



NOTES and NEWS

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CENTENNARY APPROACHES

It was in January 1907 that Sir Robert Baden-Powell held that memorable camp on Brownsea Island and Scouting was born.

A year later Scouting had spread to NZ, so the next NZ Jamboree (January 2008) will lie midway between the British Centennial Year of 2007 and the NZ one of 2008.

Now is the time for every Group to be planning for every eligible Scout to be at this momentous Jamboree at Christchurch.

Now is the time to be checking who will fall between the ages that can be present, and that means some in the Cub Pack at this time.

Now is the time to be starting the planning and costing - transport jamboree fee, etc.

Now is definitely the time to be starting fundraising, especially on a personal basis by every eligible Scout and Cub.

It has been estimated that it will cost about \$900 a head for a Northland Scout to attend the event, and since there are only about 90 weeks before then it will need a saving of \$10 a week (less any collective fund-raising).

Why not open a special Troop Jamboree A/c and encourage every eligible person to opt in to deposit the equivalent of \$10 a week. Each depositor would have a passbook to record any deposits and a master record would also need to be kept. Interest earned would cover any expenses in handling such an account and should give a surplus.

Of course, any person needing to withdraw from the Jamboree would get a refund of all deposits.

At least two Northland groups have started such a scheme and are finding it most successful and acceptable to parents. 'Little and regularly' is better than chasing a large sum later. The sooner it is started, the easier it is.

A spin-off from this is that those now in the Cub Pack, and eligible for Jamboree 2008, will have an incentive to stay on and join the Troop when 'going-up' time arrives, not to mention present Scouts.

Jim Neal at Hora Hora Group (jimneal@slingshot.co.nz) would be able to supply further details for those interested, and it is to be hoped that you all are keen to get a full complement to this once in a 100 years Jamboree.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 1 Notes & News published
- 3/5 Area Regatta
- 5 Area P&T Committee meets
- 8 Mid week Training
- 10/12 Area Regatta
(reserve weekend)
- 12 Daylight Saving ends
- 12 EMYP Course
- 17/19 National Cub Day - Kai Iwi
Lakes
- 22 Mid Week Training
- 24/26 Campcraft Competiton
- 25 National Council AGM
- 26 Area Kea Kite Day

APRIL

- 2 Area Team meets
- 4 Mid Week Training
- 13 Term 1 ends
- 13/17 Rover Moot (Nth Wairoa)
- 14 Good Friday
- 15 Copy due for Notes & News
- 16 Easter Day
- 17/24 Aviation School
- ?? National Caving School
- 25 Anzac Day

MAY

- 1 Notes & News published
- 1 Term 2 starts
- 7 Area Annual Meeting (and
P&T Committee meeting)
- 20 Rover/Venturer Link
- 20/21 Out & About Course
- 23 Mid Week Training
- 26/28 Cossgrove Course

**A copy of Notes & News
is provided
for each Northland Leader
either on-line or by hard-
copy PLUS one copy for
each Group Secretary.**

**Please be sure your Group
Committee sees its copy.**

GOOD SERVICES RECOGNISED

Congratulations are extended to seven Northland Leaders who had various lengths of service to Scouting recognised in the annual Founders' Day Award list.

The most senior of the awards was the Bar to the Silver Tiki which was awarded to **Barbara Herman**. Barbara has been Area Commissioner for Northland since the end of 1998 and has held other warrants for over 18 years in the Venturer Section at Group, District and Area levels. She has previously been awarded Chief Scout's Commendation 2/86, Medal of Merit 2/91, Bronze Tiki 2/96 and Silver Tiki 2/01.

The Silver Tiki was awarded to the Area Cub Leader, **Gay Lang**. Gay has been very active in the Cub Section for over 20 years having served with the Kamo and Kensington Groups before becoming Area Cub Leader, a position she currently holds. She received the Chief Scout's Commendation 6/90; Medal of Merit 6/95 and Bronze Tiki 8/00.

Nigel Bowen received the Bronze Tiki for service totalling 16+ years in many capacities including Group Treasurer, Area Secretary, Area Lay Rep on National Council, District Commissioner, Assistant Area Water Activities Adviser and presently Area Water Activities Adviser. Previous awards are Chief Scout's Commendation 5/97 and Medal of Merit 2/00.

