



NOTES and NEWS

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**JOTA/
JOTI**

WOW

Good weather
Good fellowship
Good fun!



This sums up the Jota/Joti weekend camp held at the Whangarei BHS.

Over 200 Keas, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders joined together to taste new experiences and to make new friends.

Because of the good work done by our tutors we were able to make contacts with Scouts in every continent during the weekend, and this in itself was a great reminder of the world-wide fellowship that exists in Scouting.

A parallel programme of activities kept everybody active while awaiting use of the equipment. As the pictures show, these were most enjoyable.

Such a programme does not just happen and thanks go to all concerned in the organisation.

THANKS

Special thanks to Esther for the Cub programme supported by numerous Leaders, To Jenny Calder of Kamo and Whangarei SAR for the Scout Saturday Programme

To Andy Dowdle and his team for the Sunday Scout programme.

To Guy Ellingham for the JOTI base

To Gay Lang and John van Veen for the Campfire.

To Alan Wheatly for support and keeping the water flowing and the toilet rolls coming.

Finally to all the Leaders and participants who came and put good Scouting into practice by having fun .

Apologies to anyone who has been missed out.

p/s Special thanks to Mike Rowlands for persisting with the idea and seeing it through!



Doubtless Bay Scouts and Cubs Hit the Snow

On Saturday, 4th October we made an early start heading south from the Taipa Scout Den. First port of activity was in Auckland where several members enjoyed the Laser Guns -Scouts versus Cubs and Parents. Great action-packed game!!

Then it was on to the Cosy Cottage in Rotorua. One of our families had left earlier in the week, so on Saturday headed to Cosy Cottage during the afternoon and put our dinner on to cook in the steaming ovens. What a great welcome for us - so after lots of fun in the outdoor heated swimming pool and the adults well soaked in the mineral pools we sat down to share a delightful array of foods from the steam cookers.

On Sunday we awoke to the rain so the luge trip was abandoned and it was off to the Ten Pin Bowling Alley - what fun. We visited the old Bath House which is now a museum and found that to be very interesting. It was then off to National Park where we stayed at Pukenui Lodge (highly recommend).

Monday was a wet, cold day on the mountain, however we all braved the elements, got everyone kitted up in their hire gear and out to ski-ing and snowboarding lessons. By mid afternoon we were heading back to the Lodge - so much the wiser for experiencing the challenging weather mountains are known for in winter.

Tuesday arrived and the weather was so bad that Mt Ruapehu was closed, so we headed through Ohakune to Waiouru and a visit to the ArmyMuseum. It was mid afternoon when we left there and drove to the hot pools in Turangi. Swimming in the heated pools while the rain is pounding down is a great experience! Back to the Lodge and that evening we had an indoor campfire complete with very entertaining skits and singing.

Wednesday saw the weather a little improved and the mountain was opened but vehicle parking only as high up as Carpark 10. So off we went again. This time, knowing what to expect from the elements and with clothing exchanges between members we were much better prepared. The falling snow was beautiful and fresh but turned to horizontal rain by afternoon. Much snowboarding and ski-ing at different mountain levels was achieved - some even in areas not designed for skiing in!! During our time on the snow the cloud hung so low that we couldn't make out where the Scout Lodge was. At times visibility was down to a few metres.

Thursday saw us packing up and heading north again arriving back about 10.30pm. We travelled about 2220kms and what an enjoyable journey.



The Te Araroa Walkway Challenge Weekend December 6th and 7th 2008

Do you "talk the talk" or "walk the walk"?

This is a walk of epic proportions and an event so special that everyone within the Movement needs to participate

The Te Araroa Trust has given Scouting New Zealand permission to undertake a "walkway weekend" in advance of the official opening of the walkway.

This event, to coincide in our Centennial year, will mark the "Grand Finale" to the Centennial celebrations. It is anticipated that the whole NZ Scouting Movement will, from various points of access throughout the country and utilising the different trails of the walkway, walk the entirety of the walkway over the weekend of 6 and 7 December 2008.

Here is a challenge for every Northland group. Seek out where the Te Araroa Walkway is in your locality and prepare to be part of this huge event. Watch for more details from our Regional Coordinator.

See www.teararoa.org.nz/trail_maps.php for details of local trails.

REGIONAL REPS on National Council

Each Region is entitled to have 5 elected reps on the National Council.

Because of resignations, **2 vacancies** exist at present and **nominations are sought** to fill these vacancies, one of whom must be between the age of 18 and 26 years.

