



Kea Kakkle



July 2008

National Kea Leaders Newsletter

Greetings to you all,

A lot of events have happened since the last Kea Kakkle and there is a real feeling that we are picking up momentum as another year rushes by.

Already this year with Kea / Cub Day at C-Jam, National Kea Day, the Kea Mountain Challenge and the Centennial Campfire we have all seen Keas and Kea Clubs keen to be involved in getting together to share their fun at these events.

Thank you to all Kea Clubs who have participated in these events, I am sure the fun you shared will become lifetime memories for all. Thank you to those groups that sent in photos and reports to the National Kea Team; it is great to feel connected with what's going on.

Please keep your team connected too, by passing on information in this Newsletter to all Kea Leaders in your Zone.

Another source of information can be found on our website www.scouts.org.nz as Chris Hooper (our CEO) now produces a quarterly newsletter from National Office that includes information from National Section Leaders. Look out for it under downloads, "Sahi Says". Copies also go out via your Group Leader.

Then of course there's the regular weekly Scouting News that comes out via the website or you can be added to their mailing distribution list.



Slippery Kea Day at Stratford.

What's in the pipeline?

Programmes Task Force

The next programme planning team will meet sometime in August/September. We are looking for Kea Leaders to join us - it involves a planning meeting in Wellington and several weeks of completing programmes at home. If you have great programme ideas to share and want to join us we'd love to hear from you. Or if you know of someone let us know and we'll approach them and ask! Contact details at end of this newsletter.

Awards Task Force

Great new things are happening with the new Kea awards scheme. Keas will be earning badges - participation, event and personal challenge badges. Meetings will take place around the country to introduce the scheme in Term 4. Regional Managers will advise you of these dates. Then Zone Kea Leaders will be involved in disseminating information to Kea Leaders. The official launch is the start of Term 1 2009.

The latest programmes have references to specific activities required for the awards, so if KL's keep a record of the ones they've completed Keas can get a head start in achieving their awards.



Marton Keas & Cubs climbed a mountain and saw Mt Ruapehu.

30th Birthday 2009

1 October 2009 – our Kea Scout Section will be 30 years old. Since this date falls in the middle of the school holidays we'd like some feedback on what date you'd officially like to see us celebrate.

Kea Growth Task Force

Jaki Williams has prepared and presented a report to the NEC on progress so far. To date it has involved a lot of fact finding and making recommendations. Thanks go to Jaki and her team for all the valuable groundwork you have done. The work of the task force has been handed on to Jo Ryan who is now working on resource material for Starting new Kea Clubs.

Centenary Campfire

It was great to see the smiling faces of Kea Scouts taking part in the Centenary Campfires held around the country. Although the weather wasn't the best we still got out there and joined in with the other sections – truly giving Keas as taste of what's to come as they progress through the sections.

National Conference

A National Conference is currently being planned for the end of March next year in Wellington. More details to follow but talk about it amongst leaders in your Zone/Group and think about bringing a team down (or up!).

International

Thank you to the Clubs that have offered to communicate with Beaver colonies from England and Canada. What a good experience for Keas to discover the worldwide family of Scouting.

Zone Kea Leaders

Attached to this Kea Kakkle are a few questions we'd like you to discuss with your leaders and return please.

As with any decision made we like to get as many opinions as possible so here's your chance to have your say!

Jo & I will soon be setting up a regular reporting system between ourselves and ZKL's so we're better informed as to what's happening round the Zones. Some of you are great at sharing – others need some lessons and we'd like to hear from all parts of the country.

And finally.....

Now that we have successfully been using the National Programmes for 18 months we move onto the introduction of an Award Scheme. Please make yourselves familiar with it once it's introduced and encourage Kea Leaders likewise. Feel free to contact either Jo or myself with any issues you may have.

Remember....

"The road to SUCCESS is always under construction"
~ *origin unknown*

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Kuki Kea at C-Jam during the Open Day.

