



NOTES and NEWS

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OUR ZONE LEADER writes

I hope that you have had a very enjoyable Christmas and that 2010 is already panning out to be a great year for both yourself and your family.

This is going to be another busy year for Northland and New Zealand Scouting, especially with the 19th New Zealand Scout Jamboree being held at Mystery Creek Events Centre, Hamilton at the end of the year. Please remember that it takes a lot of volunteer staff to run a Jamboree and there just are not enough Scout Leaders around to do the 1,001+ jobs (think of running an entire town for over a week) as well as being a part of their contingent and keeping their Scouts both safe and happy. So I would encourage Rovers or Leaders (from any section) who would like a FUN working holiday to put up their hands to help their fellow scouters out and ensure a great Jamboree for all. Refer elsewhere under Jamboree News for details, costs etc or go onto our Upper North Island Regional website (<http://region1.scouts.org.nz>) and follow the links.

Our first big event for the year is of course our Founders Day Camp including a Mudslide on the Saturday and Founders Day service on the Sunday, both of which are National events. Of all the scouting events held during the year, Founders Day is the one that all members, both youth and adults, are expected to attend. I look forward to seeing a huge turnout from Northland to celebrate Lord Baden-Powell's birthday and this great Scouting Movement that he founded over a hundred years ago - let's show our youth of today how to have FUN, while still honouring and respecting the traditions of the past.

Speaking of traditions, ANZAC Day is not too far away and is another chance for Scouting to showcase the Movement. Please think seriously about having your youth (regardless of section) out on the streets collecting for the RSA on Poppy Day as well as attending your local ANZAC Day service together with our veterans - let's show our older folk that we really do care. Last year the Whangarei Combined Venturers helped me to clean each and every plaque in the RSA portion of the Maunu Cemetery prior to ANZAC Day and I know how much this meant to our veterans and their families. I hope that this will become an annual event and if any other Venturers wish to participate please contact Brian Corney (Zone Venturer Leader) who will, I am sure, co-ordinate this. For our Venturers further north maybe a similar task could be undertaken at the RSA portion of their local cemetery.

A special congratulations to Doubtless Bay, whose members seem to have been here, there and everywhere attending events and scout schools up and down the country - it is good to see that the members of our most northern group, who are not afraid of a bit of travel, are out there putting the "out" into scouting.

Enjoy Northland and Waitangi Days and I will see you all at Trefoil Park for the Founders Day Camp later in February.

Gay

FOUNDERS DAY MUD SLIDE 2010



When 20/21 February 2010

Where Trefoil Park

Who All enrolled members, friends, past members, parents.

Time Starts 10 am Saturday 20th - Flag break. Finishes 3pm Sunday 21st.

Camp Camp site will be open 3pm Fri 19th. For those wishing to camp Friday night.

Groups It is the Group's responsibility to organise and provide all its own camping equipment, food and paper work.

This is the one Zone event every year that as members of the Scouting organisation you are expected to attend.

Jamboree News



At the Regional Training Day at Warkworth I was talking to Helen Davis (Asst National Scout Leader) who is also one of the three Sub-Camp Chiefs (four if you also count the family camp). She told me that they have “drawn a line in the sand” about certain things and two in particular are about the date/time that advance parties can start arriving on site and both the size of contingents and their relevant site. This will be reinforced at the meeting for Jamboree Contingent Leaders and staff being held at the site in a few months time.

Apparently last Jamboree some advance parties were arriving on site, or already there, at the same time as the Teams running the Jamboree which caused big problems especially when some of them thought they could use the opportunity to crib a bit of space from the adjoining sites and were most unhappy when they were made to move some of the tents they had pitched outside of their assigned area (not off on a good foot with the Sub-camp staff). The word is that this year if you come early you will be sent away (go find somewhere else to stay).

A lot of time & effort has gone into working out how and where sites could be fitted as not only have they got roads to contend with, but the biggie is all the power cables running everywhere & we all know what would happen if a tent peg got hammered into one of them !!!!

