



NOTES and NEWS

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A TRAINING OPPORTUNITY TOO GOOD TO MISS!!

Over the weekend of Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th October 2009, the Zone will be running training sessions in Kerikeri. This training will cover the first three blocks of adult training which will take leaders, both old and new, right up to just below the final Woodbadge course.

On the Saturday I will be running an Initial and Introduction course which is mainly aimed at new adult leaders and those leaders who have been around a few years who have not completed the old 'First 100 days' and 'Ongoing training' courses from the old scheme.

On the Sunday I will be running the new Practical course which is the equivalent of the old training scheme's Advanced Course.

I would encourage as many leaders as possible to step up to the plate and complete these training requirements. I will not be looking to run another Practical course until next year so this may be your only opportunity for some time to come.

Old scheme

First 100 days
Ongoing training
Advanced training
SAPD woodbadge course

New scheme

Introduction block
Initial block
Practical block
SAPD woodbadge course

An application form is on page 4.

Applications **must** be in by Sunday
6th September 2009 to secure a place on the course.

Upper North Island Conference

When: 18th October 2009

Who: ALL Leaders/Rovers/Venturers

**Northland had a wonderful representation
at the
2009 National Conference in Wellington**

**Can Northland have an even
BIGGER & BETTER
turn out at the 2009 Regional Conference
in Auckland**

**COME ON Northland
Let's show the rest of the Region
that NZ doesn't stop at the
Auckland Harbour Bridge !!!!!**

Chris Rumens
Zone Training Leader

CONGRATULATIONS

to

Serianna Crook.

Serianna has been appointed as an
Upper North Island Region rep on the
National Venturer Council.

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Region Office in Auckland on any Scouting
matter just phone
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Gay's Message

A Reason, a Season or a Lifetime

There is a saying that *“people come into your life for a reason, a season or a lifetime. When you know which one it is, you will know what to do for that person”*

I guess Leaders are like that - some people become Leaders for a reason, some for a season and some for a lifetime

A Reason - usually because their child has become involved and as long as the child remains in Scouting then they will remain a Leader, but the moment their child leaves, so do they

A Season - usually the person has decided that they have something they would like to give or share with others in Scouting, but once they have done that, they decide to move on and offer their services else-where

A Lifetime - these are the Leaders who are in there for the long haul. For them Scouting is not something that they “do” for a couple of hours once or twice a week, it is instead a “way of life”. They ‘live’ Scouting every day of their lives - Scouting permeates their whole life - it influences the choices they make, it colours their values and it impacts on the way they act - they are SCOUTS, in or out of uniform

Well, I wonder which type of Leader you are - a reason, a season or a lifetime???

Whatever category you fit into I must thank you for the time and effort you have given to Scouting. I would also like to give an extra special thank you to your family (your spouse, your children, your parents) who have unselfishly shared you with your “other” family - your Scouting Family. Without them and you making the sacrifices you do, Scouting would not survive and all our young and not so young people would miss out on the chance to experience this wonderful organization that Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell founded over 100 years ago

Gay

Activity Permits

issued recently in Northland Zone

- o Whangarei Combined Venturers
- o Pitstop 2009 (Motu Moana)
- o Doubtless Bay
- o Fire Station Visit (Mangonui)
- o Photography School (Wellington)
- o Hora Hora
- o Campground Visit (Ruakaka)
- o Vertical Playground (Whangarei)
- o Kerikeri
- o Bushcraft Camp (Towai)
- o Kamo
- o Adventure Weekend (Auckland)
- o Shackleton
- o Sailing Expenditure (cancelled)
- o Cub Camp (Tangihua Lodge)
- o Swimming (Aquatic Centre)
- o Swim Challenge (Auckland)
- o Adventure Challenge (Woodhill Forest)
- o Swimming (Aquatic Centre)
- o Swim Challenge (Aquatic Centre)
- o Limestone Island Visit (Whangarei Harbour)
- o Airport Visit (Onerahi)
- o Fire Station Visit (Whangarei)
- o Ruakaka
- o Tramp (Whangarei Heads)
- o Swimming (Aquatic Centre)
- o Zone
- o Kea Day (Hora Hora)

Upcoming Events

(Not all of these are set in concrete so watch for updates)

