
Introduction

Welcome to the fifth edition of Activities eNews. This newsletter is designed to keep you up to date with the latest developments and opportunities within Activities. It is being emailed to ACCs/AACs Activities, County Duke of Edinburgh's Award Advisers and those with Activities appointments. It will also be available on the Activities pages of ScoutBase UK.

Assessor Workshops

This autumn we will be running two Assessor Workshops, one for land Assessors (climbing, hillwalking, caving, mountain biking etc), and one for water Assessors (canoe, kayak, dinghy, power boating etc). These days are designed to provide technical updates and support to Assessors in carrying out assessments for Adventurous Activity Permits, as well as providing opportunities for peer support and networking.

Land Assessor Workshop

Hathersage – Peak District
Saturday 4 October 2008

Water Assessor Workshop

Broxbourne – Hertfordshire
Sunday 26 October 2008

Booking details and further information are available on ScoutBase UK at:

www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/assessment/workshop.htm

Project Leader

We are looking to recruit a volunteer project leader to support County Assessors in their role. The role involves developing support and support networks for County Assessors. This is likely to involve (although not limited to) the designing and delivering of Assessor workshops, and the development of resources to allow for Assessor workshops and Assessor support locally. It is also likely to involve putting together a project team to deliver these workshops, as well as relying on UK Technical Advisers to provide technical advice and support for individual activities.

Applications close on Monday 30th June and details and further information are available on ScoutBase UK at:

www.scoutbase.org.uk/hq/jobs/volunteer.htm

Project Team Members

Two Project Leaders are currently recruiting volunteers to join their project teams within the UK Activities Team:

Chris McCann is the Project Leader for Supporting Leaders. His team will be delivering resources to help leaders in delivering activities and teaching activities skills as part of their programme

Paul Archer is the Project Leader for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. He is searching for people to be part of a team looking at how to better provide support to the Award within Scouting across England.

Full details can be found on ScoutBase UK at:

www.scoutbase.org.uk/hq/jobs/volunteer.htm

Swimming UK Technical Adviser

We are currently looking to recruit a volunteer UK Technical Adviser for Swimming within the UK Activities Teams. This is primarily a reactive role, providing technical advice and support when needed to the UK Adviser for Activities and Members of the Movement.

Full details can be found on ScoutBase UK at:

www.scoutbase.org.uk/hq/jobs/volunteer.htm

Welcome

We would like to welcome three new members to the UK Activities Team. Nigel Ball has taken on the role of UK Technical Adviser for Caving, Graeme Morrison is now the UK Technical Adviser for Climbing, and Paul Archer is the Project Leader for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award

All three can be contacted via Gilwell Park. Details can be found at:

www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/news/naas.htm

National Support

A quick reminder that members of the UK Activities Team are very happy to visit Regions, Counties or Districts to provide support, run presentations, answer questions etc, for any area of activities. For more information email Barney Poulton and Jess Kelly at activities@scout.org.uk

Diary Dates

Below are listed a number of activity events taking place in 2008. Many of these allow novice levels to take part without the need to bring specialist activity equipment. The fact that we are advertising them does not mean that these events are necessarily vetted or endorsed by The Scout Association nationally. For a full and up to date list of activity events and dates please see:

www.scoutbase.org.uk/direct/events/activitiestemp.htm

Sky High

North Luffenham, Lincolnshire

11 - 13 July 2008

www.skylincs.co.uk

National Scout and Guide Symphony Orchestra Course 2008

Edinburgh

3 - 10 August 2008

www.scoutbase.org.uk/direct/events/nsgso.htm

National Scout and Guide Symphony Orchestra Concerts 2008

Edinburgh

8 - 9 August 2008

www.scoutbase.org.uk/direct/events/nsgso.htm#concerts

National Scout Rifle Championships 2008

National Shooting Centre - Bisley

17 - 19 October 2008

www.scouts-shoot.org.uk/nsarc2k8

National Sedan Chair Rally

Tolmers, Hertfordshire

24 - 26 October 2008

www.sedanchair.org.uk

D of E Expedition Assessors

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award has recently launched a new accreditation scheme for expedition assessors. We are currently working with the Award to map out our transitional process. Once this is done we will start transferring existing Assessors onto the new scheme and making courses available to new assessors.

For now the message is carry on as usual. If you have previously been assessing this section of the Award, please continue to do so.

Permit Scheme Rolling Review

To ensure the Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme remains up to date we are implementing a rolling review of all the checklists and resources that support it. So if you have any thoughts or comments about any specific assessment checklists, factsheets or forms supporting the scheme then please send them in to us. They will then be considered the next time the activity involved is reviewed. Comments should be sent to:

activities@scout.org.uk

Parascending

Following recent changes to the British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association (BHPA) rules, we have also updated The Scout Association Rules regarding Parascending. These affect the use of round canopies for 'two up' experiences and also the minimum ages of those taking part in all parascending activity. Details can be found in POR at:

www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/por/2006/9_19.htm

Factsheet Updates

Details of new and updated factsheets and assessment checklists over the past few months can be found on their dedicated web page at:

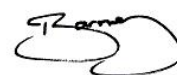
www.scouts.org.uk/recentupdates

Finally...

Thank you for reading this edition of Activities eNews. If you have any ideas that you feel would make future issues even more helpful, please do not hesitate to let us know.



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