Other awards went to **Dean Abel**, DC Whangarei (Chief Scout's Commendation) while the Leader Service Award was awarded to **Murray Peters** (Whangarei) and **Ian Seaman** (Whangarei Rovers).

CALLING SCOUT BADGE COLLECTORS

Are you interested in badge collecting, or Scout memorabilia? If so this is for you.

An Italian Scout Leader, Franco Zilio, of Viale Piccolo San Bernardo 15, 11100 Aosta, Italia., who is an avid collector and even has his own private museum wants to make contact with like-minded NZ Leaders.

Further details can be obtained from Maurice Arthur (ph 436 2201) or <ma@infogen.net.nz>. Maurice has met this gentleman and was most impressed with his collection of badges, pins, etc.



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February, March and then April! Easter is fast approaching and so too is the Annual Rover Moot. The Whangarei Rovers are extremely busy organising the camp. We are all getting excited and nervous. It's a big event and applications have been flowing in quickly.

Everything is going along well and we are certain we are planning a spectacular event. We have organised amazing Tours for the participants to go on on the Saturday. Keep an eye out for Rovers in Dargaville, Whangarei and further North.

At the end of January we made the most of these gorgeous summer evenings and gathered at a fellow Rover's place at One tree Point for a BBQ and to show our music trivia knowledge with a few rounds of Buzz.

A small group of Rovers went to Auckland in mid January to help 2 Auckland Rovers celebrate their birthdays. A great night with lots of time to catch up.

In mid March the Whangarei Rovers will be helping the Whangarei Lions Club at their annual Golf Tournament at Denby Golf Course.

.....The Whangarei Crew



Scout Section

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Summer is well and truly here now.

There is the usual mad rush of things to do in February and March.

National Regatta, Auckland, Dec 31,05 - 8 Jan ,06

Northland was represented by Sea Scouts from Shackleton, Onerahi and Doubtless Bay. They did us proud with all Troops coming away with pennants and trophies. Of particular note was Onerahi's winning of the Junior Iron Man while Shackleton came away with a trove of trophies including those for Aggregate Swimming, Intermediate Swimming, Senior and Intermediate Sunburst, Lifesaving, Canoeing and Overall Aggregate. All did very well in the Sunburst sailing with Shackleton winning the Intermediate and Senior, and Onerahi (read Doubtless Bay) taking out the Junior. All three Troops are keen to go to the next National Regatta in three years' time.

Charge Certificate Course, 21/22 January.

The Day Skipper's Course, a component of the Charge Certificate, was held in the Shackleton Group Hall. Nigel Bowen ran an extremely good course that first found out what the group did not know then taught those areas where there was a weakness. All four candidates, - Mike Bull, Graeme Rowland, Heather Wright and Ross Blayney - passed with flying colours. Thank you Nigel.

Founder's Day

Whangarei is holding what promises to be a great weekend at the Ruakaka Camp Grounds. For the Scouts, there will be the annual competition for the Soccer Trophy and on Saturday evening the Raft Race will be held.

Bay of Islands is holding the celebrated Cardboard Cup Race and the Raft race, near the Copthorne Hotel on Sat, 25th February. with a start time of 1400 hrs and a finish of 1730. There will be a family BBQ. Note that the event will go ahead irrespective of the weather!

Campcraft 24/26 March

This will be held at Bland Bay and will take the form of a Survival Camp. There will be an unique badge for all participants. Full details are supplied on the last 2 pages of this issue of *Notes and News*.

For any further info contact Ross or Lucy at 021 164 0482 or email at rosslucy@snap.net.nz

Northland Area Regatta, 3/5 March

This will be at the Kai Iwi Lakes. ALL Scouts are eligible and not just Sea Scouts. The major objective is to get people out on the water. Land based Scouts can enter the Iron Man and Canoeing automatically. The 'Land' Troops have the most and best canoes in Northland anyway. Entry into sailing and rowing events will entail borrowing a cutter and having someone who is competent to look after the safety of those on board. It looks like there will be heaps of Troops coming from Auckland, so come on Northland, let's not let the 'foreigners' outnumber us by too much. There is a badge for all participants and this promises to be a great event.

