

Introduction

Welcome to the fourth edition of Activities eNews. This newsletter is designed to keep you up to date with the latest developments and opportunities within Activities. It is being emailed to ACCs/AACs Activities, County Duke of Edinburgh's Award Advisers and those with Activities appointments. It will also be available on the Activities pages of ScoutBase UK.

National Volunteer Vacancies

There are currently a number of vacancies within the volunteer UK Activities Teams. These are for UK Technical Advisers and are primarily reactive roles, providing technical advice and support when needed. Current vacancies include; climbing, dinghy sailing, narrow boating, traditional rafting, scuba diving, snorkelling and swimming amongst others.

Full details can be found on ScoutBase UK at:
www.scoutbase.org.uk/hq/jobs/volunteer.htm

Pulling Assessors

For those wishing to take on the role of County Pulling Assessor, the Amateur Rowing Association (ARA) will be running an ARA UKCC Level 2 course, in conjunction with Scouting, specifically for Members wishing to become assessors. The course will take place in Sutton Coldfield over the weekend of 17 – 18 May 2008. Full details can be found at:
www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/assessment/training.htm

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Do you have an interest in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award? Would you like to help motivate and educate other adults within Scouting?

We are looking for a Project Leader to work within the UK Activities Team to help drive the Award forward for the next two years. The appointment is a volunteer position working with the UK Adviser (Activities) to help achieve our Duke of Edinburgh's Award development plan. The focus of the next two year plan will be training and support for Leaders. For more information and an application form, go to:
www.scoutbase.org.uk/hq/jobs/volunteer.htm

National Support

The UK Activities Team has recently taken on a number of volunteer UK Technical Advisers. These roles provide technical knowledge and advice across the wide range of activities available within Scouting. Those who have taken on roles as UKTAs are:

Archery	Tim Beeching
Bands	Paul Wong
Bell Boating	Helen Adams
Canoeing	Julian Fulbrook
Dragon Boating	Andrew Menzies
Flying	Geoff Rhodes
Hillwalking	Neil Wills
Kayaking	Chris Lomas
Motor Cruising	Mike Nadin
Mountain Biking	Graham Clark
Nights Away	Ian Newbery
Offshore Sailing	Gareth Parker
Parascending	Ann Underwood
Personal Watercraft	Neill Austen
Power Boating	Neill Austen
Private Mobile Radio	Alan Chambers
Pulling	Andrew Caffrey
Skiing	Fran Georgel
Shooting	John Dohoo
Staged Performances	Ewan Murray

All can be contacted through the Activities Office at Gilwell Park. Details can be found at:
www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/news/naas.htm

Working at Height

As many of you will be aware, when instructing climbing, caving or high ropes as an activity, the Working at Height regulations do not apply. However, are you aware that when maintaining, inspecting or repairing climbing walls or high ropes courses you are covered by these regulations? It is important to make sure you are aware of the regulations in these situations. You can find more details from the HSE at:

www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg401.pdf

Diary Dates

Below are listed a number of activity events taking place in 2008. Many of these allow novice levels to take part without the need to bring specialist activity equipment. The fact that we are advertising them does not mean that these events are necessarily vetted or endorsed by The Scout Association nationally. For a full and up to date list of activity events and dates please see:

www.scoutbase.org.uk/direct/events/activitiestemp.htm

National Scout Archery Championships 2008

Gilwell Park

10 - 11 May 2008

www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/events/archery2008.pdf

Border Challenge Hike

East Lancashire

4 May 2008

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National Scout and Guide Symphony Orchestra Course 2008

Edinburgh

3 - 10 August 2008

www.scoutbase.org.uk/direct/events/nsgso.htm

National Scout and Guide Symphony Orchestra Concerts 2008

Edinburgh

8 - 9 August 2008

www.scoutbase.org.uk/direct/events/nsgso.htm#concerts

National Scout Rifle Championships 2008

National Shooting Centre - Bisley

17 - 19 October 2008

www.scouts-shoot.org.uk/nsarc2k8

National Support

A quick reminder that members of the National Activities team are very happy to visit Regions, Counties or Districts to provide support, run presentations, answer questions etc, for any area of activities. For more information email Barney and Jess at activities@scout.org.uk

Factsheet Updates

Details of new and updated factsheets and assessment checklists over the past few months can be found on their dedicated web page at:

www.scouts.org.uk/recentupdates

Using your Scout Fellowship

Are you thinking about organising an event in your District or County, introducing new skills to young people, or looking for something different to help Section Leaders run a meeting? If so, why not get in touch with your local Scout Fellowship to see how they may be able to help you.

Fellowships around the country do a variety of different things to help local Scouting including providing activities, teaching Scouting skills, helping with catering or service teams for events, and assisting with admin and paperwork. Often, members have specific skills and would be happy to spare some time to help you, but you need to ask them!

You may have local Fellowships at District or County level, and there are also National Fellowships who are active around the UK. If you would like to find out more about Scout Fellowship please chat to your local Fellowship contact or go to www.scout.org.uk/fellowship.

Finally...

Thank you for reading this edition of Activities eNews. 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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