



South East Scotland Regional Scout Council **newsletter**

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South East Scotland Regional Scout Council

Dorothy McKinney

It seems like only yesterday that the South East Scotland Region was launched but here we are nearly three months into its life and what a busy three months it has been.

The Executive and Regional Team have met, the Bonaly Management Committee formed and had their first meeting and the ARCs have all been busy with their plans and meetings. I have been warmly welcomed to AGMs in Borders, Morningside, Inverleith and Portobello and have more to go to in the next few weeks. I really enjoy the opportunity to meet with leaders in the districts and to hear of their Scouting activities.

We have experimented with running training workshops, initially in East Lothian, with a good uptake.

Also on the training front the recent weekend of wonderful weather coincided with the course run at Bonaly for modules 16,17 and 18 and 22 leaders from seven districts took part and it was good that so many had read about the course in the last newsletter and taken up the opportunity. The next First Response course is full and Ken Thomson has a diary of dates for the next session completed.

Can I commend to you the chance to visit Bonaly on the Open day for families on September 7th which will give everyone, even those who think they know Bonaly, the opportunity to see the site, look at the many new developments and hear about future plans for events, activities and further work. There will also be fun activities and the whole family is invited!

We are into the second edition of this, as yet unnamed newsletter...there is a summer challenge for you all. Have a good summer, enjoy your camping opportunities and come back refreshed to take part in the programme in the next term.

Dorothy



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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

Entertainment for Children

Accommodation

Crafts

Special Needs Centre

Games

On-site Activities

Training

**Bring a picnic lunch,
we will provide tea,
coffee, soft drinks**

Team building



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LONGCRAIG WATER ACTIVITIES

Bookings are now being taken for the 2008 season via Scout Headquarters (0131 229 3756).

The centre is now open and the last evening session for sailing will be on Friday 29th August.

The last evening session for Kayaking and the launch will be on Friday 12th September. The centre will close for the season on Sunday 19th October.

The session price for 2008 is £8 (all day bookings at weekend count as two sessions).

The following courses are being offered in our new season.

9th - 10th August
(date has changed from July)

RYA Sailing Seamanship module

Price £40

26th - 27th July

RYA Day Sailing module

Price £40

16th/17th August

RYA Sailing Youth Stage 2 / Adult Level 1

Price £40

20th - 21st September

RYA Youth Sailing Stage 3

Price £40

20th - 21st September

These are run at the Longcraig Scout Centre.

Apply at least two weeks before the course via the Scout Centre, phone 0131 229 3756 during office hours.

ACTIVITY BADGES AT LONGCRAIG



The following Scout/Explorer badge courses are being run by Longcraig (where applicable the equivalent National Governing Body qualification is also shown):

Scout Canoeist Award

(This is also the BCU 1 star)

One weekend 23 - 24th August.

Price £40

Scout Dinghy Sailor Activity Badge course

This course will also be attractive to younger Explorer Scouts and Senior Section members of Girl Guiding, as a stepping stones to the higher RYA courses.

(This is also the RYA Youth Stage 1 course)

Price £40

2nd weekend: 16th - 17th August

(This is also the RYA Youth Stage 2 course)

Price £40

These are run at the Longcraig Scout Centre, www.longcraig.org.uk

Apply via the Scout Centre, phone 0131 229 3756 during office hours, at least two weeks before the course.



Consortium starts **Youth Work Strategy** consultation at South East Scotland Scout HQ

Marilyne MacLaren, Convenor, Education, Children and Families was present at Valleyfield Street on Saturday 7th June 2008 for the breakfast launch of a draft strategy to be drawn up by the Edinburgh Youth Work Consortium (EYWC).

With six priorities ranging from

- **trying to ensure young people have access to different, enjoyable, stimulating and regular youth work provision both locally and through city wide projects and**
- **that the adult workers who provide these should be valued, motivated, skilled and appropriately trained to**
- **proposed action around Co-operation and Collaboration in Service Provision, Suitable Venues and Equipment, and Resources and Funding issues**

your views are sought.....

The consultation will be available as an online survey with links from the home pages of both the EYWC website **www.eywc.org.uk** and the website of Lothian Association of Youth Clubs **www.layc.org.uk**.

People will also be able to download paper copies of the Draft Strategy and a Consultation Response form which can either be completed by hand and posted in or filled in electronically and e mailed back.

The Scouts through Alan Willoughby are active members of the EYWC and it would be very helpful if leaders could make sure that they have their say and get their views heard before the consultation winds up on Friday 29th August. Adults are also being encouraged to think about ways to also include the views of the young people they work with in the consultation and it is hoped that groups can exchange ideas for how to consult with their members.

It could make for an interesting discussion at a leaders meeting, in a group with young people or even to complete on your own one of the consultations about what priorities there should be for youth work with the 11 - 18 age range in the city



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Scout Network

Scout Network is for those aged 18 - 25 and provides young people with the ability to be both a leader and still participate in scouting activities, even while they are at university / college or working. It is geared towards the more social side of scouting, however still working within the balanced programme and with an emphasis on gaining the top awards within scouts.

Edinburgh Network run a social event every Sunday at Oddfellows, Forrest Road from 8.30pm onwards. This event allows them to promote their other programmed activities to many networkers, whilst discussing many other scouting and non Scouting topics. Examples of their other programmed events are scuba diving, hill walking, canoeing and kayaking as well as participating in International camps and service projects.