If the weather does not like this date, the Regatta will be delayed until the following weekend, 10/12 March. Contact Leicester Budd 435 2888 (025 221 9724), or Nigel Bowen 438 9794 (027 277 0947).

Mountain Safety Northland Course dates

We are in the midst of a series of courses on Abseiling. The first was held on 18th Feb and the second on 26th Feb. The final course in the series will be on 26th March from 10am to 5.30pm.

Contact Mike Rowlands (09 407 6336) for any further info.

Useful email addresses

<http://www.realknots.com/knots/index.htm>

This is a good reference site for knot keen Scouts and Leaders. Thanks Dean.

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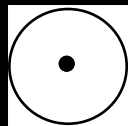
redshaza@xtra.co.nz

NZ Mountain Safety. Sharon Christensen (09 435 2885).

Remember we are always available for help or advice, and if you would like mention of an activity that you or your Troop felt was special just drop us a line.

YIS.

Ross and Lucy.



Gerardus Schenau

In January we paid our final respects to Gerard Schenau, a holder of the Silver Tiki and a long-serving Scouting Member.

Gerard started his Scouting as a lad in Europe and during WW II was an 'underground' Scout when Scouting was outlawed by the Nazi regime. He employed such ruses as carrying documents in his bike handle bars to avoid detection.

He had a great love for the outdoors and tramping and climbing in particular. During his time he climbed in most of the continents, including high altitude climbs on Mount Everest.

This love for nature was imparted to the many hundreds of Scouts with whom he was associated for over 20 years as a Leader, mainly in Whangarei.

At his funeral were a large number of ex-Scouts and Leaders and some of these were the among the pallbearers



B-P Guilds News

The Kea/Cub Fun Night scheduled for 7th November last was a 'non-starter'.

This annual event hosted by the Whangarei B-P Guild usually attracts upwards of 100 youngsters but last year the only ones to be present was the local Cub Pack, and that was only because it was holding its meeting at that time and seemed unaware of the planned event and had not notified parents of the extended time.

This appears to be a bad case of communication breakdown. Despite the event being notified to all Groups near Whangarei with Clubs and Packs, and also advertised in *Notes & News*, Leaders say they knew nothing about it.

What was most disappointing was that the date was altered from the usual timeslot to November at the request of Cub and Kea Leaders from Whangarei.

The Guild asks that if you wish this event to be on the 2006 Calendar that you discuss the matter with your Group and let us know (<dolney@xtra.co.nz>) by the end of April.

We welcome Joan Cresswell back to Whangarei. Joan was Cub Leader for Whau Valley Pack, and was later District Cub Leader and Area LonesOrganiser/ Special Needs Adviser.

SHACKLETON SWIM CHALLENGE

This is being planned for 12th August, but the date may need to be changed later.

Note that the Auckland Swim Challenge is to be on 5th August.

Make a note of these dates on your 2006 Calendar.

NORTHLAND AREA BADGES



Get one for your Blanket or Collection.

Just \$1 each

Send payment with s.a.e. to
Area Badge Secretary, Shirley Olney

Life Members

Nominations are called for Life Members of Scouting Northland. These can be made by any person, for any person, involved in Scouting Northland.

While there are no set criteria, nominations must be accompanied by full details of reasons why such an award should be made. Written nominations close with the Area Commissioner or Asst Area Commissioner (Admin) on Thursday, 13th April, 2006.

All nominations will be considered by a Selection Committee and those accepted for Life Membership will be announced at the Area Annual Meeting on May 7th for ratification.

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“Celebrating the Good Times Outdoors in New Zealand”

There are only a few weeks left until we all head off to Kai Iwi Lakes for a weekend of Friendship and FUN, while putting the ‘OUT’ into ScOUTing and celebrating National Cub Day. I look forward to seeing you all there and would like to thank those Packs who are hosting or helping other Packs with gear, advice etc - you really are ‘True Scouts’ and living up to your promise.

“Programming is the Key to a Successful Pack”

(Thanks to Helen Powell - Canterbury Area Cub Leader)



Our founder, Lord Baden-Powell is often known as ‘B-P’, and those initials also stand for ‘Be Prepared’ which is the scouting motto. Scouting teaches young people many skills, which prepares them for all sorts of situations, but the words speak to us as leaders as well. If you follow these simple guidelines, your programmes will be full, interesting and as stress-free as possible for all concerned.