- ♣ 18th/20th Sept- Velocity Workshop @ Motu Moana
- ♣ 19th/20th Sept- Sandford Course @ Lonsdale Park
- ♣ 19th/20th Sept - Training Regatta @ Parua Bay
- ♣ 25th Sept Term 3 ends
- ♣ 26th Sept Kea Day
- ♣ 26/27th Sept Day Skipper (Pt1)
- ♣ 28th Sept/5th Oct - Snow School
- ♣ 3rd/4th Oct Day Skipper (Pt 2)
- ♣ 6th/10th Oct - Mountaincraft School
- ♣ 10th Oct New Leaders Course @ Kerikeri
- ♣ 11th Oct Practical Scouting Course @ Kerikeri
- ♣ 12th Oct Term 4 starts
- ♣ 17th Oct - JOTA/JOTI
- ♣ 17th Oct Regional Youth Forum @ Motu Moana
- ♣ 18th Oct - UNI Regional Conference @ Dilworth School
- ♣ 30th Oct/2nd Nov Training Regatta @ Taipa
- ♣ 13th/15th Nov - Campcraft @ Hukerenui
- ♣ 1st/10th Jan 2010 - Venture V10 “Open Your Eyes” @ Wellington
- ♣ 8th/22nd Jan 2010 - Walsh Memorial Scout Fying School
- ♣ 17th/23rd Jan 2010 Canoe School
- ♣ 29th Dec/ 6th Jan 2011 - 19th N Z Scout Jam boree @ Mystery Creek



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Lack of interest and numbers caused me to **cancel the proposed Sandford** I was hoping to run in September. Kerikeri is trying to get another one up to replace this.

Due to the lack of interest, and response to emails generally, the preparation for the September Sandford, the October Cosgrove and this year's Campcraft I will not be progressing any further at this stage.

Until I have enough indicated positive interest there is not much point in me spending any time on them. Personally time wise and organisationally I can do them in my sleep. However I will only do it for motivated Leaders who want them for their Scouts. LEADERS - the Scouts will only do what you allow them to do. You may not be interested but the Scouts need to do the Cosgrove and Sandford and to some extent the Northland Campcraft to advance through the current Award scheme.

This scheme is more attuned to the needs of the Scout section than the previous Award scheme. The literature and badges are out there to get the Scouts onto the programme. If you are not running the Award scheme in your Troops then I would suggest you are running a youth group and you need to look at why you are doing the Job. The Current Award scheme provides plenty of opportunities for Troop night and weekend programme planning. Programme planning to attend a Campcraft weekend can easily take up a whole term of Scout nights.

Badges only take a couple of days to get up from Scouting Direct and they are not any more expensive than the last Award Scheme Badge costs.

Personal records can either be kept on the electronic version or download the Record Card form Scouting NZ and get it printed onto light card and hold in a Troop folder.

There are a few motivated leaders out there but I am only hearing/reading silence from the rest. Numbers wise Northland can only effectively and financially run one Sandford and Cosgrove a year. In years past when Troop and Scout numbers were greater we were running two Sandfords and Cosgroves per year.

If this current apathy continues then the Scout section in Northland is doomed to collapse. Troop and Scout interaction via the Sandford and Cosgrove Courses, Campcraft, Raft races, soccer and other inter troop Competitions are vital to maintain a healthy interest.

If you attend and take part in the above it will give you a good indication of where you are at as a leader. If your Scouts do well that is a reflection on you as a leader and teacher. If they are not doing so well it is more likely to be inexperience rather than poor leadership. By continuing to attend these events and training courses you and your Scouts will improve and enjoy your SCOUTING more.

It takes about three years of attending a Campcraft Competition for a Scout to get the experience to challenge for the top three places at Campcraft.

Cosgrove and Sandford numbers require a minimum of 12-18 scouts to run.

Campcraft I wouldn't run unless there are at least 6 Patrols to attend.

The ball is in your court. If you need help you have my email and contact numbers.

Northland Scouts is in your hands.

Warren Bunn



Shackleton Swim Challenge Results

Cubs

- 1st Shackleton
- 2nd Kamo
- 3rd Maungaturoto
- 4th Whangarei Young Mariners
- 5th Kerikeri
- 6th Doubtless Bay

Scouts

- 1st Shackleton
- 2nd Kerikeri
- 3rd Kamo
- 4th Whangarei Young Mariners
- 5th Doubtless Bay

Venturers

- 1st = Whangarei Combined Venturers/Shackleton
- 3rd Doubtless Bay
- 4th Whangarei Young Mariners

Overall Winner

– Shackleton

Training Shop

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**Northland Leader Training Weekend
Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th October 2009.**

Dear leaders/helpers,

On Saturday 10th October 2009 Northland Zone will be running a **New Leaders Introduction and Initial Course**. This course covers those leaders who have either just joined Scouting or have been in for some time but have not completed what was 'The First 100 Days' (old course).

The following day, Sunday 11th October 2009 the Zone will be running the next level of training being the **Practical course**. This covers all of the topic and training material to just below the Woodbadge course (SAPD) level.

For those new to scouting you have the choice to either attend the Saturday only or both days. For more established leaders, elements of the Saturday would be of interest (new training scheme for young people) but the Sunday would be strongly beneficial towards Woodbadge completion.

As the Zone trainer, I do not envisage running too many of the Practical courses each year as the logistics are considerable so I would urge as many of you as possible to sign up and attend on Sunday 11th October.

