

Essex Branching Out Rolling Programme

November 2025 to June 2026

Course	Time	Date	Suggested Location
Branching Out continues as a rolling programme and interest is definitely increasing as leaders new to these courses book their places on one or more of the Wood Badge modules. Even if leaders are undecided as to whether to opt into the Wood Badge all these modules are available to leaders.			
The importance of sharing this programme with your Group Lead Volunteers cannot be stressed enough and for them to share and encourage members of their leadership teams to continue with their learning after Growing Roots by completing the Wood Badge or accessing specific modules as they become available.			
<p>The very last reminder that there is a meeting for all District Volunteer Development Leads this month on 22 November at 1st Writtle HQ, Chelmsford 10:00 to 16:00. Currently not all Districts are represented but it is hoped that in the next 2 weeks the other Districts will book a place on this important meeting.</p> <p>It was disappointing to have to defer the November Delivering Sessions on a Learning Experience until 2026. Perhaps a little early for District delivery of learning experiences but it will be back so Trainers please watch for its return and book your place on this Regional weekend.</p>			
November			
Introduction to Residential Experiences (16) - learners are introduced to taking young people away overnight,	19:15 to 22:00	10-Nov-25	Virtual
International (19) - learners are provided with a global focus appropriate to their section and an appreciation of the international nature of Scouting.	19:30 to 22:00	10-Nov-25	Virtual
2026			
January			
Skills of Leadership (08) - covers the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to be an effective leader.	09:15 to 13:00	24-Jan-26	Virtual
Scouts of the World Discovery Event for Network Members (not leaders) - learners are given the chance to undertake a project of their choice within the themes of Peace, Environment and Sustainability and take action on their chosen issue.	Friday evening to Sunday afternoon (details tba)	29/31-Jan-26	Essex County Training Centre, Thriftwood

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February			
Growing the Section (13) - ways in which learners can help develop the Movement and facilitate the growth of Scouting in their area.	19:30 to 21:30	4-Feb- 26	Virtual
	19:30 to 21:30	11-Feb- 26	
March			
Working with Adults (09) - understanding how to work with other adults effectively by communicating well, understanding the roles people play in teams and how to deal with difficult situations.	9:30 to 12:30	7-Mar- 26	Virtual
International (19) - learners are provided with a global focus appropriate to their section and an appreciation of the international nature of Scouting.	19:30 to 22:00	9-Mar- 25	Virtual
May			
Camping Skills Weekend (16, 18 and 38) - covers the practical elements of camping within the Section Wood Badge as well as advising the requirements of a Nights Away Permit.	Fri 19:30 to Sun 16:00	8/10- May-26	Essex County Training Centre, Thriftwood
Practical Skills (18) in the South of the County - to gain and develop practical skills to assist with the programme for young people in the section.	10:00 to 13:00	10-May- 26	
June			
Practical Skills (18) in the North of the County - to gain and develop practical skills to assist with the programme for young people in the section.	9:00 to 11:45	6-June- 26	Thorrington Scout Campsite, Nr Colchester
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