

ADULT TRAINING

With the last Newsletter you received a copy of the Training Calendar for 2008/09.

Below are the Courses taking place from now until Christmas. Application forms can be downloaded from www.southeastscotlandscouts.org.uk

Course fees are £5 for each Module, £10 for First Response or other day courses and £30 for weekend packages - early applications are invited.

DATE	MODULE	VENUE	NOTES
Wed 17 Sept 2008	12 Providing a Balanced Programme	Penicuik, Midlothian	Evening course
Sun 28 Sept 2008	10 First Aid	Valleyfield St, Edinburgh	Day course
Wed 1 Oct 2008	5 Fundamental Values of Scouting 6 Changes in Scouting 7 Valuing Diversity	Galashiels, Borders	Evening course
Wed 15 Oct 2008	Appointments Com.	Valleyfield St, Edinburgh	Evening course
Wed 29 Oct 2008	19 International	Lasswade, Midlothian	Evening course
Wed 29 Oct 2008	25 Assessing Learning	Lasswade, Midlothian	Evening course
Fri 31 Oct 2008	Skills Training	Bonaly, Edinburgh	Residential course preferred but it may be possible to attend individual module
Sat 1 Nov 2008	7 Valuing Diversity 14 Young People Today 15 Challenging Behaviour		
Sun 2 Nov 2008	8 Skills of Leadership 9 Working with Adults 11 Administration (Section Leaders) 13 Growing the Movement (Section Leaders)		
Thur 13 Nov 2008	25 Assessing Learning	Galashiels	Evening course
Fri 21 Nov 2008	25 Assessing Learning (Managers)	Bonaly, Edinburgh	Residential course preferred but it may be possible to attend individual modules
Sat 22 Nov 2008	20 Administration (Managers) 21 Growing the Movement (Managers) 22 Section Support		
Sun 23 Nov 2008	23 Safety for Managers and Supporters 24 Managing Adults		
Sun 23 Nov 2008	10 First Aid	Lasswade Midlothian	Day course

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NETWORK

Please help us find a name!

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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diary dates

October 3rd - 5th	Regional Explorer Camp	Paxton House
October 8th 6.30pm	Annual Review	Queen Margaret University
November 7th - 9th	Young Leader Weekend	Bonaly

Young Leaders Weekend

All section leaders (i.e BSLs, CSLs, etc) have received a copy of the form for the next Young Leaders Weekend to be held at Bonaly 7th - 9th November.
Please encourage all young leaders to attend this weekend course.



South East Region

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GOING ABROAD?

The Scout Association has produced a most helpful 'pack' to assist in the planning for those proposing to venture abroad.

No matter how often you may have taken young people off to foreign parts it should form an essential role in their involvement in the planning exercise. The sooner you ask for the 'pack' the better, although the signed Form TA does not require to be in my hands until nearer the time of departure, it does require your D.C.'s signature for formal authorisation so give him/her plenty of notice. In fact the form MUST be in the hands of the International Adviser at least 2 months in advance for trips within Europe and at least 6 months for trips outwith Europe.

The authorisation for the trip has to be signed by your D.C. who should be satisfied with your arrangements, activity authorisations and travel insurance. They require to be satisfied from their personal knowledge that you are aware of your responsibilities and that you will insist on a high standard of Scouting and good behaviour.

A further word on insurance - it is recommended that a Group Policy be taken out rather than relying on individual cover which may or may not provide the levels contained within the Association's scheme. In the past problems have arisen at the last moment when it is found that supposed cover under parental policies only applies when travelling as a family.

Another facility for assisting those who may not have your experience is the REPORT BACK form, which sadly is ignored by many. Its function is to highlight any problems encountered or indeed any worthwhile tips to benefit your colleagues in the future.

This year sees an advance in the formal 'Letter of Introduction' in that a photograph can be attached - but you are allowed to SMILE!!!!

Edwin Maxwell, International Adviser

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Scout Network

Network in the Region has been busy over the summer with members attending many national camps as well as the Essex Jamboree and Blair Atholl as staff. All have been active in helping with local district events, whilst still finding time to do activities for themselves! Not bad for the British summer were having! The next few months will hopefully see an increase in numbers across the region, with a heavy focus on attending the many freshers fairs, as well as running localised events to help boost numbers. It is the hope that after these many new district Network groups will be formed.

If you are interested in finding out more about what Scout Network is up to check out the calendar on the regional website, or e-mail Neil Burn at arc-network@southeastscotlandscouts.org.uk

ATTENTION ALL THOSE GOING FOR QUEEN SCOUT AWARDS

If you are over the age of 18 and are aiming for your Queens Scout Award you MUST be a member of a Scout Network. This means that you must OPT IN. To do this contact Neil at arc-network@southeastscotlandscouts.org.uk or via Regional Scout Centre on 1031 229 3756.

