing it out with pens or paper.

If you have access to a smartphone or camera, you could even record the short video at your group night.



Everybody Welcome

Age Group: Elfins, Pioneers, Venturers, DFs

Time to run: 20 mins +

Resources needed: None (though pens and paper could be used)

We aim to be an open and inclusive organisation. In this activity young members identify the barriers that might stop someone becoming a volunteer and try to overcome them.

1. Carry out a survey

Carry out a survey of the place where you meet - if a new adult wanted to come and help out with an activity, is the meeting place truly accessible to all abilities, all genders, all faiths, and all backgrounds?

You could just walk around and look and bring your ideas to a discussion, or write them down as you go to help you remember.

You might think about level access, toilets, bright or flickering lights, whether it's near a bus route or is safe to cycle.

2. Make a change

Is there anything the group could change to make it more accessible?

Could you ask the venue owners to improve the lighting levels, install a cycle rack or change the toilet signage?

Could you fundraise to make these changes happen?



Welcome Back

Age Group: Woodchips, Eflins, Pioneers, Venturers, DFs

Time to run: A whole group night

Resources needed: Anything needed for chosen games, refreshments

Woodcraft Folk has been running since 1925! Invite former members back to your group to share in the fun.

1. Have a party

Hold a party and invite former members of your group to come back and celebrate with you. You could make invites in a similar way to the 'Thank You Cards' activity.

You might be inviting members who have moved up an age group or two to come back to a group night for younger members. They might like to run an activity and get a taste of what it's like to volunteer.

Or reach out to adults who left the group much longer ago. You could put an advert in the local paper to invite those you might have lost touch with.

Ask former members to share some of their favourite memories of being part of Woodcraft Folk or even play games that were they enjoyed when they were part of the group.