- • Get all the leaders in your pack together before each term starts and plan the whole term in outline. i.e. decide on the overall theme, the sub-themes for each night, and the main activities that will make up each night’s programme. Details of games etc can be added later.
- • Assign responsibilities for different parts of the programme to each leader, so that everyone has a part to play each night.
- • Prepare a detailed written programme in advance for each pack night, and make sure each leader has a copy. The programme should include a timetable, activities and the name of the leader responsible together with a list of gear required.
- • Arrive to set up at least 15 minutes before the programme begins, so that everything is ready for a prompt start.
- • While one activity is going on, the leader responsible for the next one should make final preparations so that there will be no ‘down-time’ in between. That way, you will fit as much into the evening as possible and prevent the Cubs from getting distracted into less desirable behaviour.

At the end of the evening, do your two-minute evaluation, and then take a few minutes to check out what is happening next week.

- • Rotate the leadership i.e. take turns co-ordinating the programmes, leading Grand Howl, etc. That way, if Akela is ever away, any other leader can confidently step into his/her shoes.
- • For all activities away from the Scout Hall, make sure you fill out your Activity Intention forms in plenty of time. If you plan your term ahead, you can do them all in one go at the beginning of the term and get them out of the way.
- • Send out notices to parents in plenty of time, so that they know what is going to happen and when it is going to occur, so they can also be prepared.
- • Do some succession planning. Always be on the lookout for potential leaders, so that the pack will not fall apart if you have to leave.

Sale of Tatum Park

A meeting of the National Council held on Saturday 11 February received a report and general briefing on an offer to buy Tatum Park.

After some discussion the meeting agreed that the property should be sold and endorsed the Executive Committee's intention to negotiate and if possible secure a binding position that can be reported in detail to the Annual General Meeting at Tatum Park in March.

It is intended that conditions for the sale will include undertakings to retain Scouting heritage sites and names in the park and priority access for Scouting use.

Forward Planning Concepts Group Report

I attended the AC's meeting in Wellington at the weekend, and the proposed programme for hearing about, discussing, finalising and moving on to the recommendations from the Forward Planning Concepts Group is as follows:

- 25th March** - Presentation to National Council.
- April/May** - NEC presentation roadshows in each Area.
- 20th May** - NEC adopts the concepts and finalises the future plan.
- 3/4 June** - National Conference where "New Scouting - Moving Forward" will be presented, followed by implementation.

It is imperative that we all get behind this initiative. The Way Ahead did not work. Other earlier initiatives have not worked. This one HAS to work, or Scouting will have a 0 number of members in 2013 as the downward trend of numbers indicate.

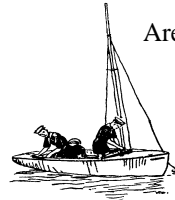
Young people today need Scouting even more than in past eras, so let us NOT let it die.

I will keep you fully informed as information comes to hand, but you need to read and take on board that information.

Be sure you have notified us of your email address as that is the quickest, and most cost effective way to keep you informed of any developments.

Barbara Atkinson

WATER ACTIVITIES



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The **Area Regatta** is about to be staged at the Kai Iwi Lakes over the weekend of 3/5 March (or the following weekend should bad weather force a postponement).

A very full programme of competitions has been planned for a near record number of over 200 expected participants.

Congratulations to the four Leaders who sat the test for the **Day Skipper Certificate**. MiKe Bull, Graeme Rowlands, Heather Wright and Ross Blayney all passed with marks ranging from 97% to 100%. A very pleasing outcome. Well done.

