



Programmes Online

Every week more content is added to Programmes Online. It's the fastest growing Scouting resource, with great ideas that will enhance Pack programmes. If your Leaders have not yet logged on, or they have forgotten their User ID and/or password for Programmes Online, contact the Scout Information Centre on 0845 300 1818.

Once logged in, hundreds of ideas are at their fingertips, handily classified by Programme Zone and Method. As well as traditional Scouting activities, there are some great global development programmes, which have been created in partnership with other organisations, e.g. Save the Children and Comic Relief. To log on, go to www.scouts.org.uk/pol. We are also keen for more contributors to share their programme ideas via Programmes Online. It's easy to submit an idea, and the process is broken down into three simple stages. We are looking for tried and tested ideas that you run successfully with your Cub Scouts. This can include games and wacky ideas, but we are equally interested in the more usual twenty minute activities that you use to teach Scouting Skills and qualify for badges and awards.

Please spread the word about Programmes Online, and encourage Leaders in your County/Area to submit their best ideas.

Programme refinements 2008

In December, refinements to the 6-25 Balanced Programme will be rolled out to the Movement. 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 Steve Moysey in the Programme Team office (direct line 020 8433 7120) who will be happy to answer any enquiries.

Join-in-Centenary

Just a reminder that there are still four full months of centenary programme ideas in the Cub Scout JiC

packs, and that 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/cubs if you have lost your hard copy.

Cub Scout Development

Cub Scout Development remains an issue that is high on the list of priorities, as the Cub Scout Section has lost 48% of its membership over the last 21 years. This is in contrast to the Scouts and Explorer Scouts that are growing considerably. The Cub Scout decline is not a situation that we want to see continue, so we would encourage you to ensure that Cub Scout Development is on the agenda at local meetings, while work on this issue continues at headquarters. Interestingly, a number of Districts are showing a small increase in Cub Scout numbers this year. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

An important area to look at is how to reduce the waiting lists in your area. Across the UK there are over 6,000 young people waiting to join a Cub Pack. Providing Cub Scouting for these young people would give a 5% increase in Cub Scout numbers!

www.scouts.org.uk/cubs

By the time you read this eNews, the Cub Scout area of the website will have undergone some changes, making it easier to navigate, more relevant to Cub Scouts, and will include improved content. We are always looking for additional content to come from the Movement, so please encourage adults to send things our way. The main areas we would like to receive content for are the activity circle, as we would like to add more than one activity each month, and the diary tent, so that the pictures, videos, stories and poems are up to date and show Cub Scouting as it currently is. We are especially keen to receive content relating to Centenary celebrations.

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.

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.

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 Cub 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 Cub Scout age. So using the ideas on the GAPP website will help with this part of the programme.

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.

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...

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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