Nominations close on November 7th, with the postal ballot closing on December 19th.

Ballot papers will be sent to all Group Leaders and Zone Leaders by 14th November. Be sure your Group exercises its right to vote by returning the ballot paper on time.

The other current Regional Reps are Peter Bayne, Garry Froggatt and Kelly Tisdall.



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Hi everyone,

I am writing this 3 days before JOTA/JOTI reading and re-reading lists, notes and check sheets to ensure the frame work for a great weekend is in place. I say the framework because that is all we can do to provide a skeleton on which to hang the programme but it is for you and the youth to inject life and make it move and shake. At this stage according to Metvuw it looks like the rain will pass, but on the basis of our recent history of Zone events????

Hopefully you were prepared and brought a rain coat, but it didn't rain and we had a good weekend.

Big OOOOOOOPPPPS

I have not filed an **ACTIVITY PERMIT** , THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN HIGH ON MY LIST !!!!! So guess what my next job is!!!!

Yes, please be aware it is easy to forget, in the enthusiasm of planning an activity. The activity permit is our security and safeguard to say we have done the planning, advised everyone, organised the risk management and that we are Prepared!!!

With Summer coming on, there will be more days out, events away from your hall and of course camps, whether organised by yourself or you may be tagging along with another Group.

ACTIVITY PERMITS MUST BE FILLED IN SIGNED OFF BY THE GL and a copy to me TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE EVENT PREFERABLY.

Boat Surveys for Sea Scout Cutters and the like also fall into this **MUST DO** category, water craft should not be used without a current survey.



On **November 9th** we will have our own special Zone presentation on New Scouting, where it is at and where it is going. There are a number of topics to be presented and discussed, on the plan for the 'roll out' of the new Youth Award scheme and handbooks, also the Adult Training Scheme, National Programmes, National Events, UNIFORM, re-branding Scouting NZ and a host more other things.

Please ensure your Group and all your sections and supporters are represented i.e. we want you all there.

Please we need your feedback - your involvement - your responses.

Now I had better get on and fill out my Activity Permit---now where did I put that blank form? Who was the contact person? Will they be home???

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A SPECIAL CONFERENCE

for ALL Leaders, Committee and Parents



The Regional Manager, Ian Nicholson, will be coming up to lead a very important Conference and to inform us all of the many changes that are being implemented at this time.

The Conference will be held in the Hora Hora Scout Hall, Te Mai Rd, Maunu, Whangarei on SUNDAY, 9th NOVEMBER, starting at 1000hrs prompt and finishing at approx 1530hrs.

There is no charge, and morning, afternoon tea and lunch will be provided, but it is essential that you register your intention to attend by November 1st. Your Group Leader has the registration form and full details.

This is a very important gathering so do make every effort to be there yourself.

0945
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1045

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1400

1430

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PROGRAMME	
	Cuppa
	Introduction and welcome
	National Update:
	- National Events
	- National Conference
	- Uniform Review
	- 2008 Census overview
	- Scouting Brand
	- Communication
	- Q & A
	Regional Update
	- Staffing
	- Priorities
	- Census - local perspectives
	- Q & A
	Youth Awards Scheme
	- Roll Out
	- Full Overview
	- Detailed presentation
	- Q & A
	LUNCH
	National Programmes
	- Section Transitions Q & A
	- Effectiveness of National Programmes
	- How could they be improved
	- Future initiatives
	- Recruitment of Task Force members
	- Feedback on what does and doesn't work
	- Q & A
	Adult Leader Training
	- Future vision
	- Q & A
	Scouting Associates
	- How does it work
	- How could it be more effective
	- What should National do to foster this.
	- Q & A
	Questions, wrap up and close
	Afternoon tea

Did you know.....?

1957 was the 50th Jubilee of Scouting and on March 9th, 1957 the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts of Whangarei under the patronage of the Divisional Commissioner, Mrs K Harrison, and the District Commissioner, Mr Sid Dark, combined to present a Tattoo at Rugby Park, Whangarei.

Rugby Park, in those days was the field that we used to camp on for JOTA this year.

Items were presented by Scouts, Guides, Brownies and Cubs, Salvation Army Band, Whangarei & County Pipe Band, Junior Scottish Club, Maori Entertainment Group, De Mon Gymnastic Group, Motor Cyclists' display and the Whangarei Municipal Band. Included in the programme was a fireworks display from on top of a signal tower that Scouts, using pioneering skills, had constructed..

A 36 page programme explaining all this cost just 2/6 (25 cents).

