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Scout Troop Newsletter - Issue 5. November/December 2010



Get Knotted..... Scouts Eilish Foy and Rosie Findlay, answered the call of the County Pioneer Team, taking up the challenge to

build on the knotting and construction skills they learned earlier in the year. The girls attended the County weekend camp in September as Intermediate level pioneers, along with Troop Young Leader, Tom Wilson, who is a young instructor. The weekend was a great success with some very impressive pioneer projects constructed and fully utilised.

The bi-annual camp is always popular. Details of how to book a place for beginners on the April 2011 weekend are included later.



Scouts who want to return to the next camp, working at intermediate or young instructor level should also register their interest early.

Royal Navy Inspection, 28th September 2010



Brilliant everyone.....

We have moved from being in the top 25% to the top 10% of Royal Navy Recognised Groups, of which there are 101 in the country.

The young people from the whole group each played their part in our RN inspection, from the youngest Beaver to the Scouts & Explorer Scouts on Parade. After the formal part of the inspection the Scouts had the opportunity to showcase what they have been working on throughout the year. Commander Griffiths chatted with many of the Scouts over refreshments, and the displays were superb.



Extract taken from the Inspection report:

“This evening they once again fully demonstrated the capabilities of this true Sea Scout Group which offers a first class Scouting programme and enables the young people to reach their full potential. They are a fine example to all of what true Scouting, and Sea Scouting, is about and I am sure that Baden Powell would be most proud of them. Excellent ambassadors for the Royal Navy in this area they fully earn and deserve their RN Recognition - Well Done”

D T Griffiths

Lieutenant Commander Royal Navy

Aire Valley District - Weekend Camp

(by Mark Hughes)

On Tuesday 12th October I talked with scouts who had attended the District camp over the weekend.

The inclusive camp consisted of many brill activities varying from crate climbing to air rifle shooting. Everyone seemed to have a personal favourite although the aerial runway proved most popular with mountain bikes the least. Everyone had a wicked time and could clearly remember their high ride down the aerial runway - especially the scout who got stuck and punched herself in the face!

Everyone seemed very fond of the meals as the descriptions given were delicious & tasty.

The weekend appeared to fly by. After activities throughout the day, Saturday evening was spent gathered around the warmth of the



campfire - singing, laughing and sharing ghost stories. A night under canvas then happened to rejuvenate them like magic. After a good night's sleep everyone yearned for more activities. With a pinch of help and with a fat heap of hard effort everyone managed to strike their tents and pack everything away. When the camp was over everyone was shattered and ready to go home.



The eventful camp was an outstanding success and had truly been a fun experience for all those who attended.

Subs Reminder.....

Please ensure that all subscriptions (£25.00) for the period September to December 2010 are paid before the end of November.

Upcoming Events

Please read the details on the upcoming events carefully and ensure you make a note of the times and arrangements for each one. If you have any questions or you would like to express your interest in a particular event please email Billi on cappyalred@blueyonder.co.uk and she will reply as soon as possible.

Eldwick Fireworks – Saturday 6th November 2010

The group is holding a tombola stall at Eldwick fireworks and a donation of a small gift suitable for the event would be appreciated. Please bring these to the Scout meeting on Tuesday 2nd November. Times for the event will be confirmed on the 2nd for those Scouts who can help out at the event – Tombola, selling tickets and/or glow sticks, marshalling and litter picking.

Aire Valley District Five a Side Football Competition 2010 – Saturday 13th November

We are looking for teams of 5 Scouts to represent the troop in this competition to be held at Nabwood Sports Centre, between 12.45 & 3.45pm. Scouts do not need to be regular footballers but are encouraged to take part for the fun of it and for the opportunity to meet other groups. Please register your interest by email to Billi.

Act of Remembrance - Sunday 14th November 2010

Scouts should meet in the car park to the side of Bingley art centre wearing full smart uniform at 10.00am. Please wear warm clothing under shirts. Hats will be distributed on arrival prior to the Parade to the Cenotaph in Myrtle Park.

Aire Valley District Bowling Challenge – Sunday 4th December 2010

(1.00pm to 2.00pm at Shipley Lanes). Team members should wear uniform shirt & neckerchief. Meet at the Bowling alley at 12.45pm. Some spending money for a drink / snack is advisable.

Church Parade Service - Sunday 12th December 2010

Meet at the Scout hut at 10.15am wearing full smart uniform. Coffee/Squash is served after the service in Church House. Service ends at 11.30'ish

Christmas Party Eve - Tuesday 21st December 2010

Please bring a contribution towards the party supper.
This is the last meeting of 2010.....re-opens on Tuesday 11th January 2011.

Wishing you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.....

National Sea Scout Swimming Gala - Friday 4th Feb to Sunday 6th Feb 2011

We would like expressions of interest from scouts who would like to take part in the national Sea Scout swimming gala at HMS Raleigh (Plymouth). We are allowed six places for the Scout troop, three under 12's & three under 14's (under 12's can compete as under 14's if required). In order to take our strongest teams we are asking about previous competitive experience as we know that some of our current scouts swim for local swimming clubs etc. We normally travel down during the day on the Friday and back Sunday afternoon so Scouts do miss one day of school (we will write a letter to school on behalf of any Scout taking part if required).

