

2nd Thatcham Scout Troop

Adventure and Friendship for 10-14 year olds in Thatcham



June 2010

To Scouts/Parents

PARENT DROP OFF & PICK UP

May we remind all parents that they are responsible for the child until have dropped them off at the meeting venue, whether it is at the Scout Headquarters, Angels Corner, or at a camp or event check-in. Also, parents should not take their child at the end of a meeting or camp without the leaders knowing so.

We have had incidents recently of a child being taken home from camp before being dismissed, and have incidents of Scouts being dropped off at one location when we were meeting elsewhere.

Our apologies if you missed the message about our visit to the lakes on 9 June. Please ensure you keep us up-to-date with any e-mail address changes.

ANGELS CORNER – WEDNESDAY 16 JUNE

We're at Angel's Corner on this night. No uniform needed. We'll be using ropes.

JERSEY EXPEDITION MEETING – WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE

There will not be a regular Troop meeting on this night.

There will, however, be a parent & participant meeting for everyone going to Jersey. The meeting will be at 2nd Thatcham HQ; no need for uniform; refreshments provided. Start time 20:00.

CYCLE EVENING – GREENHAM COMMON - JOINT EVENT WITH HERMITAGE SCOUTS THURSDAY 24 JUNE

We shall be meeting at the Crookham Common end of the common. Meeting time at 19:15. Finish time around 21:15 (as sunset). Make sure your tyres are pumped up. You must wear a cycle helmet. NO HELMET= NO RIDE.

We'll be joined by 1st Hermitage Scouts and will be splitting in to Groups. Parents may join us too.

Notice to parents that permit their child to cycle to the common from Thatcham: we cannot be responsible for Scouts that wish to cycle to/from Greenham Common. Please ensure you adequately provide them with lights and reflectives. Ideally, supervise them. The road between the crossing and the common is not cycle-friendly, particularly after dark. It will be safer to transport the bike in a vehicle directly to the car park.

PROJECT AFRICA – COUNTY CELEBRATION – TUESDAY 29 JUNE

Berkshire Scouts is taking over the Madejski Conference Centre on the evening of 29 June. We'd like a handful of Scouts to help launch the "Project Africa" Global Awareness Programme with which Scouts across Berkshire will be taking part over the next year. If you'd like to help, please let Pete know.

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AT THE HQ – WEDNESDAY 30 JUNE

We're back at the Scout HQ for the last day of June – if the weather's good we'll be out in the field.

MINI-JAFFA – INCIDENT HIKE & CAMP – SATURDAY 3 JULY

The District incident hike and camp has the theme "Mission Impossible". It starts at 16:00 and finishes after breakfast on the Sunday. There's no cost to the event, plus you get another night away. Please complete the form and return as soon as possible.

PALS BARBECUE AND BIVOUAC CAMP– FRIDAY 9 JULY

We'll be hosting a barbecue with the PALS (Partners for Active Leisure Scheme) charity that provides activities for disabled children in West Berkshire. We'd like Scouts to get involved with them on the evening – it's a two-way thing!

Once they're gone, we're building bivouacs – no tents allowed! A separate permission to camp letter will be distributed nearer the time.

TROOP NIGHTS – 14 & 21 JULY

We'll announce where and when nearer the time.

END OF TERM GROUP PARTY AND SLEEPOVER – FRIDAY 23 JULY

Details have gone out about the Group's parent & child sleepover.

We also hope to invest all the new Scouts on this night.

Parents (families) will be most welcome to stay over and join the barbecue. Sorry, unaccompanied Scouts aren't permitted.

SEASIDE TRIP– SATURDAY 31 JULY

There are a few places left on the Group trip to the Seaside. If you wish to go, please sign-up ASAP.

JERSEY EXPEDITION – 15 – 22 AUGUST

Everyone going on summer camp will be fully briefed at the meeting on 23 June.

AUTUMN TERM RESUMES – WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Prepare for apple bobbing, conkers and other autumnal events at the Scout HQ.

Finally, please welcome Hazel Bourton to the Troop who has joined us as a helper.

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