

Cub Scout Pen pal from Australia

We have received a request from a Cub Scout in the Gold Coast of Australia to set up a pen pal link with a Cub Scout (or Pack) in Scotland where his grandmother comes from. He would like to exchange ideas about the programme and what 8 year olds do here, compared to his activities beside the sea in Australia! If you have an interested Cub Scout please contact Alan Willoughby at the Scout Centre.

THANK YOU

I'd just like to say a massive thank you to everyone who contributed to my leaving gift and also to those who joined me for dinner at Al Borgos. It was a fantastic evening and I was completely overwhelmed by everyone's generosity. It really was very unexpected!

I haven't quite decided yet what to spend the money on but do plan to buy something special to remind me of all the wonderful friends I've made in Scouting.

June

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

The Scout Group in Penicuik (11th Midlothian) are celebrating a hundred years of Scouting in the town this year and any former members are asked to contact the organisers of a series of events including an Open Day at the Scout hall, Kirkhill on 27th June.

This group was one of the largest in Scotland in the 1970s and 1980s and many former Scouts are in other groups around the Region so please pass on the details and make contact as below:

Jim Cowper, 1 Craigiefield Crescent, Penicuik, EH26 9EQ
Phone **673538**
e-mail **jcowper@talktalk.net**

Glenshee Ski Rescue Service

Were you, or someone you know involved in this service successfully operated by the Scouts and Guides in Glenshee from the 1960s until the 1980s?

If so there is a reunion dinner planned for April 25th at the Angus Hotel in Blairgowrie and further details can be had from Andy Waugh on **andy.waugh@virgin.net**

FREE LAPTOP AND FREE BROADBAND FOR A YEAR

Scout Groups can apply for the BT Community Connections award scheme. If you can put forward a good case for the use of a laptop for your group and community then have a look at the SHQ website and consider an early application. Further help from Scout Centre if needed.

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From the Regional Commissioner

The nights are getting lighter (and warmer) and soon evening activities outdoors can be in the section programme. It is also a time when we can look to the summer and special times and camps and visits and whether these are close at hand, a camp or day at Bonaly or further afield, an expedition to Malaysia for instance, I wish everybody well in all that they are doing.

Once again I am delighted to be starting another newsletter with good news and as Borders leaders will already know we have appointed a new DC. Tamsin Growden has been appointed as DC and Eric Nicol will be the Deputy DC. Tamsin is currently an ASL in Hawick and has been a leader in Lancashire in the past. Eric has had service in Renfrewshire, East Lothian and most recently as ESL in Eyemouth.

They will be building a team to ensure that the good growth shown in the Borders in the past year can be further developed.

The census was a good overall result with growth of almost 1%. If some of the small drops had been standstill we would have a growth of nearer 3% but nevertheless it is a good platform and we hope that sections closed at the time of the census will soon be restarted.

We would also like to welcome the new colony starting in Kelso and there are plans afoot for development in Jedburgh.

Can I draw your attention to the many exciting opportunities in this newsletter both for leaders and for young people: The Gang Show auditions will be held in May and this will be the 50th Show, so look to booking tickets soon too. The 2009 tattoo has continued Scouting involvement for leaders and Explorer Scouts and Scout Network and detail are inside too along with the activities at Longcraig and the Bonaly Camping Challenge.

There is also the opportunity to help with a communications review, we have a questionnaire included with this issue which I would be grateful if you could complete and return. It will help us review, at the end of the first year of the Region, our methods of communicating information.

End of the First year !!...doesn't time go quickly..... Enjoy yourselves

Dorothy.



Contact Information

Contact can be made with South East Scotland Regional Scout Council, Bonaly Outdoor Centre, Longcraig Scout Centre by using any of the following methods:

South East Scotland Regional Scout Council
15 Valleyfield Street, Edinburgh EH3 9LP

0131 229 3756

info@southeastscotlandscouts.org.uk www.southeastscotlandscouts.org.uk

Bonaly Outdoor Centre

71 Bonaly Road, Edinburgh EH13 0PB

0131 441 1878 info@bonaly.org.uk www.bonaly.org.uk

Longcraig Scout Centre

0131 319 1036 (Answer machine operating when the Centre is closed)

enquiries@longcraig.org.uk www.longcraig.org.uk

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South East Region

South East Scotland Regional Scout Council **newsletter**

HELP SCOUTING BY COLLECTING VOUCHERS

South East Scotland Regional Scout Council has registered to be part of **SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS 2009** campaign which gives us the opportunity to collect vouchers for active equipment that will make physical activity a more enjoyable and stimulating experience for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts Explorer Scouts and Scout Network members in the Edinburgh Area.

