
Going for Gold

As the UK Scout Working Group continues to promote and support the delivery of the balanced programme in Scout Troops across the country, we would like to take the opportunity at the beginning of this eNews, to thank all our AAC/ACCs and Section supporters for the work you do for the young people in your area.

We hope you find the items in this eNews useful, and welcome your feedback, news and views in order to make our support even more useful in future. See the bottom of the page for details of how to get in touch... and then get in touch!

Photography Competition

In the last eNews we told you about the progress of the Scout Handbook, and this is still on track to be published by the end of 2008.

We are on the lookout for quality photographs that showcase what Scouts get up to, particularly in the area of outdoor adventurous activities and residential experiences.

Photographs need to be 3-10 megabytes and at least 300 dpi to be suitable for the handbook. We assume that photographs received have the permission of the photographer to be used by The Scout Association, and the appropriate consent of parents/carers to publish the images of children and young people involved.

The best pictures may be used in The Scout Handbook, and the image judged to be the best will receive a £50 gift voucher for their Scout Troop to spend.

Entrants can e-mail the images to elis.matthews@scout.org.uk, or post a CD to **Scout Handbook Photography Competition** at the address below. We regret we are unable to return CDs sent.

The deadline for submissions is 15th July 2008.

Reunion '08

Reunion '08 will take place over the weekend of 5th-7th September at Gilwell Park. The weekend is an opportunity for all adult Members of the Movement to come together for a weekend of fun. Throughout the weekend you will have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities, meet old friends, make new ones and share experiences will fellow adults in Scouting. Programme related workshops will be running as usual on the Saturday, so why not drop in, say "hello" and tell us what's happening in your County or Area.

To book your place at Reunion '08 go to:

www.scouts.org.uk/reunion

ACC Support / Out and About

We are committed to supporting ACC Scouts, however new or experienced you may be. If you would like a member of the UK Scout Working Group to visit you for an informal induction, or if we can be of use at an event or workshop you are organising in your County, please get in touch. We are always happy to help where we can be of use, whether it is getting Leaders started with Programmes Online, doing presentations, or promoting the Chief Scout's Gold Award and Balanced Programme.

If you think we can support you, please enquire through Elis in the Scout Office.

Regional Workshops

Starting in October 2008 and running until the Spring of 2009, the UK Programme Team will be running a series of **Regional Development, Advice and Support Workshops** for adults supporting Sections. You will be contacted directly with further details such as date and venue, and there will be an opportunity for you to invite others from your *County* that support the programme.

All participants will be consulted about the programme of the workshop, which will be devised in consultation with your Regional Commissioner. For more information on the workshops, see:

<http://scoutbase.org.uk/6to25/scout/news/rdaas.htm>

Appendices from Troop Essentials

Recently added to the Scout pages on Scoutbase UK are the forms that are found in the appendix of Troop Essentials. Please go to:

<http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/6to25/scout/resources/>

The forms are available as PDFs and as Word versions.

Ordnance Survey Navigator Activity Badge Resources

We have been working with Ordnance Survey to update the excellent Leader resources for the Scout Navigator Activity Badge. These are available for free and help Scout Leaders to guide Scouts through the requirements for Alternative A.

Order these online at:

<http://scouts.webfulfilment.com/form.asp?REF=NAV>

Scouting Magazine Contributors

You may have noticed some changes to the content of the Scout Supplement (now known as The Magazine for Scout Leaders) and we are hoping that the new items are well received. One feature we are hoping to develop is a Scout Leader's column, which would take the form of a diary entry or anecdote, telling the story of what it is like to be a Scout Leader in the 21st century (warts and all!)

If you are interested in contributing, or know someone who would make a good contributor, please get in touch.

We are also interested in featuring Scout Troops that do things differently in terms of meeting style, meeting place, flexible volunteering, investitures and how Challenge Awards are gained.

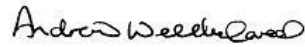
Activities eNews

For the latest information from the Activities team at UKHQ, please visit -

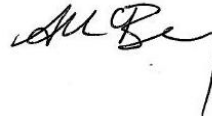
www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/news/enews/june08.pdf to view their latest eNews.

Finally...

If you have any ideas that you feel would make future issues even more helpful, please do not hesitate to let us know.



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