This test is part of the **Charge Certificate** requirements. Contact me if you wish to know more about this. The Charge Certificate is a self-choice module in the Adult Training Programme





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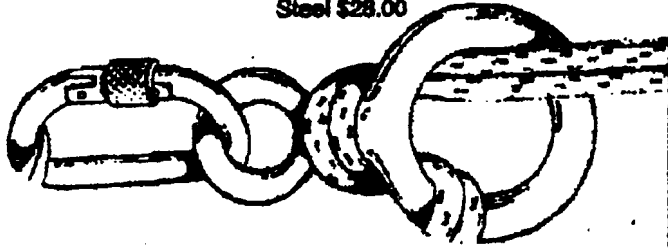
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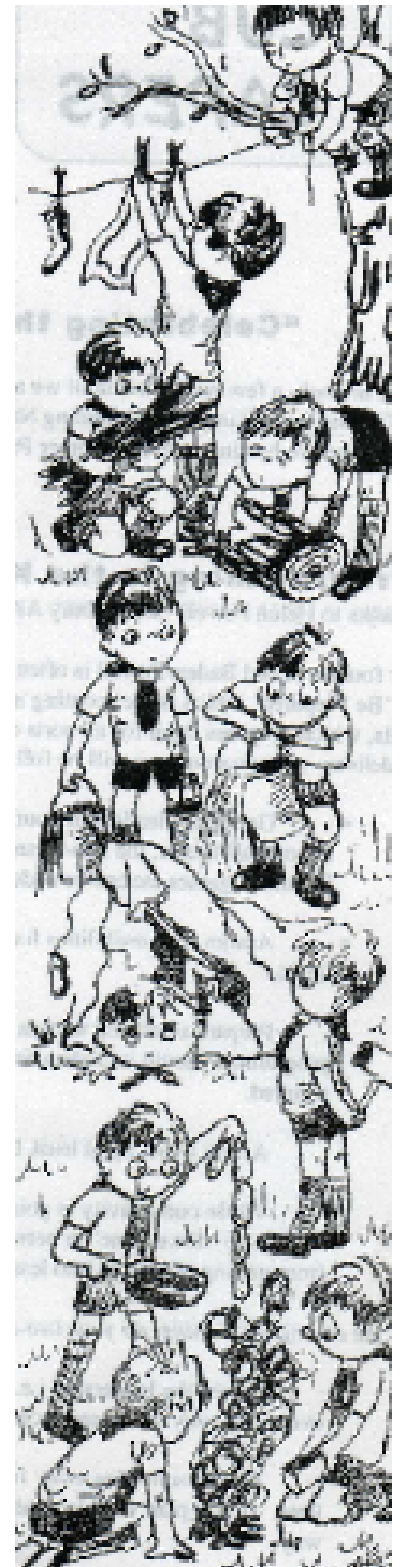
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In building our relationship with Outward Bound, who have very similar goals to those of Scouting, they have offered two sponsored places on one of their Classic courses.

Available for 17- 26 year olds (who cannot be school students) the course will be held Friday 3 June to Saturday 23 June 2006.

The cost of the programme is \$2950.00 and this will be covered by Outward Bound sponsorship.

Participants will only be required to find \$195 deposit and the cost of their travel to and from the Outward Bound, Anakiwa, Marlborough Sounds facility.

In the first instance Leaders may nominate youth, and youth members can apply directly to National Office with a short note explaining why they believe they should be chosen for the sponsorship.

Applications need to be finalised by Wednesday 19 April 2006.

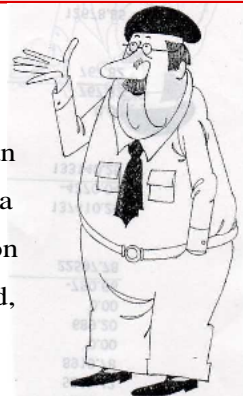
Outward Bound courses are life-changing experiences and are well regarded by employers when they are looking for leadership material.

A FUNDRAISER IDEA

All too often we see young people (and some not so young) discarding 5c coins these days as not worth pocketing. As they are going out of circulation shortly, why not start a special appeal to 'take them off people's hands'.

This could be a fruitful source of cash for the Unit or Patrol funds.

Sorry, Geoffrey. Your ideas for a junior organ transplant badge and a part time brain surgeon badge have, I'm afraid, been rejected.





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Hi Everyone. Welcome to 2006 . I hope you all had a good break and are refreshed and ready for the new Scouting year. I say new, not only because it is 2006, but it is going to be the first full year for the modularized Training Scheme.

It is the perfect opportunity for everyone to review their skills, enhance their knowledge base and to extend their ability to provide a 'quality' programme by participating in the Training.

