



Introduction

Welcome to this first Explorer Scout eNews from the Programme Team at Gilwell Park. It is designed to inform you about what is going on with Explorer Scouting across the United Kingdom as well as providing information that is relevant to the leadership and management of the Explorer Scout Section.

Firstly, Chris Brammer has been appointed as the UK Adviser (Explorer Scouts). Over the past few years, Chris has been an Explorer Scout Leader, District Explorer Scout Commissioner and Assistant County Commissioner (Explorer Scouts) in Cheshire. He has recently moved to Scotland to take up a new job.

Over the coming months, Chris will be putting together a plan for supporting the Section in conjunction with his fellow UK Advisers. The plan will be developed with the UK Commissioner for Programme, the new Regional Advisers and staff at Gilwell Park. If you would like to speak to him or one of the Explorer Scout Team, please make contact using the details at the foot of the page.

Regional Advisers

Now that Chris has been appointed, the next task is to find volunteer Regional and Country Advisers for each of the eight English Regions and Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. These people will be appointed by United Kingdom Headquarters primarily to support Assistant County/Area Commissioners (and equivalent roles).

Full details of the volunteer roles and the application process (for the eight Regions in England) can be found at...

www.scouts.org.uk/noticeboard/2007/March07/090307.html

Information for the Country Adviser roles in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland will be available shortly.

Young Leaders Scheme

The third edition of Young Leaders Essentials is now available to purchase in its revised format. In

addition the price has been reduced. The resource, which is now a bound book rather than folder inserts, is available from Scout Shops priced £8.00. The new edition contains information on the recognition of the Young Leader's Scheme, guidance relating to the operation of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and includes updates that link with other minor changes made to the Explorer Scout Programme.

The Young Leaders' belt buckle, awarded to Young Leaders after completing all modules and four missions, is now available through Badge Secretaries and from Scout Shops. It is available as a complete set (belt and buckle) priced £13.50 (Scout Shops catalogue number 1023544 small/medium, 1023545 medium/large, 1023546 large/extra large). Alternatively the buckle can be purchased without the belt (the buckle fits the new style Centenary belt), this is priced £6.00 (Scout Shops catalogue number 1023474).



Young Leaders are awarded the Young Leaders' badges on completion of Module A of the Young Leaders' Training Scheme. They are also awarded Mission Bars for each of the four missions in the Young Leaders' Training Scheme. Full details can be found in Young Leader's Essentials.

Recognition works as detailed in the table below.

Module A	=	Young Leaders Badge				
Modules A to E	=	Young Leaders Badge				
Modules A to K	+	One Mission	=	Young Leaders Badge	One Mission Bar	
Modules A to K	+	Three Missions	=	Young Leaders Badge	Three Mission Bars	
Modules A to K	+	All Missions	=	Young Leaders Badge	Four Mission Bars	Belt Buckle

Explorer Scout Website

The new look Explorer Scout website was launched at the end of last year. To date favourable feedback has been received from Explorer Scouts and Leaders. The website serves two purposes: to provide an online resource that provides information about events, opportunities, Awards and other



useful information that can be accessed by Explorer Scouts; to encourage active participation in sharing ideas, projects and information across the Explorer Scout fraternity online.

There are a number of features for Explorer Scouts including online games, games reviews, video clips, etc. – all placed on the website with the intention of attracting more young people to the website. The first video included footage from the Queen's Scout Reception held at the Tate Modern Gallery in London. This was a particular favourite with Explorer Scouts (especially when Queen's Scouts spotted themselves!).

The plan is to keep the website up to date and relevant for young people and Leaders. If you have any comments or suggested content for the website this should be passed to Aston Wood in the Programme Team at Gilwell Park (who can be contacted using the details at the foot of the page).

The Explorer Scout website can be found at...

www.scouts.org.uk/explorer

TheirSpace OurSpace MySpace

Explorer Scouts in the United Kingdom now have their own collective MySpace profile. MySpace is an online area where information (in a number of formats) can be exchanged. Explorer Scouts can request to be added to the long list of 'friends' and communicate via the message board.

Over the past few months Explorer Scouts and Leaders have been contributing to the message boards. There are a number of messages about the 21st World Scout Jamboree and other Centenary celebrations/events. Please do encourage your Explorer Scout Leaders and Explorer Scouts to investigate the MySpace concept and if happy to, sign up to the Explorer Scout profile.

The Explorer Scout MySpace profile can be found at...

www.myspace.com/explorerscouts

Notice Board

- The District Explorer Scout Commissioner Support Pack is in production and will be dropping on your doorstep soon. Please encourage your District Explorer Scout

Commissioners to make sure that their details are up to date on the Membership Services System (our national membership database).

Access the Membership Services System at...

www.scouts.org.uk/membership

- Energise '07, the Explorer Scout conference, took place over the weekend 23rd/24th/25th April. The conference was an opportunity to contribute to the agenda for the next five years of Explorer Scouting. If you did not attend personally but have something to contribute, find out who your County/Area representative was and pass on your thoughts or submit your thoughts using the email at the foot of the page.
- There have been over 300 Queen's Scout Awards issued since November 2006. It appears that number of young people have been keen to finish their Queen's Scout Award in the centenary year. We have been receiving a number of enquiries about the two main events for Queen's Scouts, these are:
 - The National Scout Service – the service and parade will be taking place on Sunday 22nd April at Windsor Castle in the presence of our Patron HM The Queen.
 - The Queen's Scout Reception – this reception, is for Queen's Scouts and is an opportunity to celebrate their achievement. Queen's Scouts are presented with their Royal certificate by the Chief Scout. The date and venue for the next reception is being finalised and will be notified in due course.
- There are a number of things happening over the next few months for Explorer Scouts. Please do try to publicise these as widely as possible.

Details can be found on the notice board at...

www.scouts.org.uk/explorer

Sainsbury's Active Kids

You may be aware that The Scout Association has entered a partnership with the Sainsbury's Active Kids programme. Scout Groups and Explorer Scout Units can register to receive programme support material (that can be used in Section meetings) and can collect vouchers that can be redeemed for



equipment and materials from the Active Kids catalogue. Please do publicise this opportunity as widely as possible.

Full information can be found at...

www.scouts.org.uk/scoutingplus/301106/301106.htm

Finally...

Thank you for reading the first edition of Explorer 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.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Andrew".

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