



Alderley District Information Bulletin

September 2013

Chamboree 2014

I hope you have all had a good summer and have great programmes planned for this year. Next August will be Cheshire's own International Jamboree, Chamboree. If you are an old hand or Chamboree is new to you, I would urge you to seriously consider attending. There will be options for Beavers to visit, Cubs to do a weekend and Scouts and Explorers to attend for the whole week. There will be a full programme with a multitude of activities to entertain you all. It's a really good opportunity to give your kids a big camp opportunity on their own doorstep as it's held at Tabley, near Knutsford.

However, I can appreciate it is a big step for sections who have not attended before. To help you plan a successful camp, I have asked the District Team to run sessions at the next District Forum to give you a briefing on ways to have an enjoyable time – to get the best out of the experience you **have** to be organised and you need everyone to help otherwise it can be quite exhausting – trust me, I have been there! But it doesn't need to be. There will also be the opportunity to team up with other Groups, if you want to. So if it is your first time and you want to learn or you are a veteran and want share your experiences, please come along to the next District Forum, 8pm on Wednesday 9th October 2013 at Wilmslow Methodist Church, Water Lane in Wilmslow.

More info here: www.chamboree.org.uk/

Iceland

Jackie, Karen and the Young Leaders Unit had a very enjoyable expedition to Iceland this summer. They will be sharing their experiences also at the District Forum. So if you are thinking about a trip to Iceland or just want to hear how they got on, be there!

Steve "the DC" Buckley



There are several training opportunities in the near future to help develop skills and knowledge:

Various dates – County-run training courses – see Cheshire Scouts website

21st/22nd September County Skills Training – see attached information

12th October First Aid Level 1 () please contact me to book

13th October First Aid Level 2 ()

For advice on training please contact me.

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Narrow Boat Training

We have had two late cancellations for our narrow boat training in October the 11th to 13th.

Details: Training starts at 5pm on Friday 11th October from Preston Brook, Nr Warrington and finishes at about 3.30pm on Sunday 13th. Anyone who has never handled a narrow boat before would be expected to do 2 weekends – 1st weekend is theory and practical and the 2nd weekend is for more experience.

The completed training gives the recipient a Narrow Boat Activity Permit which means they can take out a narrow boat with 12 people on board.

The cost is £100pp for the first weekend all inclusive of training materials, food and boat hire. The second weekend is £75pp all inclusive, food and boat hire. If anyone wants to do a refresher weekend they would be very welcome.

Contact Pam Jones at pam@pam-jones.co.uk

Graham Shaw, ACC (Activities) Cheshire



Where did you go for summer adventure?

Alderley Edge and 6th Wilmslow Scouts went to Venture Centre on the Isle of Man.

We managed to cover Climber, Paddlesports and Basic Nautical Skills Activity Badges. Activities included abseiling out of a tree, down a 100 foot cliff, kayaking, canoeing, speedboat, shooting, archery, assault course, gorge walking and coastering. A great week with really enthusiastic instructors.

All transport on the island and food included, accommodation in bunk beds and there is no washing up!



There is also a You Tube video.
Drop me a line if you want to know more

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Iceland

Over the Summer 10 Explorers/Young Leaders and 3 Leaders went to Iceland.

We had a fabulous time and it was well worth all the hard work of fundraising. It was a very busy week with all the activities but was very strange as there was hardly any darkness in the evening.

The Explorers will be doing a presentation at the next District Forum as part of their Chief Scout Award. Here are a couple of photos to give you a little taster.



District Activity Weekend

The District Activity weekend is fast approaching; plenty of groups have provisionally booked places. Please be aware these places will only be confirmed once names and payment have been received. Instructions of what is happening on the day will be sent out to the relevant people once everything has been finalised.

Young Leaders

Can all GSLs or Group Contacts contact me on alderley.youngleaders@gmail.com with details of all Young Leaders within each section even if they haven't been placed there by an Explorer group. Please do this even if I have placed them within your group. This is absolutely vital as all Young Leaders must do Young Leader training, **there are no exceptions**.

The information I need is:-

1. Young Leader's name and contact details
2. Group and section they are working in
3. When they started and will they be continuing this coming term
4. Does your Group have any space for Young Leaders

An Introduction into Explorers, Young Leaders and Network

7.30pm to 9.30pm Tuesday 10th September, Alderley Edge Scout Hut. See attached poster for full details.

Jackie Toombs
Alderley District Young Leader, Leader

Scout Shop

The Scout Shop will be closed for three weeks from 13th September until 7th October.

Dorothy Harding
Badge Secretary

International Service/Support Team – Japan 2015

If you are interested in becoming a Member of IST (International Service/Support Team) at the next world Scout Jamboree in Japan, 2015 you can find all the relevant information on the Cheshire Scout website by following this link.

<http://www.cheshirescouts.org.uk/japan2015>










The regional selection event (for Cheshire) will be held at The Heath Conference Centre in Runcorn on the first weekend in February 2014. Further details will be circulated when they are available.

Please circulate this information as widely as possible so that anybody interested has the opportunity to consider applying.

Graham Phillips

County Commissioner, Cheshire

Diary Dates

8 th September Sunday	5.00 pm – 7.30 pm	Chief Scout Awards Ceremony The Grange Theatre, Hartford	
10 th September Tuesday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Introduction into Explorers, Young Leaders and Network Alderley Edge Scout Hut	
15 th September Saturday	9.00 am – 5.00 pm	Young Leaders First Aid Holmes Chapel	
20 th – 22 nd September Friday - Sunday		Residential Exp. (Beaver Leaders) Modules 12,16,17,18,19 Queen Charlottes Wood Campsite, Frodsham	
21 st September Saturday	9.00 am – 12.00 pm	Getting Started – Modules 1,2,3 tba	
21 st September Saturday		County Skills Day Forest Camp	
22 nd September Sunday		County Permit Day Forest Camp	
25 th September Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	District Exec Meeting	
25 th September Wednesday	8.00 pm – 9.30 pm	Training Clinic tba	
27 th – 29 th September Friday – Sunday	7.00 pm Friday to 2.00 pm Sunday	Young Leaders Summer Camp Modules F,G,H,I and J Tatton Park Scout Campsite,, Tatton Park	
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		First Aid – Level 1 Contact: Wendy Macdonald wendy_s_macdonald@yahoo.co.uk	
13 th October Sunday		First Aid – Level 2 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	
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		District Annual Dinner tba	
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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1 st – 9 th August		Chamboree Cheshire Showground, Tabley	