By the time you read this we will have run Scouting Principles in both Whangarei and Bay of Islands and hopefully some of the old hands have come out of the woodwork to either assist or re-affirm their understanding of what Scouting is about. Of course we mustn't forget the Boating Charge Certificate which was run in January ^
Thanks Nigel.

Let's now look forward to an already full March.

We intend running the Effective Management of Young People Course, in Whangarei on 12th March (notices will be out soon).

Recruitment & Retention ^ midweek ^ 8th March for Managers & Supporters (venues to be advised).

Scouting for All (Self Choice) ^ required by Section Leaders for Advanced Training Woodbadge

An interesting course about equal opportunities for all those entering Scouting. ^ midweek ^ 22nd March.

Both midweek courses will be run depending on the number of interested Leaders Please let your GL, DC, or me know ASAP so we can arrange suitable venues.

That's all for now folks. Please review and reflect on your own personal Training needs. Let us know and we'll provide.

Looking further ahead the Northland 'Scouting Family' will be getting together for Out and About in May.

In the meantime try and get on a suitable Community First Aid Courseor renew your old Certificate---that reminds me!!!

I look forward to presenting lots of Gilwell Woggles this year !!!!

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PLAYING THE GAME

I remember a visit to a Troop. As I entered the door a young Scout thrust a pole into my hand and said ,
"Here, take my place in the game."

"What are the rules and how do you score?" I asked

"Rules?" was the reply. "There are neither rules nor goals. We probably wouldn't keep the first nor remember the second so we prefer to do without."

It was a marvellous game that we had.

..Page 8....**Lord Hampton, ex Chief Commissioner for UK**

CAMPCRAFT 2006

Scout Section Patrol Camping Competition

24, 25, 26, March 2006

Bland Bay Whangarei

CAMPCRAFT REGISTRATION:

Send to Ross Blayney PO Box 289 Whangarei. 021 164 0482 giving number of Patrols and likely number of Scouts
All Patrol registrations to be received **no later than 5 March 2006** (By phone call is OK)
Fees: \$5.00 per Person

STARTING POINT

At Bland Bay Any time on Friday 24th March in the evening after 6.00pm

PICK UP POINT

At Bland Bay 3.00pm on Sunday 26th March

PROGRAMME BRIEF

Friday night

1800 onward. Entry for everyone at Bland Bay. Large Tarps will be provided for all for evening shelter. Make up beds etc.
Your evening meal will not be judged.

2130 PLC

Saturday

0700 Breakfast (You supply your own)

0800 Set off to your allocated area.

Your Patrol is on its own.

Sunday

1200 Return to Bland Bay, Scouts Own, Service projects.

1300 Lunch. Final full inspection and hand in patrol logs

1500 Presentation of the trophy and pickup from Bland Bay

POINTS ALLOCATION FOR THE COMPETITION

Will be based on

1. Your Patrol's ability to provide for the essentials of survival (Attitude, Air, shelter, warmth, water, food), **in that order**.
2. Your Patrol Spirit. (Leadership, teamwork, work allocation).
3. Your Patrol's ability to signal to rescuers your location and that you require help.
4. Required paper work (Activity Intention Forms, Parent Consent Forms, A list of patrol members with address and contact person and phone numbers). Listing Patrol members' specific responsibilities or areas of expertise could also be helpful. (eg PL, APL, Shelter, Water, Fire, Food, First Aid, Hygiene, Cooking etc.)
5. Each Patrol will need to compile its own gear list and be able to justify all items and any omissions especially in your First Aid / Survival Kits.
6. Your Patrol Log (Content, illustrations, detail of activities undertaken). The log of your weekend activities will have a significant effect on your points total, as it will be your record of what you did and how your patrol worked together over the weekend. You will take it back to your Troop and your Patrol box .

SAFETY

1. No member of a Patrol may go anywhere by themselves (Buddy system) .
2. No group from the Patrol is to separate from the rest of the Patrol without the PL's express permission for a specific task.
3. Each Patrol must prepare a system of signals to aid rescuers. This system is to be used if any Patrol requires urgent help from the Organisers or Judges.