Elections to the Executive Committee South East Scotland Regional Scout Council

There are six places available for election to the Regional Executive Committee, for members of the Regional Scout Council.

Those nominated for election must be members of the Regional Scout Council, which is constitutionally composed of the following:

the President and Vice Presidents (if any)

the Regional Chairman, Regional Secretary and Regional Treasurer

the Regional Commissioner, Assistant Regional Commissioners and Regional Advisers

all District Commissioners, District Chairmen and Group Scout Leaders in the Region, including those holding provisional appointments

two named representatives of each District Scout Council in the Region

those District Youth Representatives who are members of The Scottish Council The Scout Association

the Chief Commissioner of Scotland and the Chairman of the Board of The Scottish Council The Scout Association, and

any persons elected or re-elected annually by the RSC on the recommendation of the Regional Commissioner and the Regional Executive Committee.

An application form is available from the Regional Office and must be returned no later than 1st October with the names and details of the candidate, proposer and seconder and two additional supporters all of whom must be members of the Regional Scout Council.

If there are more than six valid nominations a ballot will then be conducted of members of the Regional Scout Council and the result announced at the Annual Review on 8th October.

The bye laws of the Regional Scout Council stipulate that:-

The elected members of the Regional Executive Committee should not include more than one member from any one District in the Region and that there should be at least one elected member of the Regional Executive Committee from East Lothian, Midlothian or Borders Districts.

*Further information and nomination forms from the Regional Secretary at the Scout Centre
15 Valleyfield Street, Edinburgh EH3 9LP*

Bonaly Outdoor Centre FAMILY DAY

12 noon to 4pm
Sunday 7 September 2008



We are hosting a Regional Family Fun Day for all adults connected with Scouting to come along and view the facilities we offer. We will provide games and entertainment for children of all ages while you have a wonder around the centre, meet old friends, swap ideas, make new friends - we want you to get to know Bonaly and the Bonaly team want to get to know you!

Camping
Displays
Accommodation
Special Needs Centre
On-site Activities
Training
Team building
Entertainment
Crafts
Games
Tours at 1pm, 2pm, 3pm
Refreshments
Bring a picnic lunch

Annual General Meeting and Annual Review

This year, the Region will have an annual review, which will be different!

This will be held on 8th October at the Queen Margaret University campus at Musselburgh, just off the A1 between Old Craighall and Fort Kinnaird.

To access the campus, coming from East Lothian, Midlothian and the Borders and the south and west of Edinburgh, travel round the A720 city by pass to the Old Craighall junction with the A1, head north as if into Edinburgh and at the Fort Kinnaird junction go off, under the A1, rejoin the A1, now heading south and then use the dedicated slip road to the University.

If coming from the north and east of the city you could travel via Portobello or Leith to the A1 at the Milton Road junction and then follow the signs. From the south east of the city you could travel through Craigmillar to the Fort Kinnaird junction of the A1 and then head south for one junction.

The campus is extremely modern and the building is very unusual and well worth a look... we have the use of the lecture theatre on the top floor, but there are lifts.

The meeting will begin at 7.15pm but refreshments will be available from 6.30pm particularly for the benefit of those coming the greatest distances.

The first part of the meeting will be the formal adoption of the final Annual Report and accounts for City of Edinburgh which will last a few minutes.

There will follow a very brief inaugural meeting at which the office bearers and elected and nominated members of the Regional Scout Council will be approved and any other necessary business transacted.

Then there will be a review of the past six months, the first six months of the Regional Scout Council and the opportunity to look forward to the future.

There will be an chance to chat at the close of the meeting but no refreshments will be served at the end. We need to vacate the building by 9.15pm.

This early timing will also be good for those who have travelled a long way to the meeting.

A warm invitation is extended to all leaders and supporters of all groups and districts across the Region and we look forward to a good attendance at this, our first annual review.

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BLAIR ATHOLL INTERNATIONAL PATROL JAMBORETTE

The 25 Scouts and Explorers from the Region who attended this event had a great time at the camp, being twinned with Scouts from the Netherlands, USA and Sweden.

There were many leaders and Network members on the camp staff and Regional Chairman, John Kennedy, was Camp Chief.

There were home stays for overseas scouts in the Borders, Edinburgh and Midlothian and many friendships forged.

Festival 2008

At the same time as Blair Atholl there was another wonderful international experience at Fordell. The camp, a joint one by Girlguiding Edinburgh and Edinburgh Scouts, had been two years in the planning and lasted just over a week and all reports are that it was a wonderful week.

The organisation fronted by the guides was excellent and the overseas visitors enjoyed the experience, as did all the local participants. The Service Team of young people, led by Colin Simpson gelled well as did the staff and Scouts and Guides.

Scouts and Leaders from Haymarket, Morningside, Merchiston, Leith and Inverleith attended.

