



Programmes Online

This is a reminder to continue to promote Programmes Online www.scouts.org.uk/pol. On the first of each month, there is a new activity and a themed programme available. As well as using the Activity and Programme of the month, Leaders can also search the 500 plus activities available to build a programme or to add to a programme they have already planned.

Each activity includes a list of all the material people need, any templates, quizzes and further information. Also to help ensure people are providing balance in the programme, each includes the Zone and Method.

Now the summer is over, we are looking for more contributors to Programmes Online. The more activities on Programmes Online the better it will become. Please encourage Leaders in your County/Area to add any activities they have run onto Programmes Online.

If they have forgotten their User ID and/or password for Programmes Online, contact the Scout Information Centre on 0845 300 1818.

Join – in - Centenary

There are still four full months of Centenary programme ideas in the Beaver Scout JIC packs, and these can really help to supplement existing programmes and bring a flavour of 'celebration' as we move towards the end of 2007. Please continue to promote the programmes, which you can also find online at: www.scouts.org.uk/jic/beavers/ if you have lost your hard copy.

Climate Awareness

Under a new initiative called 'be prepared for the future', The Scout Association is promoting awareness of climate change among all its Members. All the *Scouting* Supplements in October/November will be running features encouraging young people to investigate energy waste. Over the coming months there will be a series of articles on the climate change theme and Programme Online already carries a number of related programmes and more are planned.

Visit our dedicated web pages for more information.
www.scouts.org.uk/climatechange

Global Awareness Material

If you are looking for material on Global Awareness for Beaver Scouts then please go to www.gapp.me.uk where you find lots of material suitable for the age group on many different aspects of Global Awareness.

Many of the issues involved in Global Awareness can be quite hard for Leaders to find activities that will get across the concepts to young people of Beaver Scout age. So using the ideas on the GAPP website will help with this part of the programme.

www.scouts.org.uk/beavers

The Beaver Scout website is currently being revised and updated. The images used will be similar to those found in the Logbook, so it looks familiar and is linked with the rest of the resources. There will be an area on the site dedicated to the Activity Badges, where you will find games linked to the Activity Badge and short video clips of Beaver Scouts talking about what they did for each badge. There will also be a place for the Beaver Scouts' own artwork, photos and their own words on different activities they have done.

We are looking for artwork, photos and words from the Beaver Scouts themselves to be sent to: web.team@scout.org.uk. We would also like short video clips of Beaver Scouts talking about what they have done for the Activity Badges and other activities done in Beaver Scouts.

We would welcome feedback, including anything the young people would like to see on it, if there are any problems, please contact Jennifer.Winn@scout.org.uk.

Visiting your County/Area

This is a reminder that the staff and volunteers at Gilwell Park are willing to come and visit your County/Area and lead sessions on Programmes Online, the Programme and other aspects of Beaver Scouting. Please contact Jenny Winn at the contact details below if you would like someone to run a session for you.

Sponsored Badges

Currently two of the Beaver Scout Activity Badges are sponsored: the Creative Activity Badge sponsored by Mattel Hot Wheels and the Imagination Activity Badge sponsored by Jetix (who are a digital cartoon TV channel) – this was launched in August 2007. Both badges have resources to support them; the Creative Activity Badge has both a Beaver Scout leaflet and a Leader leaflet, the Imagination Activity Badge a Beaver Scout leaflet which are available from the Information Centre 0845 300 1818.

Updated promotional leaflets

The promotional leaflets for the Section have been updated and changed. They still include images appropriate for the age group but are less cluttered. To order the updated leaflets please contact the Scout Information Centre on 0845 300 1818. They cost £3.50 per 100.

Live 07

The 21st World Scout Jamboree, Home Hospitality, Centenary Camps, Scouting's Sunrise and Brownsea Island camps are now over. However, there is still one big UK Event to look forward to ... **LIVE 07!**

Taking place at The O2 in London on 24 November, this will be a Festival of Scouting to celebrate the very best of 2007, reliving the highlights and showcasing the talents of our young people as we stride into our second century of adventure.

The audience will not only celebrate, they will participate in this celebration, so do promote the event in your County/Area and order your tickets soon so as not to be disappointed!

For more information and booking details go to www.scouts.org.uk/live07 or call 0845 300 1818.

Programme refinements 2008

In December, refinements to the 6-25 Balanced Programme will be rolled out to the Movement, and to prepare you for this, you will receive a letter in November giving you some advance notice of the changes. Please read the information carefully so that you are ready to support leaders in January. If you have any questions upon reading the letter,

please contact Jenny Winn in the Programme Team office who will be happy to answer any enquiries on 020 8433 7151.

Adult Training news

A new webpage has been created to help new Leaders: www.scouts.org.uk/learnersresources This page puts a diverse range of training methods - video, e learning and workbooks - right at the fingertips of the learner. From this page the learner can download, watch and interact with the training method of their choice. One of the key principles of the Adult Training Scheme is flexibility and fundamental to this is giving the learner the opportunity to learn at a convenient time and place for them.

Appointment Cards

Later this year, The Scout Association will launch new Appointment Cards for all adults in Scouting. The information on this card will reflect what is recorded on the Membership Database. You can make sure that the information on your card is correct by checking your details online (support at www.scouts.org.uk/membership). You will require your personal membership number and if you do not know this, please ring the information centre on 0845 300 1818.

If any of your information is incorrect, please inform your District/County/Area Secretary who will update your details. Records will need to be updated by the beginning of September in time for the production of the new Appointment Cards.

Activities eNews

If you want the latest information from the Activities team at UKHQ, please visit www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/news/enews/sep07.pdf and view their latest eNewsletter.

Finally...

Thank you for reading the second edition of Beaver Scout eNews. If you have any ideas that you feel would make future issues even more helpful, please do not hesitate to let me know.

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