



Alderley District Information Bulletin

October 2013

Probably the biggest opportunity in your kids Scouting career!

Chamboree that is! Next year's Chamboree will be bigger and better than ever before. We have built on last times successful formula with a few changes and tweaks. There will be an opportunity for Beavers to visit, Cubs to camp for the weekend and Scouts and Explorers to be there for a week. The camp is at the Cheshire Show Ground near Knutsford which makes transport and support easier than many other events. I want each Colony, Pack, Troop and Unit to think about how you could give your kids the opportunity to attend this great event. Please ensure you have a rep at the next District Forum at 8pm on Wednesday, 9th October 2013 at Wilmslow Methodist Church.

Here's my answer to some of the questions I get asked when I visit sections:

- it's too expensive. For the Scouts and Explorers the fee includes six days of full activities including two offsite days with lots of other things going on virtually round the clock. Try pricing that up and you will quickly understand why it costs what it does.
- it's too difficult to organise. I have asked the District Team to host a session at the Forum to share how you can make it relatively painless. With some help and guidance the leaders can also have a great time.
- none of our leaders want to go. Why not? Come along and find out what is planned and then make your mind up.
- we don't have enough leaders to take our kids. Then come along and talk how about how you could share with other Groups. Contrary to rumours, leaders in other groups are just as nice / dedicated / crazy / fun as those in your group!
- we went to Bear in the Air and it wasn't perfect. Don't confuse Chamboree with a one off event like that. Chamboree is a proven event which just gets better every time. It's 4 years in the planning and there is Service Team of over four hundred dedicated to the making the event a success.

Bear in the Air Leaders Woggles

The woggles were delivered over Summer and they are available exclusively at the District Forum. Come along and get yours before they go.

Young Leaders Expedition to Iceland

The Young Leaders Unit is also coming along to the Forum to report back on their Expedition to Iceland over the Summer. They had a great time and I am sure they have a great story to tell. So yet another reason to come along on the 9th!

World Scout Jamboree Japan 2015

I am pleased to announce that Alex Wheeler (Lindow Scouts) and Charlie Stocker (Lindow Explorers) will be representing the District at the World Scout Jamboree in Japan in 2015. We had ten excellent candidates and the selection decision was very difficult. So well done to Alex and Charlie and commiserations to the unsuccessful candidates. Thanks to Frank & Karen Woodall for

organising and running the selection day and to Will Burnham & Janet Williamson for interviewing.

National Scout Memorial Project

This Project is a great initiative to fund, design and build a memorial to remember Scouts who have given service to Scouting and their community, especially those who have suffered through conflict. The Scouting memorial will be situated at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. This is the UK's year-round centre of Remembrance. Find out more here: <http://www.tsmg.org.uk/index.htm>

You can support the project by buying badges or making a donation. We have some badges available for a £1 donation and the County Commissioner has approved wearing of the badge on your uniform. You can also enter the competition to design the Memorial (details on the site). It's a great programme idea as we approach Remembrance Day.

Steve "The DC" Buckley

Appointments

Welcome to the new Leaders who now have full appointments:

Shereena Hewitt, AESL Viking Explorers
Stuart Bassman, CSL, 6th Wilmslow

David Jones
District Appointments Secretary



FIRST AID TRAINING

Courses are planned for the weekend of 12th/13th October

SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER LEVEL 1 9AM – 5PM HOLMES CHAPEL OLD HUT

This is the minimum requirement for Leaders and covers our module 10. The course is paid for by the District

SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER LEVEL 2 9AM – 4PM HOLMES CHAPEL OLD HUT

This level is required for some adventurous activities, particularly hill walking.

Attendees are expected to pay the trainer (approx £40) and claim the cost back from their Group/Unit.

To book a place on either or both of the above courses, please contact me.

Wendy Macdonald, LTM
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Swimmer Badge Testing

Reserve the date of Saturday, 1st March 2014 for a Swimmer Badge testing session at Wilmslow Leisure Centre.

There will be three swimming sessions: A 5.40pm, B 6.20pm, C 7pm.

All five swimmer stages can be tested but swimmers going for stages 4 or 5 should book a space on sessions A or B.

Cost £4 per swimmer including one badge.

Leaders. Please book places on this evening with Ian Ross ian.iross@btinternet.com by 15 February.

Make sure your swimmers know which stage they are going for and bring any clothing needed.

Additional helpers at reception or on poolside are welcome (all badge requirements are supplied)

Last time, over 100 swimmers gained a badge. Book early as places per session are limited.

Ian Ross, SL
6th Wilmslow

ANNUAL ALDERLEY DISTRICT SCOUT DINNER

Saturday 23rd November Alderley Golf Club 7.00 for 7.30

£18.00 for 3 course meal plus tea/coffee

(Menu to follow)

Apply to Rob Henstock 01625 531228
or Email rhensstock@supanet.com

Diary Dates

3 rd October Thursday	7.15 pm – 9.30 pm	Sectional Support & Development Meeting The Heath Conference Centre, Runcorn	
4 th – 6 th October Friday - Saturday		County Youth Forum (Hoby) The Heath, Runcorn	
6 th October Sunday		Training – Modules 14 tba	
9 th October Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	District Forum Wilmslow Methodist Church	
12 th October Saturday	9.00am – 5.00pm	First Aid – Level 1 Holmes Chapel Old Hut Contact: Wendy Macdonald wendy_s_macdonald@yahoo.co.uk	
13 th October Sunday	9.00am – 4.00pm	First Aid – Level 2 Holmes Chapel Old Hut Contact: Wendy Macdonald wendy_s_macdonald@yahoo.co.uk	
18 th – 20 th October Friday – Sunday	9.30 am Friday to 10.30 am Sunday	JOTA / JOTI	
19 th October Saturday		‘My Faith Badge ‘ Morning Chester Cathedral Bookings: www.chestercathedral.com nearer the time	
21 st October Monday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	YL Meeting Chelford	

26 th October Saturday		Alderley District Scout Band 50th Anniversary Dinner The Deanwater Contact: Simon Taylor simon_p_taylor@talk21.com	
28 th October Monday	7.00 pm – 9.30 pm	Training Clinic Holmes Chapel Scout HQ	
1 st – 3 rd November Friday – Sunday		Explorer/Network Halloween Camp Forest Camp, Sandiway	
6 th November Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	District Team Meeting tba	
16 th November Saturday	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	County Cub and Scout Swimming Gala Woolston Leisure Centre, Warrington	
23 rd November Saturday	7.00 pm for 7.30 pm	District Annual Dinner Alderley Golf Club Contact: Rob Henstock rhenstock@supanet.com	
24 th November Sunday		CSA Gold Award Ceremony Parr Hall, Warrington	
27 th November Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	Training Clinic tba	
28 th November Thursday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Training - Safeguarding tba	
5 th December Wednesday	8.00 pm – 10.00 pm	District Exec & District Team Xmas tba	
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1st March Saturday	5.40pm/6.20pm/7.00pm	Swimmer Badge Testing Wilmslow Leisure Centre Contact: ian.iross@btinternet.com	
1 st – 9 th August		Chamboree Cheshire Showground, Tabley	