Edinburgh Tattoo

Grateful thanks to all the Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Leaders, Network members and Fellowship members who have been part of the programme and souvenir selling at this year's tattoo. They came from all over the city and from East Lothian and as far away as the Borders to take part and as usual gave a positive image of Scouting.

NATIONAL SCOUT AND GUIDE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Having trailed the course and concerts for the best part of year the end result was two wonderful concerts at the start of August featuring nearly 80 members of the Scout and Guide movements who played a wide ranging repertoire to appreciative audiences in Haddington and Edinburgh.

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Network Scouts from the Region are attending an International Moot next year across three nations, Russia, Mongolia and China. In a bid to raise the funds that they need they are producing high viz neckies which they are selling for £6.00 each. They are bright yellow with the visibility strip around the outside and are very good quality. Those Network members who helped out with the Moonwalk in Edinburgh on 15th June all wore them and they went down a storm. To purchase them log onto www.highvisneckies.com or contact Neil Burn, ARC Network who can provide you more information.

BADGE SWAP MEETING

This event started a couple of years ago and it is hoped to attract new members. To the next meeting which is being held in the Galashiels Scout Centre on SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER from 11am - 3pm All interested are very welcome to come along. For more information contact **Derek Wilson, Jander, 2 Knowepark Gardens, Galashiels, TD1 1TA, 01896 755984, Email Derek@gdwjander.wanadoo.co.uk**

>>> Edinburgh Gang Show 2008



It was a busy summer for the cast of the Edinburgh Gang Show as they showcased their talents at two major events.

At the Corstorphine Fair 2008 in June the Gang were invited by the Fair organisers to perform a selection of highlights from the 2007 Show in front of 15,000 people in the Main Arena. Corstorphine Fair is the largest community event in Edinburgh and the Gang Show, being an event that is now considered by many in the arts, media and civic circles to be a major 'Edinburgh' event, was a particular highlight of the day.

In July the Gang were invited to perform the Opening and Closing Ceremonies at the Festival 2008 Camp at Fordell Firs. The cast of 25 young people performed songs and comedy numbers which enthused the 700 participants from all over the world. By extending the theme of fun, friendship and togetherness of camp to the participants through song, the cast invited all the participants to join in with the result that everybody who was packed into the campfire circle was up on their feet singing and dancing!

The Gang Show is major event produced by Scouting and Girlguiding by and for the young people in the Scouts and Guides but we wish to extend our reach to the wider community to bring them in to show how modern and relevant the Gang Show is in Edinburgh. Edinburgh Gang Show can be called upon to supply entertainment for any event!

Tickets for the Edinburgh Gang Show 2008 are onsale now at www.edinburgh-gangshow.com or by calling 0131 529 6000. or for details on Special Group Discounts call 0131 529 6005.

EDINBURGH GANG SHOW 2008 KING'S THEATRE, 18 - 22 NOVEMBER

ACTIVITIES SECTION ON REGIONAL WEB SITE

Keith Armour (Regional Activities Adviser) would like to draw your attention to the new activities section on the Regional Web site which has lots of good information on it, particularly regarding hill activities. If you have any other suggestions regarding points that could be added to this section please pass your suggestions on to activities@southeastscotlandscouts.org.uk

There has been a rule change regarding Hovercrafting. It is now covered by the Adventurous Activities permit scheme and to support the changes three fact sheets have been made available which are:

- FS120750 Hovercrafting
- AC120904 Assessment checklist for Hovercrafting (Water)
- AC120903 Assessment checklist for Hovercrafting (Land)

REX CAMP

The Regional Explorer Scout Camp will be held at Paxton Hose in the Borders from 3rd to 5th October and forms are enclosed to all ESLs and DESCs.



LONGCRAIG WATER ACTIVITIES CENTRE

The centre has been particularly busy this year with groups from all over the UK. We also provided water activities for Festival '08 and although the weather was poor we managed to provide four days of activities that were enjoyed by staff and participants. There are still a few sessions available for booking before we close. The last evening booking for kayaking will be Friday 12th September. Weekend bookings will continue through September with the last one on Sunday 19th October.

Finally, for those that have managed to make use of the centre, thank you for your support. For those that didn't get around to getting a booking in, please give us a go for 2009 - we'd love to see you.

All requests for bookings please to Regional Headquarters (0131 229 3756)

Malcolm Leckie, Longcraig Centre Manager

SCOTTISH SCOUT REGATTA

Please note that the centre is closed on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September as we are hosting the Scottish Scout Regatta. This event is open to any group and teams are invited to enter for sailing (Wayfarer), sailing (Topper), kayaking, canoeing, and we expect, power boating also. If you are interested, please contact Brian Wilson (email@brian-wilson.org) or phone Regional Scout Headquarters (0131229 3756) who will pass your details on.