Until 4th June you will receive one Active Kids voucher for every £10 you spend at Sainsbury's, including petrol and shopping for groceries online at www.sainsburys.co.uk **It couldn't be easier!**

Then all you require to do is send your vouchers (any amount large or small) into Scout Headquarters, 15 Valleyfield Street, EH3 9LP and we will do the rest.

There is no limit as to how many vouchers can be redeemed so please encourage all your family and friends to help gain the most from this campaign. Your support and commitment will be crucial to making this a success. There is a very wide range of equipment to choose from so come on **let's all start saving the Active Kids vouchers NOW** and benefit our members - lets try and beat the number collected last year.

STOP PRESS We have also registered to collect the Tesco vouchers for schools and clubs too. Please read the above article and substitute the word Tesco where you see Sainsbury!!

Thanks

ANNUAL CENSUS

The 2009 census has shown once again growth in the Scout movement in the locality.

Across the Region there was growth of 49 members with the Scout section rising by 59, the Explorer Scout section by 8 and the Cubs and Beavers falling by 13 and 29 respectively. There were closures of colonies in Haddington, Priestfield and Gullane and Packs in Tweedbank and St Boswells but Packs opened at Cardrona and in East Linton

New troops were opened in Dunbar and in the south side of Edinburgh.

Numbers of those who are only returned as Network members fell by 4 across the Region.

The number of adults at all levels increased by 28, mainly in sectional leadership and Scout Fellowship.

Thank you to all who helped to complete the figures, the majority of which were received on time.

Haymarket District Scout Fellowship



Bedding Plant Sale

Saturday 2nd May

10.00am - 12.00 noon

Magnet car park, St John's Road

A selection of bedding plants will be available at the Plant Sale on Saturday 2nd May. All proceeds go to the Scout Fellowship who assist in the furtherance of Scouting.

We would look forward to serving you then.



ADULT TRAINING

Child Protection Training

Two opportunities are coming up for all leaders to familiarise themselves with the Scout Association procedures in relation to child protection; to look at issues regarding reporting and incident management and to provide relevant guidance to leaders. They are being run free of charge and can be considered as part of the ongoing learning for leaders. The evenings take the subject beyond the child protection input from module one and are strongly recommended to all leaders.

They will be held on 6th May at Valleyfield street and 8th June at Bonaly both evenings commencing at 7.30pm and next session will see more run in other locations. Booking Forms should be downloaded from the website or obtained from Scout HQ and sent in to reserve a place at this interesting and valuable session.

There will be a £5 levy should places be booked and not honoured without notice.

Calendar for 2009 - 2010

Plans are now being developed for the training calendar for next session from September 2009. If you have any ideas or requests they would be appreciated and considered in the planning process. Of particular interest are requests for additional training opportunities and ongoing learning.

Please contact Ken Thomson via Scout HQ

Training until the summer

These courses are being run between now and the summer break,

GSLs and Commissioners will receive a letter about modules 21 - 24 in April but basically these will be arranged to suit individual applicants - please advise us which module(s) you wish to attend and we will set up a programme.

DATE	MODULE	VENUE	NOTES
21 - 23Apr 2009	Manager evenings to cover modules 20 - 24	Aa appropriate to applicants	Evening courses
Sun 10 May 2009	14 Young People Today 15 Challenging Behaviour	Galashiels, Borders	Day course
Mon 11 May 2009	12 Providing a Balanced Programme	Venue in East Lothian	Evening course
Tue 19 May 2009	8 Skills of Leadership	Penicuik, Midlothian	Evening course
Wed 27 May 2009	9 Working with Adults	Bonaly, Edinburgh	Evening course
Wed 13 May 2009	16 Nights Away	Bonaly, Edinburgh	Introductory evening
Fri 5 to Sun 7 Jun 2009	17 Activities Outdoors 18 Practical Skills		Residential weekend
Sun 21 Jun 2009	10 First Aid	Valleyfield St, Edinburgh	Day course



Project Malaysia 2009 Racenight

A fundraising evening will be held on May 16th to support those going to Malaysia this summer. Sponsorship options are available on races (min £25) or horses (min £10). The evening will be held at the Millar Hall (75th Blackford Scout Hall, Cameron Toll.) The evening starts at 7:30pm and entry is £5. All welcome.