Scout Archery Course at 3rd Bingley - Sundays 13th, 20th, 27th Feb & 6th, 13th, 20th March 2011

We will be running a Master at Arms course on the Sundays listed above from 3.30 until 5.00pm. We can accommodate 8 scouts on the course. If we have more than 8 scouts wishing to take part we will run another course at a different time on the same days. Scouts need to attend all 6 sessions to achieve the badge. The cost of the course is £20 per scout. If you wish to take part can you please **E-Mail Billi**

Aire Valley District Scout Cooking Competition – Saturday 19th February 2011

The District Competition will be held at Sconce, 1.15 to 4.30pm. The winning teams from this competition are then entered into the County Competition.

Aire Valley District Scout Mountain Biking Weekend, Kirby Malham – Friday 11th to Sunday 13th March 2011

Scout cyclist badge (alternative B), advanced repairs, mountain safety & map reading. Adventurous off road cycling from the hostel. 7.00pm Friday to 4.00pm Sunday. Cost £30.00. Places are limited to one minibus so if you are interested in this weekend please make sure you let us know in good time so we can pass your details onto the weekends' organiser, Mr Paul Jagger, ADC Scouts.

Emergency Aid 4 Weekend – Friday 25th March to Sunday 27th March 2011

We have booked Sconce Activity Centre and a First Aid trainer for a St. Johns young First aider course. The cost of the weekend is £30 per scout. Arrive at Sconce at 8.30pm on Friday for a fun evening and supper. The course will start on Saturday morning and continue till Sunday afternoon. This is a great opportunity for all Scouts who do not hold Emergency Aid 4 to achieve the badge that is required for other scout awards. The booking form and a £10 non-returnable deposit will be required to secure a place.

County Pioneer Camp - Friday 8th to Sunday 10th April 2011

We have booked 6 places on the beginners' course for this county weekend. Participating scouts will arrive at sconce in uniform at 6.30pm to be met by Billi and/or spider who will stay to help pitch tents & settle in. The camp begins with an introduction session followed by supper on the Friday evening. Saturday scouts work with Instructor/leaders to learn the knots and skills to successfully construct a pioneering project. Saturday ends with a campfire & supper. On Sunday the scouts get to show what they have learned – in groups they carry out their own pioneering project with adult leader supervisor for safety. The camp ends at approximately 3pm on the Sunday afternoon. The six places will be allocated on a first come basis – the booking form and a £10 non-returnable deposit will be required to secure a place.

Aire Valley District Scout Challenge – Friday 15th/Saturday 16th April 2011

With Sconce as the start base, spend the day (Saturday) travelling using public transport. Be the first to solve the challenge. Cost & full details are still to be confirmed.

National Sea Scout Summer Camp - Friday 27th May to Saturday 4th June 2011

We would like expressions of interest from Scouts who will be 12 years or over on the 26th May 2011 & who would like to be considered for a place on the national Seascout Summer Camp on-board HMS Bristol in Portsmouth. In February we receive a letter asking us to bid for places on the camp, normally around the second week in April we are informed as to how many places we have been allocated.

The camp is divided into 2 parts.

A taster camp with one day of sailing, canoeing, power-boating, sailing expedition, walking expedition on the South Downs and one day in Portsmouth Historic Dockyard.

Courses leading to national qualifications, the courses applicable to our troop are power-boating and canoeing, any Scout wishing to be considered for a place on a course needs the backing of the Troop leadership team.

Summer Camp/Sailing on the Norfolk broads Sat 6th to Sat 13th August 2011

We have booked our annual summer camp for 2011 at Decoy Broad on the beautiful Norfolk Broads. Scouts & Explorer scouts of all age groups are eligible to attend this camp, including cub scouts who will be 10½ at the start of the camp. The cost will be in the region of £225.00 per Scout depending upon the number of Scouts attending. Scouts attending will travel in full uniform and need to bring the usual personal camp kit for the week and personal watersports clothing. To give us an idea of numbers interested and to be able to work out final costs & activity programme please complete the Booking Form below and return with a non-returnable deposit of £25.00. (More details nearer the time about travel arrangements)

Swimming Gala expression of interest form

I wish for _____ to be considered for a place in the 3rd Bingley Team

Normal competitive stroke _____ Age at 1st February 2011 _____

Previous competitive experience _____

signed _____ Parent / Guardian

Date _____

National Sea Scout Summer Camp expression of interest form

I wish for _____ to be considered for a place

Taster Camp or Course _____

signed _____ Parent / Guardian

Date _____

3rd Bingley Emergency Aid 4 Weekend booking form

I wish for _____ to attend the Emergency aid 4 weekend

& enclose a non-returnable deposit of £10.00

signed _____ Parent / Guardian

Date _____

3rd Bingley Pioneer Camp booking form

I wish for _____ to attend the April 2011 Pioneer Camp – basic course

& enclose a non-returnable deposit of £10.00

signed _____ Parent / Guardian

Date _____

3rd Bingley Norfolk Summer Camp booking form

I wish for _____ to attend Norfolk summer Camp

& enclose a non-returnable deposit of £25.00

signed _____ Parent / Guardian

Date _____