
Programmes Online

Every week more content is added to Programmes Online: it's the fastest growing Scouting resource, with great ideas that will enhance Troop 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 on, 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 ran successfully with your 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 to help people qualify for badges and awards. Please spread the word about Programmes Online, and encourage Leaders in your County/Area to submit their best ideas.

Join-in-Centenary

Just a reminder that there are still four full months of centenary programme ideas in the 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/scouts if you have lost your hard copy.

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 Elis Matthews (direct line 020 8433 7125) in the Programme Team office who will be happy to answer any enquiries.

www.scouts.org.uk/scouts

The Scout Section website for young people will be undergoing some changes in the next six months. We are always eager to receive feedback from young people on the site, and this can be directed via the normal e-mail address – scout@scout.org.uk Please do all you can to encourage Scouts to make their voice heard and to get in touch with us.

Angler Activity Badge Record Book

Have you seen the new record book for the Angler Activity Badge? This is a free resource produced in partnership with the Environment Agency. Please promote this to Scout Leaders who may be interested in offering angling as an activity. Call 0845 300 1818 to order a copy.

Challenge 100

The participation and level of achievement in Challenge 100 was quite simply outstanding. Over 3,500 Patrols registered from across the UK. Out of these, the top 100 had 100 days to complete the 100 Challenges laid out by the team. These ranged from eating 100 baked beans to abseiling 100 metres.

About 20 Patrols submitted their evidence, most of which was of the absolute highest quality. The team spent a weekend judging the entries, which consisted of video footage, rope that had been made, knotting boards, photo collages, a very professional history of Scouting and the occasional newspaper cutting.

Eagle Patrol from the 6th Jersey Scout Troop were chosen as the winner and they enjoyed a day as VIP guests at the World Scout Jamboree. Because of the high quality of the entries, runners up prizes were given to Woodpecker Patrol of the 1st Appleby Magna with Measham, Kestrel Patrol of 1st Lindow

(St John's), and the Bulldog *and* Tiger Patrols of the 37th Ormskirk (St. Anne's). You can still attempt the 100 Challenges or the 100-minute Challenge by visiting the website at www.scouts.org.uk/challenge100. Well done to all who took part.

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 24th 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.

Navigator Activity Badge

The new alternative for the Scout Navigator badge has been updated further. Scouts can now gain a Navigator badge for using GPS receivers and the requirements have been adapted slightly to make the process clearer. To see the requirements go to www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/badges/scout-activity-navi.htm

Activity PLUS

We have heard promising stories of how the new PLUS option for Activity Badges is being used to recognise Scouts' achievements in a range of activities. Please continue to promote Activity PLUS and look for ways of recognising activity that goes beyond the requirements of badges.

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 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.

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...

Thank you for reading the second edition of 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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