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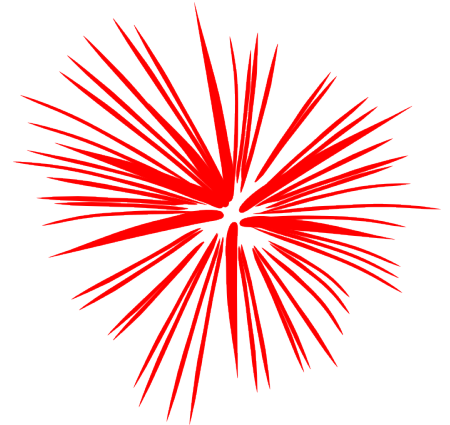
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WELCOME

Happy New Year!

2013 saw a great year of scouting and lots of recognition in presentations to all sections! 2014 is already shaping up to be an action packed year of scouting adventures! From all the District Team we wish you a very Happy New Year and look forward to joining in and hearing about your activities and adventures!



CUB SECTION NEWS

Welcome back! I hope you've all had a lovely Christmas and I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and healthy 2014.

This year promises to be full of exciting activities for all sections within District. In recent months, the Cub leaders have been busy discussing and planning what events they would like to see during 2014. I am pleased to say that we have a number of events already booked and we hope to add to these as the year progresses. In January, we will be kicking off with the District Cub Challenge, where I hope lots of teams will have fun with a range of games and tricky challenge activities. At the beginning of March, the Cubs will be joining all the sections and getting stuck into the cross country at Canada Heights. During April, we will be coming together with the rest of district to celebrate St. Georges Day, with the annual parade and service. During June, we have two activity days booked at the Cyclopark in Gravesend, where the Cubs will have an opportunity to experience mountain bike trails and the BMX track. During July, we are hoping to resurrect the Cub Sports Day in Dartford Park. In November, we will be holding another Older Cub Weekend based at Scout House. We will also be joining forces with the Scouts to enjoy a swimming gala at White Oak. All this is in addition to the many activities offered by the Cub packs in Dartford. 2014 has the potential to be a year full of fun, challenge and excitement for the Cub Scouts of Dartford. So, I say thank you, in advance, to the many leaders, assistant leaders and helpers who I know will come together to help make these plans a reality.

District Cub Challenge

This will be taking place on Sunday 26th January, 2pm – 4.30pm at 9th Dartford Scout Hall. I have emailed a letter about the event to the Cub leaders; please let me know if you have not received this. I would be very grateful if you could let me know beforehand how many teams you would like to enter – this would help enormously with preparation.

Andrea Head
ADC Cubs

SCOUT SECTION NEWS

Happy New Year and Thank You

On behalf of the Scout Support Team, I would like to wish everyone in Dartford Scouting a Happy New Year. Thank you to everyone that provided great Scouting to the young people of Dartford in 2013. During 2014 our aim is to run every advertised activity and for Wayne or I to visit all the troops over the course of the year. Please invite us along to your activities and let us know in good time if you have Gold awards to be presented.

Climbing Badge

5th Dartford are hoping to organise a Scout Climbing Badge Course on Saturday 22nd March. If any of your scouts are interested please contact Paul Boreham using paul@5thdartfordscouts.org.uk Thank to 5th Dartford for running this badge again – all the Scouts who attended the last course provided very positive feedback.

Chief Scout Gold Award Presentations

On 7th December 2013, 22 Scouts and Explorers from the district attended the Kent Chief Scout Gold Awards Presentation Evening in Margate. It was a great evening. Well done to the Scouts and thanks to the parents and leaders for their support. Although we had the furthest to travel - Dartford had more Gold Awards than any other district. Well done everyone.



Scout Leaders Meeting

The next Scout Leaders Meeting will be on Monday 20th January at Scout House at 8pm.

Gavin Jessup
ADC Scouts

APPOINTMENTS

The Appointments Committee did not meet in December. The next meeting is on Tuesday 28th January 2014.