EDINBURGH TATTOO 2009

The Scout Association has been involved in supporting the Tattoo since the very first shows and in 2009 we are looking for leaders and Network and Explorer Scouts to carry on this tradition.

Explorer Scout Units will receive a package of material directly by the middle of April (and if this has not been received please call the office on 0131 229 3756) with details of the duties and role for Explorer Scouts

Leaders and members of the Scout Network and Fellowships who would like to be involved should send a note of interest either by mail or email to us and we will send the necessary forms out to you.

info@southeastscotlandscouts.org.uk or to 15 Valleyfield Street Edinburgh EH3 9LP

The organisers have recently met with the Tattoo and we have a new method of operating for 2009 and look forward to leaders, both those who have taken part in the past and those who are new to the event signing up.

Looking for an idea for My Faith Badgework?

The Scottish Bible Society can offer your group the opportunity to visit their Bibleworld Experience Multimedia Resource near Haymarket in Edinburgh. It costs just £2 per child (leaders free) or under the Connect scheme it might not cost anything. If you are interested, contact **Paul.Faris @scottishbiblesociety.org** or go to their website <http://www.scottishbiblesociety.org/about/bibleworld/>

Longcraig Scout Centre

Longcraig will open for the 2009 season on Tuesday 5th May. During this week (Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th inclusive) we will only be offering Kayaking or rafting sessions due to low tides. As at the time of writing this, all Friday sessions in June are already fully booked. Bookings can be made by phoning Region Scout HQ during office hours on **0131 229 3756**. Session prices for 2009 have been held at the same as for 2008 - £8 per head per session.

Session numbers will not normally be allowed to exceed 30 for evening sessions and 40 at weeks. If wish to bring larger groups, these must be discussed and agreed with the Centre Manager before the booking will be accepted (lscmanager@longcraig.org.uk or leave contact information with Scout HQ).

When making a booking the following information will be required:

- Date you wish to book
- Contact name/address/phone number (including mobile in case we need to contact you on the day)
- Number of people wishing to attend
- Activities you are booking (sailing, kayaking, rafting or cruising)

Maximum numbers for the various activities apply.

We look forward to seeing you during the season.



Longcraig Scout Centre **LONGCRAIG 2009 COURSES**

As always we will be offering a large number of courses during the year. The following are the RYA courses, dates and costs.

Course	Dates	Cost
Youth Stage one	30th/31st May	£40
Youth Stage two	4th/5th July	£40
Youth Stage three	29th/30th August	£40
Youth Stage four	23rd/24th May	£40
Adult level one	4th/5th July	£40
Adult level two	23rd/24th May	£40
Seamanship	22nd/23rd August	£40
Spinnaker	18th/19th July	£40
Day Sailing	11th/12th July	£40

Kayaking courses will be run on Monday nights for BCU 2 Star ONLY starting on Monday 4th May and running for 9 evenings. The minimum age for this course is 14 years. This is a recommendation from the BCU and entrants for the course must also meet the pre-requisites set down by the BCU see <http://www.canoe-england.org.uk/media/pdf/Two%20Star%20Syllabus.pdf>

The cost for this Monday evening course is £80.

We will also be running a Scout Canoeist badge course in August (29th/30th). This is the equivalent of the BCU 1 star but aimed at those 14 years old and under.

Bookings for all courses should be made to Regional Scout HQ (0131 229 3756) during office hours.

TISO'S DISCOUNT NIGHT

It's that time of year again!

Tiso's are holding their popular discount evenings in their Rose Street branch on Tuesday 28th April and Tuesday 5th May starting at 6.30pm and finishing at 8.30pm. As before you are all invited to come along and take advantage of some great discounts off the latest outdoor gear - including our new spring/summer stock which will all be in-store by then. Remember, you are no longer required to bring membership cards with you so please feel free to bring colleagues or friends along. Remember also you are welcome to come along to either or indeed both of the nights.

The important bit.....

There is 10% discount off all GPS, maps and publications. 15% off all clothing, waterproofs, down jackets, footwear, socks, travel accessories, rucsacs, tents and sleeping bags and a great 20% off all climbing equipment such as harnesses, ropes, helmets and hardware.