Kind regards

Chris Rumens
Zone Training Leader

Application form

Full name:

Address:

Home landline number:

Work landline number:

Cell phone number:

Email address:

Scout Group:

Which section: Kias/Cubs/Scouts/Ventures/Rovers/Zone/Group

Role within section: Main leader/Assistant leader/Helper/Unsure

Any medical conditions:

Days I will attend: Saturday/Sunday/both

Any other comments or requests:

DAY SKIPPER'S COURSE (Charge Certificate)

A Day Skippers Course is to be held in Whangarei over two weekends, 26-27 September and 2-4 October, most probably at Shackleton Sea Scout Den but venue to be confirmed.



The first weekend will start with a short test to assess where everyone is at followed by two solid days of theory training. The second weekend is the Day Skipper exam followed by practical work and testing on the water under oars and sail..

We are very fortunate that Nigel Bowen has been able to secure a good price namely \$60 which includes the Exam Fee \$35, Manual \$15 and reimbursement of expenses \$10.

For those leaders wishing to obtain their Charge Certificate the Day Skipper Exam is a vital component.

Would all interested parties please direct their interest to Heather Wright via email to heatherw@igrin.co.nz



Most Kea Clubs are chugging along braving the winter weather and Kea absences due to illness.

We have heard that the Terms National Programme, 'Earth, Wind and Fire' is going well. There are plenty of great activities in this programme. Keas have been cleaning up the 'Earth', making fossils, volcanoes and lots of things that fly, some Clubs are off to visit an airport as well. It is good to see Fire Safety incorporated in the programme. I know this is covered well in most school but it is something that doesn't hurt to be touched on many times.

The highlight of the term for the Zone Kea Leaders has been getting Dargaville Keas up and running again. This has been accomplished mainly by Claire with lots of hard work and extra Kea meetings to run. We thank Brian Burnett the Dargaville Group Leader for his work and support.



All in!

Claire reports that there are 3 prospective Kea Leaders and she is investing 13 Keas on the 18th August. Well done everyone!

On Saturday 15th August from 6.00-7.00pm Claire and I ran the Kea section of the Shackleton Swim Challenge with the help from, Kea leaders. Once again the learner's pool at the Whangarei Aquatic Centre was full of about 25 happy Keas having FUN! There were Keas from Kamo, Hora Hora, Maungaturoto, Shackleton and Kerikeri.

They sang the Kea song, did a great whirl pool and played a variety of fast moving games like, "Balloon volley ball" and "Stuck in the net". The event ended with the Kea Yell and every Kea got a certificate, lollypop and balloon. Congratulations to Maungaturoto Kea Club who won the trophy for having the most invested Keas participating. Great effort Maungaturoto!

The main event in 2009 for Keas is the 'Keas 30th Birthday'. Zone is holding "Kea Day" on Saturday 26th September 10.00am-2.00pm at Hora Hora Scout Den in Whangarei. The theme is 'Birthday Party', and there are heaps of fun activities being planned. Please encourage your Keas to come along to this day. All leaders have been sent information about Kea Day. This event nicely 'kicks off' term 4's programme "Keas 30th Birthday and Trek it".

We have been delighted with the increase of Kea Leaders in Northland Zone and the census shows that we have 28 more invested Keas this year than last.

Well done everyone. Leaders keep up your great work it is much appreciated.

**Anne Grbin ZKL
Claire McSkimming AZKL**

Ready for the plunge at the Swim Challenge



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Notes from the Zone Venturer Leader

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First off let me take this chance to introduce myself. I am Brian Corney and I have recently taken over the role of Zone Venturer Leader. Over the next month I will be **visiting all of the Northland Venturer Units** to get to meet you all and to discuss the new Venturer Award Scheme, Communication, planned Venturer training for 2010 and setting up a Zone Venturer Council.

Sarianna Crook is attending the National Venturer Council on the 29th August 2009 making your voices heard so if you have any Venturing issues you want discussed at a National level either contact Sarianna or me.

The other important date to mark on your calendar is The **Regional Youth Forum** being held in Auckland on the 18th October. It is a great chance for you to debate issues relevant to Senior Scouts, Venturers and Rovers. If you need any information regarding this Forum get in touch.

I look forward to meeting you all over the next month.

Yours in Venturing

Brian Corney



Great to hear that Shaun Peacock (Shackleton) and Kathie Morrioso (Doubtless Bay) have completed their Queen AScout Award.

Well done to both of them!



Lightweight Camping
(Venturer Style)



It is good news to hear that Rover Scouting still exists in Northland Zone.

The new Northland Rover Crew, that meets in the old Kensington/Te Arahi Den, has now been registered and the scarf design has been approved..

The first batch of scarves has been made and takes the form of the Zone scarf, with the standard Northland Zone Badge at the peak

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TIKIPUNGA SCOUT HALL

The Tikipunga Scout Hall is on the market.

It failed to sell at auction, but has now been placed on the open market.

Interest in its purchase has been shown, but is dependent on raising the necessary finance by the prospective purchaser.

Should it be sold the Zone Training HQ will shift to the Onerahi Scout Hall.



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