MENU

1. The Patrol is to bring or provide for food for its members for Friday night Tea, Saturday Breakfast and Sunday Lunch. None of these meals will be judged and the contents of the menu is left to the Patrol to decide on.
2. Food for Saturday lunch, Saturday tea and Sunday lunch is to be found and prepared by the Patrol.
3. These meals, at whatever time they are had, will be judged for energy value, the way in which they are prepared and cleanup.
4. Your log must record the finding, harvesting, cooking, eating and disposal of waste for all food.

RULES

1. **NUMBERS** Patrols to be of no less than three and no more than eight. Come into camp as your normal patrol but some minor replacements of members will be accepted if someone cannot attend. If your competing Patrol includes anyone who is not a normal member of that Patrol, you will have to explain to the judges the reasons for including them. The judges may then
 1. Accept your reasons
 2. Apply a points penalty
 3. Allow your mixed Patrol to compete, but exclude your patrol from being eligible to receive Buffalo Horns Trophy (All Scouts arriving will however, be able to do the Survival Camp)
2. Cell phones are not allowed for this competition. No video games or radios.
3. Report in on arrival as your full Patrol. Hand in all your paper work.
4. No patrol warfare or raiding.
5. All patrols will be completely self-sufficient.
6. Scout Scarves and sun hats must be worn at all times. Scout uniform is not needed or required.
7. Emphasis is on how you function as a Patrol, ingenuity for camp comfort and in general living at ease in the outdoors without normal camping gear.
8. Fires are your cooking and heat source. Practice, become proficient and safe
9. Swimming will be an option so bring togs/towel, hat & sunscreen. Permissible only at the Camp Chief's discretion. (Likely to be only on Friday evening and Sunday afternoon.)
10. The Scout Law is to be the basis for all your actions

NOTES.

This is a patrol based survival camp competition.

Although it is a competition for the buffalo horns, having fun, learning new skills and getting to know both your own Patrol and other Northland Scouts better are key aspects to this weekend.

Skills that will be required and tested include

Teamwork, Selection of suitable clothing, Campsite selection, Principles of Shelter and construction, Water finding, Solar stills, Water storage and ensuring its cleanliness, Finding, preparing and cooking food, Use of fires for warmth and cooking, Knowledge of maps and direction finding, Health and hygiene including disposal of faeces, Safety for yourself and your patrol (including hypothermia), Ability to record you activities, Ability to help rescuers find you.

It is up to your patrol to decide how you use your pieces of plastic. Points will be allocated on the basis of functionality (protection for all the Patrol from the elements), skill and speed in erecting and for returning the area to its original state.

Scout Section Leaders and other adults are welcome to come and do the competition as a Patrol. You would need to bring the same gear as a competing Scout Patrol and pay the same fee. We can arrange you into one or more Patrols on your arrival and you would also get the Campcraft badge

This competition will proceed irrespective of the weather. So Be Prepared.

The patrols will sleep at different locations for Friday and Saturday.

The Activity Permit that the Scouts fill out and their Leader signs and sends to their DC covers the Scouts from their hall to Bland Bay on the Friday and from Bland Bay back to their hall on the Sunday. The Activity Permit that covers the Event itself and goes to the Area Training Leader with a copy to the DC of the District in which it is being held, is applied for by the Campcraft Organisers.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

(For Friday evening and Saturday prior to 0800)

1. Whatever your patrol wants to bring and carry
2. Your patrol will need to cook or bring Friday tea and supper, Saturday breakfast and Sunday Lunch
3. Sleeping gear, pillow, toiletries etc.
4. You do not require a tent as shelter will be provided

EQUIPMENT FOR THE COMPETITION ITSELF

(For the period of the Survival part of the Competition (0800 Saturday to 1200 Sunday))

1. Warm clothing that you are wearing
2. Sleeping bag in a completely waterproof bag
3. A waterproof parka or raincoat
4. Your First aid / Survival kit. For the purposes of this competition, it must be no larger than 75 x 75 x 75mm (or this volume) and it is to contain no food
5. Boots or good ankle supporting shoes
6. You are not to take a pack, food, shelter or cooking equipment of any kind.

In addition each person will be provided with

1. 2 square metres of plastic
2. 200g of self raising flour
3. Three small potatoes

And each Patrol will be provided with

1. A list of food known to be present at the site at that time of year.
2. The equipment to produce a logbook.