Bonaly Scout Camping Challenge

When: **12th to 14th June 2009**

Where: **Bonaly Outdoor Centre**

Cost: **£15.00 per head**

Bonaly Scout Camping Challenge is a three level award, designed to encourage and allow Scouts to get full enjoyment from camping and to achieve a standard of camping that they can be proud of.

The three standards progress from bronze to silver then onto gold. Badges are available to be awarded and can be worn on the neckerchief point. Although the award is designed for groups of up to six, it is also possible to achieve the awards in smaller groups undertaking lightweight camping. It may also be appropriate to present different levels of award to different members of the patrol.

We are running a Challenge weekend from the 12th to 14th June 2009 at Bonaly Outdoor Centre, for Troops within the South East Scotland Region.

Come and learn new skills and challenges you won't normally learn at a troop night!

SCOUT LEADERS PLEASE NOTE - FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON A SEPARATE LEAFLET ISSUED WITH THIS EDITION OF '135 DEGREES NEWSLETTER'.

SNOW JOKE!!!

WE ARE SELLING SKIS

The Scout Council have decided, reluctantly, to sell off the stock of skis, boots and poles which are currently housed in a store room at The Scout Headquarters in Valleyfield St Edinburgh.

There are about 120 pairs of straight skis and a similar number of boots in sizes from 2 to 12 and lots of ski poles.

There will be a sale at Bonaly Scout Centre on 5th April from 2.00 - 4.00 and Tuesday 7th from 6.00 - 9.00 pm. A pair of skis will be £10, a pair of boots the same price and poles £5, or free to those buying skis and boots. No reasonable offers will be refused!

Please pass on this information to any of the members of your section or their parents who might want to get some still serviceable skiing equipment. Please note that it comes without any guarantee, and it is the responsibility of the buyer to adjust the ski bindings for boot size and release pressure.



SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ITEMS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM THE WORK OF THE REGION'S COMMITTEES

The Regional Executive Committee met at the Scout Centre in Valleyfield Street on 12 March 2009

Administrative Support

Following appropriate advertising, interviewing and references, Jenn Scott has been appointed to the post of Administrative Assistant and will start on 6 April.

Young Peoples Representation on Committees

An excellent paper on this matter was received and will be circulated to Districts. Young people aged 18 (and in some cases 14) to 25 will be sought to be active members of Committees.

Financial Report

The Treasurer confirmed the Region finances are satisfactory. Budgets for 2009/2010 were agreed.

Regional Commissioner's Business

The census shows a rise in numbers for the second year in a row.

Progress is being made filling DC vacancies in the Region.

Bonaly

A busy year is anticipated with, among other events, a large Paisley District event in August, so it is hoped the field will recover quickly from the recent wet spell.

Longcraig

Plans are progressing well for the coming season, and it was agreed a new tractor should be purchased.

The next meeting of the Regional Executive Committee will be on 25 May.

GANG SHOW AUDITIONS

MAIN GANG 10th MAY 2009

2.00 - 3.15 Girls aged 10
3.15 - 4.30 Girls aged 11
4.30 - 5.45 Girls aged 12 & over
6.00 - 7.00 Boys

JUNIOR GANG 24th MAY 2009

2.00 - 3.30 First group of Brownies
3.30 - 5.00 Second group of Brownies
5.00 - 6.00 Cub Scouts

Both auditions are at:

St Annes Church Hall, corner of Kaimes Road and Corstorphine Road (just past the Zoo) Edinburgh.

Everyone applying for audition must be enrolled members of their respective movements.

Please note the following important change in rules from previous years:

To be eligible to attend audition, a Cub Scout must be enrolled and 8 years old by the Audition date and likewise a Scout must be enrolled and 10 years old by the Audition date.

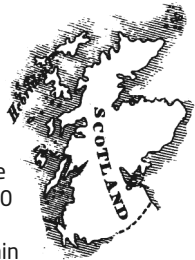


International News

We have discovered that a recent batch of the "Going Abroad" packs is missing the all important Report Back sheet. At a meeting of Regional International Advisers it was stressed that the completion of this valuable tool is to be encouraged as it will be used to form the basis of an information bank. The idea behind this is to help those preparing for a trip abroad, either for the first time or venturing to a new country. Would those whose Pack did not contain this form please advise the Regional office who will be ready to issue a copy to you. For those who received the complete Pack, kindly mark their diaries to fill in the form on their return. I have also received a copy of the INTERNATIONAL ESSENTIALS file and I would be happy to go over this with any interested parties.

