



North Leeds District News

September - October 2009

From the DC *Welcome back to a New Scouting Year!*

I hope you have all enjoyed a refreshing break over the summer and are now ready to begin a fresh a start with your Scouting. In Scouting magazine for August and September the Editorial challenges us to focus on new ways to look at Scouting, from picking up a new skill to topping up your training and engaging young people in the way to plan and deliver Scouting locally.

Leader Training

Training and validations have been a main focus in the District over the past year and I am pleased to report that there has been an increase in the number of people seeking validations for leader training. These have now become a priority in light of the fact that a new appointment process has begun and all warrants have to be validated with the relevant training modules within 5 years otherwise the warrant will be terminated by Headquarters. Your Group Scout Leader will have received notification of all leaders in the group who need to complete their training.

There will be opportunities for you to enhance your skills in lots of ways throughout the year within the Group, District and County. The County is running a skills day for leaders in all sections on Saturday 24th October at Silcoates school, Wakefield and all Scout Troop leaders in the District

are invited to a Troop Skills Workshop and Social ("TiSWaS") to be held Wike on Saturday 21st November.

Events

We are in discussion with Pontefract and Castleford District to hold another joint St George's day event following the great success of that at Squirrel Wood in 2008. This is proposed for 23rd - 25th April 2010 at Hesley Wood and is for all sections. Anyone interested in joining the planning group please contact me as we are to hold a meeting in early October.

Don't forget that the application date for the World Scout Jamboree has been put back and applications can still be submitted to be part of the Contingent. Please make sure that all eligible Young People get the information that they need and encourage them to make a difference to their Scouting too!!

In the words of John May, a member of the World Scout Committee, "Good Scouting always looks different; bad Scouting always looks the same." Let's make our Scouting *Good Scouting* and make a difference this year

Carol

Six Dales Walk 27th September

The Six Dales Walk takes place on the last Sunday in September All of last years entrants should have received entry forms for this year, please remember the closing date for this year is Monday 14th September. You can register your team and obtain further copies of the rules and entry forms on the website www.sixdales.co.uk.

Anybody who has volunteered to help with staffing the event should receive their instructions approximately 1 week before the event if you do not please contact myself on 07702 606889.

District Beaver Scout Family Walk **1.30-4.00pm on Saturday 19th September**

The District Beaver Scout Family walk will be led by Gordon Andrews and will be a circular walk of about 6 miles around Harewood. Beavers should be accompanied by a parent. Brothers and sisters welcome. More details available from Christine Andrews on 2268260

District Beaver Scout Fun Day at Bramhope Campsite **10am-3pm on Saturday 3rd October**

Please let Christine Andrews know by July 17th if your Colony intends to come on the Fun Day. Final numbers should be handed in by Sept 18th. The cost will be £6 per Beaver. The theme is earth, air, fire and water with a variety of indoor and outdoor bases. Each participating Colony should be prepared to provide 1 Base for the morning and another base for the afternoon. I have emailed a booking form to all Colonies, but if you have not received one please contact me on andrews_christine@hotmail.com or 2268260

NORTH LEEDS DISTRICT CUB FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2009/10

As in previous seasons I am proposing to run a Cubs Football League over the Autumn and Winter months and the time has come again for me to start preparing for next Season's League, which I hope to start before the half term in October. I am willing again to organise a Fixture List to assist teams to complete all their matches by the end of the Season.

To allow me time to prepare this list, with the matches to be played at Gledhow School, Gledhow Lane - with whom I am have arranged a Block Booking on Sunday afternoons- could you please let me have your Entry Forms by **FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER**.

Could you please also indicate on the Entry Form the name of the person I can contact in your Pack, whether this be a Leader or a Parent, plus any dates that you know you will not be available.

This year the extra rule continues to allow teams to be created from more than one Pack. This should I hope help Pack's with lower numbers to combine together. Please ring me if you have any questions.

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Diary Dates September 2009

Date		Meeting	Location	Time
Tue	8th	GSL & District Team	Wike	20:00
Wed	9th	District Executive Committee	????	????
Wed	9th	Beaver Leaders Meeting	877 Scott Hall Road	20:00
Wed	9th	Scout Leaders Meeting	????	20:00
Sun	13th	Wike Management Committee	Wike	13:30
Mon	14th	Explorer Leaders Meeting	????	????
Mon	14th	Appointments Committee	7 Summerhill Gardens	19:30
Tue	15th	Cub Leaders Meeting	????	20:30
Wed	16th	Six Dales Committee Meeting	St Chads Parish Centre	19:45
Sat	19th	Beaver Walk	Harewood	13:00
Mon	21st	County AGM	Leeds	20:00
Wed	23rd	Six Dales Marshals Meeting	St Chads Parish Centre	20:00
Sun	27th	Six Dales Walk	Yorkshire Dales	06:00

October 2009

Date		Meeting	Location	Time
Sat	3rd	Beaver Scout Fun Day	Bramhope	10:00
Tue	6th	ACC/DC Meeting	John Briggs Centre	20:00
Mon	12th	Appointments Committee	7 Summerhill Gardens	19:30
Sat	17th	Scout Incident Hike	Chevin Park	
Sat	24th	County Skills Day	Silcoates School	10:00

November 2009

Date		Meeting	Location	Time
Mon	9th	Explorer Leaders Meetings	????	????
Wed	11th	Beaver Leaders Meeting	????	????
Sat	14th	Beaver Swimmer Badge	GSAL	????
Sat	21st	Scout Leader Training Day	Wike	????

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