



North Leeds District News

March 2008

From the DC

As winter becomes spring our thoughts turn to the outdoors. Which is ok if you're used to all the preparations involved to take youngsters on day trips or residential events. And if you make sure that Home Contact arrangements are in place, risk assessments done and NAN forms sent in. Is your objective clear and the programme sound? What about the budget? Are the adult resources sufficient in number and do they have the necessary skills? Do you have all the right equipment? Careful preparation and management ensures a safe and valuable experience for all taking part.

I am especially looking forward to seeing as many Groups as possible represented at the St George's Camp in April. Although much of the preparation will be managed centrally, I appreciate that some may feel in need of support and encouragement to be able to join in.

So, if you would like your Colony, Pack, Troop or Unit to take part but are short of human or material resources to manage it, please let me know. On the other hand, if you are planning to join in and are at the more experienced end of the spectrum – and feel you would like to help another group – then ask around or ask me if I know who would like some help.

In the longer term, don't limit this idea to the St George's Camp. Think outside the box more often and look for more opportunities to have joint camps and events – to help each other out. I'll encourage District Events – but team working between groups at a local level will enable even more youngsters to enjoy Scouting and widen their horizons.

Best wishes,

Carol

Sport Relief March 14th 2008

Below is an extract from the 'Programmes on a Plate' feature available on the scout association website of an Idea for Sports Relief. There are plenty of other ideas available why not give it a look at www.scouts.org.uk.

Activity Instructions

Activity : Sport Relief - Challenge Yourself - Sports Quiz

Notes :

Instructions - Plan a 'Challenge Yourself' activity for the whole Colony. Do it as part of your Sport Relief Challenge, and raise money for a good cause at the same time. Your Scouts may come up with their own ideas of what they want to do. Combine this activity with a Sporting Challenge, Challenge Others and Look Deeper to complete the Scout Sport Relief Challenge.

- Split the Section into teams/Patrols
- Each team should nominate a captain and choose a team name
- The attached quiz has 20 questions, but you may wish to extend the activity to include more
- Either hand out the question papers and give the teams a time limit to hand them back in, or read out the questions one at a time
- Tot up the scores and announce the winner!

Equipment Pens
White paper

You may be able to purchase some of this equipment by visiting www.scouts.org.uk/waystohelp.

Location Indoor

Group size Whole section

Additional Information - You can download sponsor forms and leader notes, and find out more about the partnership with Comic Relief at www.scouts.org.uk/sportrelief.

- Sport Relief kicks off on 14th March. Watch the live show on BBC1

Programme Zones Fit for Life, Global

Methods Games, Team-building activities, Themes

Resources Sports Quiz (POL - Sport Relief - S - Sports Quiz - 160108.pdf)

The quiz for this is on the website also, so all the work is done for you.

Wanted!

Has anyone got any wooden tent poles that are surplus to requirements? The Phoenix St Mary's Group has recently acquired 3 dining shelters which require poles. If you have any poles that are no longer needed by yourselves and might be suitable, please contact Richard Frank (2673325).



Advance Notice!

The Scout Expedition Challenge weekend will take place over the weekend 19th - 20th April 2008. This is an opportunity for Scouts to gain the Expedition Challenge Award by completing a 2 day expedition from Harewood to Bramhope and back, with an overnight stay at Bramhope camp site. The route will be monitored by Leaders, and the activity is particularly suited to Troops where this aspect of the Challenge might be a problem.

The nature of the Challenge can be suited to the particular needs of each Troop - for example, the route can be clearly described for participating groups, or by a series of grid references for the groups to do their own route finding. More details will be circulated in the near future to Scout Leaders, but please feel free to contact Richard Frank (tel 2673325 or email at richardfrank@phoenix43.fsnet.co.uk)

Congratulations to

James Williams, Steven Bowman and Michael Mason, all from the 26th Meanwood Parish Group, on completing their training and being awarded the Wood Badge.

Congratulations also to

Lesley Connor, Blacksheep ESU, on the award of the Long Service Decoration for 15 years service

to the following on the award of the 10 year Certificate of Service:

Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Morris Smith and Jane Whittingham all from the 9th Roundhay Methodist & Louise Rosindale from 10th Grammar School Group and to

Sarah Burden, 10th St.Edmund's and Matthew Johnston, 30th Falkoner (Headingley Methodist) on the award of the 5 year Certificate of Service

Diary Dates

March 2008

Date	Meeting	Location	Time
6th	District Training Advisors	Meanwood Parish Church	20:00
9th	Scout Trading Post	????	????
10th	District Executive Meeting	????	20:00
11th	SL's Meeting	????	20:00
12th	Beaver Leaders Meeting	877 Scott Hall Road	20:00
13th	Appointments Committee	Cancelled	19:30
14th	Sport Relief	Nationwide	
15th	GSL's Workshop	Wike	????
16th	Get Together Training	West Yorkshire Police Headquarters, Wakefield	10:00
16th	District First Aid Course	Wike	10:00
17th	Explorer Leaders Meeting	????	????

April 2008

Date	Meeting	Location	Time
2nd	Six Dales Committee Meeting	St Chads Parish Centre	19:45
8th	Cub Leaders Meeting	????	20:30
14th	Appointments Committee	7 Summerhill Gardens	19:30
19th - 20th	Scout Expedition Challenge	????	????
21st	GSL's Meeting	????	20:00
24th	District Team	34 Sunningdale Avenue	20:00
25th - 27th	Castleford & Pontefract Joint Camp	Squirrel Wood	19:00

May 2008

Date	Meeting	Location	Time
7th	Beaver Leaders Meeting	????	20:00
11th	Cub Football Competition	Gledhow School	????
12th	Explorer Leaders Meeting	????	20:00
15th	Appointments Committee	????	19:30
17th	Beaver Fun & Sports Day	Bramhope	????

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