Edwin Maxwell-Regional International Adviser

maps



We have recently been gifted a large number of 1:25000 maps for much of Scotland and certain parts of England including some upland areas. These are available for route planning and expedition work and can be borrowed from the Regional HQ.

Additionally we have a number of maps at 1:50000 and 1:25000 that are available to be given to groups for map reading practice. These include flat sheets of some of the Borders and Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway.

Contact Alan Willoughby on 0131 229 3756 or info@southeastscotlandscouts.org.uk for more details

Change in moving on age range between the Scout and Explorer Scout Sections

The Operations Sub Committee (a sub-Committee of the Committee of the Council) has agreed that young people moving on from the Scout Section to the Explorer Scout Section have a 12 month window in which to do so. This means that the window for a Scout to move on to the Explorer Scout Section is between 13.5 and 14.5 years old. Formerly, young people could remain in the Scout Section up until the age of 15. There is no change to the core age ranges for both Sections.

Nobody over the age of 14.5 will be able to take part in the Scout Programme. If somebody aged between 14 and 18 wants to be involved with the running of a Scout Troop they can do this as an Explorer Scout Young Leader. This means that they take an active part in the Young Leaders' Scheme and are counted as an Explorer Scout. It is strongly recommended that a Young Leader does not help in their old Scout Troop until they have had a 6 month break.

This rule change should be implemented by 1st September 2009.

Further information is available at <http://newsletter.scout.org.uk/t/27279/3943/1809257/0/> or from your DESC, ADC Scouts or ARC ES

PROJECT MALAYSIA UPDATE

Last month three of the leaders from the Project Malaysia team went out to Borneo to look at accommodation and projects. Malaysian Scouts provided some great hospitality and amazing food and helped with making the plans for the summer become real. Work has been lined up on 4 projects:

Mangrove Discovery Centre: construction of adventure playground at jungle campsite.

Sepilok Orang-Utan Rehabilitation Centre:

refurbishing the nursery playground for young orang-utans and trail clearance work.

Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre: building a screening wall to separate the veterinary/holding area from the visitors centre and installing a septic tank.

Sandakan Scouts Nature Park: construction of obstacle course.

The expedition will be camping at a ground at Sepilok on the edge of a forest reserve and staying overnight at the

Mangrove Discovery Centre while working there. In addition expeditioners will get a chance to explore local sights and cultures, either on short trips themselves or with local Scouts. You can still become a Friend of the Expedition, by filling out the form on the South East Scotland website (or on the last 135 Degrees) or can buy a badge from any of the participants or leaders. We are all grateful for any support received.

TINS NEEDED

All those of you who received a tin of chocs or biscuits for Christmas must have eaten them by now. If you are wondering what to do with the tin, we have the solution. Tins for storage are required for the site at Bonaly. Any large tins gratefully received. Please either drop them off at Bonaly, Valleyfield Street or to someone who is a regular visitor to Bonaly.

RoverWay is...

RoverWay is an international camp for 16-22 year old Scouts and Guides from all over the World. It has been held twice before - in Portugal and Italy. It will be held in Iceland in 2009.

There are five Explorer Scouts from Borders District (Selkirk, Hawick & Eyemouth Units) who are going as part of the UK Contingent on the 13 day trip to Iceland. It will consist of two days of travel by aeroplane, four days on expeditions around Iceland and a further four days camping based near Reykjavik. After this they will spend three days sight seeing and exploring Iceland with their newly made friends. The Explorer Scouts are organising several bag packs, a sponsored walk, and a quiz night and other events to lower the cost. The camp will be costing £1000 each; not including hidden costs of sight seeing, passports, new equipment, etc. Due to this fact they need to carry out a lot of fundraising!!!

Iceland is really a unique country which is worth visiting, not only is its nature, but the culture and atmosphere is something they really want to experience. From glaciers to volcanoes and geysers, Iceland has been described as the geological theme park of the world, and they believe it will be an experience they will never forget for the rest of their lives!

GANG SHOW 2009

Tickets will be on sale from 6 April
Contact 0131 529 6000 or

www.kingstheatre.org.uk