Peter McLean
Appointments Secretary

ADULT TRAINING

If there is a module that you would like as a course, can you please email me, I am happy to organise courses locally but my ESP is not so good so if YOU don't tell me what you need I won't know what to offer. I would like to put a program together for this year, please email me your requests.

I will be at scout house on these dates from 7.30-8.30 I am happy to sign off modules, book training, talk through problems.

27th January

24th February

It would be nice if some other TAs could join me, I'm going to start Allocating TA to learners in the New Year, If you are already working with someone please let me know. If you here in need of a TA please get your name on my list.

Training Dates

There is a young Leader training weekend 22/23 March Email me if interested for more details.

First aid

9th February, Sevenoaks

Safeguarding

19th January 2014 2-5pm at Stone scout hut, (parking in Hayes road)

Module 38, Skills for Residential Experiences

Will be run at Adamswell campsite, February 28th - March 1st 2014.

Getting Started

March 16th at Stone. 9am to 3pm lunch provided.

Adult Training Document Updates

The Adult's Personal File, Training Adviser's Guide and Adult Training Scheme have been updated to reflect changes to the adult training scheme modules that have been made over the past year. Updated versions of these documents are currently with the printers and will be available on Member Resources and to order from Scout Shops from the 11th November onwards.

Trainers training day will be held in March 2014, date, venue to follow.

If you would like a place on any of these courses please complete the training form [available here](#) and return to me stating clearly in the subject which course you are applying for.

Sue Martin
Local Training Manager

WORLD JAMBOREE 2015

As announced in December's Dart Scout, the four young people chosen to represent Dartford are Emma Laimbeer, Ben Atkins, Jessica Boreham and Mia Glyn-Jones. They have to raise £10,000 between them for the Jamboree. They have made a really good start with several sessions of bag packing and a Christmas Disco. If you can help them with their fund-raising please let me know. They will be looking to share the Jamboree experience with our District both before and after the Jamboree.

Japanese Scouts are keen to make contact with groups around the world whether or not they are attending the Jamboree. Perhaps you could incorporate some Japanese evenings in your programme in the build up to the Jamboree. For more information on the Jamboree please visit www.23wsj.jp.

Gavin Jessup

DISTRICT JAMBOREE 2015

The District is planning a District Jamboree for 2015 and we are looking for a team of leaders to help organise the event. Dates and location to announced soon. If you are interested in helping please let me know.

OLDER SCOUT EXPEDITION 2014

The District are planning an Older Scouts Expedition for 2014. This will be a weekend of adventurous activities for Explorers and Scouts aged 13 and above. Dates and location to announced soon. If you are interested in helping in any capacity (leaders with activity authorisations in walking, canoeing and climbing, catering, driving, looking after a team of 6 scouts etc etc) please let me know.

Gavin Jessup

St. GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS 2014

Next year, the St. George's Day parade will have an extra dimension. We intend to expand on the usual proceedings and include activities and fund-raising events after the parade. Every group will be invited to join in the celebration and run some activities. Each group will decide what activities they would like to run and it should be a good opportunity for everyone to boost their group funds.

The St. George's Day celebration will be discussed further in section meetings but we wanted to give you as much notice as possible. It will take place on Sunday 27th April, 2014 (times to be confirmed) – pop the date in the diary.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note that The Gilwell Reunion 2014 is over the weekend Fri 5th – Sunday 7th September 2014 not October as shown is the Calendar.

The Cub Scout Section has added a further Cyclopark day on Saturday 29th June 2014.

County are holding County Conferences for Cub Scout & Beaver Scout Leaders.

The date for the Cub Scout Leaders is Saturday 8th February, and the Beaver Scout Leaders is on Sunday 2nd March.

Details of venues etc will be available from Andrea Head (ADC Cubs) and Cavan Slingo (ADC Beavers).

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