Midlothian Network run activities at least once per month, with hill walking, climbing, watersports and badgework their main focus. They are also organising a Scottish contingent of Network members to help marshal the Moonwalk in Edinburgh, raising cash to support cancer charities. The Network are also a great supporter of their local district, supporting the training of the Midlothian contingent going to Blair Atholl, helping with Beaver Sleepovers and any other request by the district team.

Both Networks also participate in Scottish and UK run events, with camps taking place regularly across the country.

For more information about Network check out:

www.southeastscotlandscouts.org.uk

www.edinburghscoutnetwork.org.uk

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Congratulations to...

Winners of Portobello District Cub Scout Sports 4th Pack

Winners of Cub Scout Endeavour Trophy 4th Pack

Winners of the Haymarket Cub Skills Competition 71st Cub Pack

Training Calendar 2008/9

Enclosed with this Newsletter is your personal copy of the first Training Calendar for the South East Scotland Region and an application form for attendance at courses. The Calendar covers the year from July 2008 to June 2009.

It is important that the training being offered meets what you need and so additions to the programme and changes to dates and venues may be made to during the year. These will be notified to all Districts and Leaders through the Regional Newsletter and will appear on our website www.southeastscotlandscouts.org.uk.

Modules will be run to offer you a wider choice of venue and date, which should better suit your home location. Each is being offered several times and in different venues. To offer an even broader choice this year, some of the modules have also been grouped into weekend programmes at Bonaly. In these cases you are encouraged to stay for the weekend, as there are many benefits to be gained from the residential aspect and from completing a number of modules together. In particular Leaders will have the opportunity to meet people from other Districts and be able to share experiences more widely.

Please contact Ken Thomson or Alan Willoughby if you require further information or have any suggestions to make.

Diary Dates

Regional Explorer Scout Camp 3rd - 5th October

Young Leader Weekend at Bonaly 7th - 9th November

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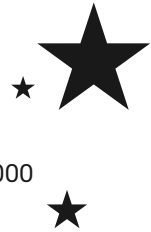
The next issue of this newsletter is scheduled to come out mid August and suggestions for the name of the newsletter are still welcome. Please get in touch with stories, events so that all members in the Region can share their experiences of the active Scouting that is going on.



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★ **Edinburgh Gang Show** ★

Tickets are now onsale for the Edinburgh Gang Show which will be held at the King's Theatre 18 - 22 November. Don't delay - book today. Call 0131 529 6000 or 0131 529 6005 for Group Bookings (10+) www.eft.co.uk



National Scout and Guide Symphony Orchestra Loretto

The National Scout and Guide Symphony Orchestra started in 1976 and has met annually all over the United Kingdom ever since.

The NSGSO brings together about 70 young people every year for a seven day course which normally ends with two public concerts. The music played is varied and challenging and has in the past included - Holst's Suite "The Planets", Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No.2, Shostakovich's Symphony No.5 Op 47, Grieg's "Peer Gynt", Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" and much more.

The Orchestra also embarks on a tour abroad approximately every four / five years. Past tours have taken the Orchestra to USA, Greece, Germany, The Czech Republic and Estonia. The Orchestra has also been found performing in such prestigious venues as Westminster Abbey, St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle and The Royal Albert Hall as well as performances for Royalty. All members of the Orchestra are active members of the Scout Association or GirlGuiding UK, are aged between 13 and 30 and are proficient players of at least one orchestral instrument.

The course is led by an experience orchestral conductor and supported by a team of professional musicians as section tutors. Intensive rehearsals are interspersed with an active programme of varied sports, crafts, Scouting and Guiding activities. Through the National Scout and Guide Symphony Orchestra, members gain not only orchestral skills to develop their creative talent, but also the fun and friendship which are integral parts of Scouting and Guiding.

This year the concerts are being held in South East Region.

Friday 8th August at St Mary's Church, Haddington.

Saturday 9th August at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh

Show your support for this creative and popular activity in Scouting by coming along to the concert. Contact 0131 229 3756 for more information regarding ticket prices and times.

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Blair Atholl International Patrol Jamborette 2008

There are Patrols attending from Borders, East Lothian, Midlothian and one from the Edinburgh Districts. The Blair Atholl Patrol Jamborette has been held every two years since 1946 and is a famous and popular international Scouting event.

There is an opportunity to visit the camp on Visitors Day which is July 26th.

www.jamborette.org.uk

Festival 2008

This joint Guide and Scout International Camp will be held at Fordell Firs from 27th July to 2nd August. A good number of Scout Troops will attend this camp and enjoy the programme of adventurous activities.

Project Malaysia 2009

Plans are developing for the South East Region Explorer Scout expedition to Malaysia in July 2009. Various fundraising events have been held including a very busy burger stall, sumo wrestling and a balloon race at the Corstorphine Fair, as well as regular stints bagpacking at various supermarkets around Edinburgh. Regular training weekends are part of the development programme and as the countdown begins you should begin to hear more about this exciting opportunity. A Friends of Project Malaysia is also being developed. Please contact members of the expedition for more details about how to become a Friend.

Visits Abroad!

All at South East Regional Scout HQ send good wishes to all Troops, Units, Groups heading abroad in various expeditions! We know of Eyemouth explorers heading to Austria, the 21st Inverleith to Kenya and other groups going to Iceland (82nd Inverleith) and Holland (5th Portobello) and France (1st Tranent)

Enjoy and good Scouting over the Summer!



This is your space!
Please get in touch
and tell the Region
what you are doing!!!!!!!!!!!!

