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Scout Troop Newsletter - Issue 1. March/April 2010

Welcome to our very first newsletter.....

The theme of aviation has kept the troop busy this term with meetings learning about various aspects of flight and letting everyone get creative building kites, making and flying paper aeroplanes and experimenting with the effects of air movement. Scouts have shared their own experiences of air travel and looked at different airline liveries and logos.

On the 6th & 7th March, 11 scouts/explorer scouts enjoyed visiting the Yorkshire Gliding Centre at Sutton bank. Each participant either completed a flight in the simulator or enjoyed taking to the sky for a flight in a glider with an instructor.



The visit successfully completed the Basic Aviation Skills Badge for these scouts. The next aviation themed visit, the Police helicopter operations centre will see many more scouts complete this badge.



*Special Offer for all Scouts..... Passed one badge ?
How about doubling up ?*

During the weeks we have been working for the Basic Aviation skills badge you have already completed some of the requirements for the Air researcher Badge. If you want to double up and gain both badges you need to:-

- Carry out research into one historical aspect of flight, and share your findings with others in the Troop. (Research topics could be – the development of flight over a particular period, the development of a particular aircraft, e.g. Spitfire, Boeing 747, Sea King Helicopter) or development of balloons & airships)
- The presentation of your findings should include a model you have made to illustrate some aspect of your research.

After the Easter Break we will set aside some time for Scouts taking up this “offer” to bring in their research and models to present to friends & leaders.

Subs Reminder.....

Please ensure all subscriptions (£25.00) are paid for the period January to March 2010. .

Subs for the Period April to June fall due for payment when we return to Scout meetings after Easter.

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Group Sweatshirts and Polo Shirts are now available to buy for all Group members featuring the Bingley Five Rise Locks (as shown on the top of this newsletter) .

These are optional/casual uniform wear for activities & camps. Order through your Section Leader

Sweatshirts cost £14.00, Polo's cost £9.00.

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Upcoming Events

Please read the details on the upcoming events carefully & if you have booked on any of the courses / activities ensure you make a note of the times and arrangements for each one. If you are unsure of whether you are involved in a particular event please email Spider or Billi on scouting.alred@blueyonder.co.uk and we will reply as soon as possible.

Police Operations Division Helicopter Visit - Saturday 10th April 2010

Meet at Scout HQ at 8.30am wearing full uniform. The visit will last all morning with the return/pick up time still to be confirmed. (early afternoon) Please bring a packed lunch. Fruit Squash for drinks will be provided.

County Pioneer Camp - Friday 16th to Sunday 18th April 2010

Arrive at scone in uniform at 6.30pm. You will need to bring camp kit for the weekend; Sleeping Bag, pillow & carry mat, warm clothing/ nightwear for sleeping, activity clothing, underwear & socks for the weekend, wash kit, waterproof coat & trousers, torch, plate, bowl, mug, & cutlery. Billi and/or spider will meet you at Scone with the tents for you to borrow and will stay to help you pitch & settle in. The camp ends at approximately 3pm on the Sunday afternoon – pick up time will be confirmed on the Friday evening.

RYA Level 1 Sailing Course, WSSC, Reva – Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th April 2010

Participants should arrive each day at Reva at 10.00am with sailing gear (swim wear, wet suit, wet shoes, hat, windproof trousers & jacket to wear over wet suit & Towel). Please bring the £20 balance of the fee on the Saturday morning (Cheques Payable to 3rd Bingley Sea Scouts). Each day will finish at approximately 4.30pm.

St Georges Day Parade – Sunday 25th April

All scouts should attend this parade. Meet at Saltaire Primary school on Albert Road, Saltaire at 1.30pm. You must wear full SMART UNIFORM. i.e. Shirt, Necker, Black or Navy Trousers, Black shoes.

Jott Hike – Saturday 8th May 2010

Full details will be given in the next newsletter at the beginning of may but please keep this date free. The Jott (Jamboree on the trail) hike has international links simply because scouts all over the world participate in a hike on this particular day. Participation counts towards the Global challenge.

BCU Paddle power Passport Course, WSSC, Reva – Sunday's 9th, 16th & 23rd May 2010

Participants should arrive each day at Reva at 10.00am with sailing gear (swim wear, wet suit, wet shoes, hat, windproof trousers & jacket to wear over wet suit & Towel). Please bring the £20 balance of the fee on the first Sunday morning (Cheques Payable to 3rd Bingley Sea Scouts). Each day will finish at approximately 4.30pm.

RYA Level 2 Sailing Course, WSSC, Reva – Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th May 2010

If you think you already hold RYA level one sailing Certificate & believe you have enough sailing time & experience under your belt from last season please express your interest in attending this level two course to Spider as soon as possible. The course will cost £30.00, and if you are successful in obtaining a place you will need to secure this with a £10.00 deposit.

Annual Sailing & Activity Camp at Lochgoilhead, Argyll

Saturday 14th August 2010 to Saturday 21st August 2010 (incl)

Scouts & Explorer scouts of all age groups are eligible to attend this camp, including cub scouts who will be joining the Scout Troop during the spring & summer months. The cost will be in the region of £350.00. A Letter with full details has already been handed out to members whom have already expressed an interest. If you have not had this letter and are interested please let us know so that we can let you have a copy of the full letter with reply / deposit return slip.