

Forest School training: starting November 2020

Venue: [Fordell Firs Scout Centre](#), Dunfermline, Fife

Total course costs (no VAT is applicable)

	Previous Equivalent Level	If paying in one instalment	Additional out-of-area assessment fees
Level 5	Level 1 (intro)	Total residential cost = £475 Total non-residential cost = £400	N/A
Level 6	Level 2 (assistant)	Total residential cost = £800 Total non-residential cost = £700	N/A
Level 6 to 8 step-up	Level 2 to 3 step-up (assistant to leader)	Total residential cost = £800 Total non-residential cost = £700	£0.45 /mile for candidates outside 15-mile radius of the venue, or a 30-mile radius of your nearest assessor. Discretionary charge for travel time above 1.5 hrs round trip at £25/hour. Candidates outside of area can submit a video of their practice for delivery assessment.
Level 8	Level 3 (leader)	Total residential cost = £1250 Total non-residential cost = £1100	£0.45 /mile for candidates outside 15-mile radius of the venue, or a 30-mile radius of your nearest assessor. Discretionary charge for travel time above 1.5 hrs round trip at £25/hour. Candidates outside of area can submit a video of their practice for delivery assessment.

Accommodation and catering

The course cost includes onsite accommodation, based on up to four people sharing a single sex dormitory room (www.scoutadventures.org.uk/centre/fordell-firs/facilities)

Residential: Full board includes the following

- Continental-style breakfast
- Soup and sandwich lunch
- Main-course dinner & pudding
- Tea, coffee & biscuits throughout

Non-residential: No board and no catering

- Tea, coffee & biscuits throughout

Note: To keep course costs to a minimum, washing-up after meals is shared by all on a rota basis.

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Course training dates

Level 5 (introduction) = 2.5-days

November

- Monday 2nd 11am - 5pm & 6.30 - 8.30pm
- Tuesday 3rd 9am - 5pm
- Wednesday 4th 9am until lunch time.

Level 6 (assistant) = 4-days

November

- Monday 2nd 11am - 5pm & 6.30 - 8.30pm
- Tuesday 3rd 9am - 5pm
- Wednesday 4th 9am - 5pm & 6.30 - 8.30pm
- Thursday 5th 9am - 5pm

Level 6 to 8 step-up (assistant to leader) = 4-days

December

- Wednesday 9th 11am - 5pm & 6.30 - 8.30pm
- Thursday 10th 9am - 5pm
- Friday 11th 9am - 5pm & 6.30 - 8.30pm
- Saturday 12th 9am - 5pm

Level 8 (leadership) = 8-days

November

- Monday 2nd 11am - 5pm & 6.30 - 8.30pm
- Tuesday 3rd 9am - 5pm
- Wednesday 4th 9am - 5pm & 6.30 - 8.30pm
- Thursday 5th 9am - 5pm

December

- Wednesday 9th 11am - 5pm & 6.30 - 8.30pm
- Thursday 10th 9am - 5pm
- Friday 11th 9am - 5pm & 6.30 - 8.30pm
- Saturday 12th 9am - 5pm

Course training dates overview

Dates / Levels	2nd, 3rd & 4th November (Mon 11am to Weds lunch)	4th & 5th November (Weds lunch to Thurs 5pm)	9th, 10th, 11th, 12th December (Weds 11am to Sat 5pm) <i>Includes practical skills assessment</i>	Delivery assessment <i>Arranged individually for between Feb '21 –Nov '21</i>
Level 5	√			
Level 6	√	√		
Level 6 to 8 step-up			√	√
Level 8	√	√	√	√

Important info

- Students must attend all the modules indicated in grey for their level.
- The course includes one Saturday in order to minimise the need for supply cover.
- Required contact time cannot be modified regardless of existing experience and qualifications because course elements and schedule is so interlinked.

Estimated Course Commitment

SCQF level	Credit value	Taught hours	Self-study hours	Total hours
Level 5	5	20	30	50
Level 6	6	40	20	60
Level 6 to 8 step-up	12	40	80	120
Level 8	18	80	100	180

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Delivery assessment (level 8 and level 6 to 8 step-up only)

Other costs to consider: Level 8 and 6/8 step-up candidates need to pass an assessment of their session delivery. Candidates usually organise a face-to-face assessment from an FSTC assessor. The cost of this is included within the overall costs of the course, with additional fees falling due should the candidate live outside a 30-mile radius of an FSTC assessor.

Assessor locations

FSTC works with assessors based in Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Hamilton and near Inverness.

Video assessment option

In order to avoid high additional assessment fees, out of area candidates can decide to choose the option of videoing their practice, editing clips and uploading to a file-share site or sending on disc. For more information on this option, please email

admin@forestschoolscotland.co.uk