December 29th 2010 to January 6th 2011.

Important Dates are:

Tue 28 December - 12 noon: Site open for advance parties

Wed 29 December - 9am: Site open for troops.

First rations issued for dinner this date.

Opening ceremony in the evening.

Thur 6 January: Closing ceremony in the evening.

Fri 7 January: Last rations issued for breakfast this day.

Jamboree Fees

Youth and leaders: \$645

Jamboree staff: \$380

Casual Staff: \$25

Family camp: \$10/adult/ per day
\$5/child over 10/per day

Changes to Notes and News

In future Notes and News will be published six times each year on the 1st day of the even months.

Deadline for copy will be the 15th of the previous month.

Therefore the next issue will be on
1st April (no fooling!)
and copy must be in by 15th March.

Activity Permits issued recently in Northland Zone

- o **Doubtless Bay**
 - o D of E Gold Journey (Herekino)
 - o Shooting Competition (Auckland)
 - o Campcraft (Hukerenui)
 - o Johansen Farm Kauri Dam Walk (Mangonui)
 - o Boomerang (Kerikeri)
 - o Waitawheta Scout Summer Camp (Waihi)
 - o Waitawheta Cub Summer Camp (Waihi)
 - o Venture V10 (Wellington)
 - o Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School (Matamata)
 - o Canoe School (Taumarunui)
 - o Gold Level Scouts Hike (Puriri Block - Kaingaroa)
- o **Kamo**
 - o Halloween (Tikipunga)
 - o Forest Tree Adventure (Glenbervie)
 - o Pre-Campcraft Camp (Ngunguru)
 - o Tramp (Peach Cove)
 - o Cub Camp (Taurikura)
 - o Cub Camp (Paihia)
- o **Horahora**
 - o SPCA Visit (Whangarei)
 - o Quarry Gardens (Whangarei)
- o **Shackleton**
 - o Clotworthy's Farm Walk (Onerahi)
 - o Orienteering (Town Basin)
 - o Athletic Badges (Kensington Park)
 - o Kea Water Safety (Whangarei Aquatic Centre)
 - o Senior Sailing Expedition (Town Basin - Taurikura)
 - o Ten Pin Bowling (Whangarei)
- o **Ruakaka**
 - o Pre-Campcraft Camp (Ruakaka)
 - o Camp (Waipu)
- o **Maungaturoto**
 - o Kea Sleep Over (M'roto)
- o **Russell**
 - o Cub and Scout Sleepover (Russell)
- o **Kerikeri**
 - o Boomerang (Kerikeri)
- o **Whangarei Combined Venturers**
 - o Rafting and Snorkeling (Reotahi)
 - o Tramp (Cape Reinga Walkway)
 - o Venture V10 (Wellington)
- o **Northland Zone**
 - o Northland Training Regatta (Taipa)

Upcoming Events

- o 20th/21st February - Mudslide/Founders Day Camp
- o 5th/7th March - Northland Regatta @ Kai Iwi Lakes
- o 20/21 March- Velocity @ Trefoil Park
- o 27/28 March- National Conference and AGM @ Wellington
- o 2nd/5th April - Rovers Moot
- o 5th/9th April - Aviation School
- o 12th/16th April - Caving School
- o 25th April - ANZAC Day
- o 7th/9th May - Campcraft
- o 21/23 August- SAPD @ Motu Moana
- o 29th Dec/6th Jan 2011 - 19th N Z Scout Jamboree @ Mystery Creek
- o July 2011 - 22nd World Jamboree @ Sweden

CAMPCRAFT 2009

Hi all.

2009 Campcraft has been and gone.

14 patrols were made up from 71 attending scouts. A good return to the numbers we used to have attending this Scout Competition.

Thanks to all the leaders who assisted by getting the Patrols to attend and the Judging and HQ teams.

Notes from the Competition:

Leaders and Patrols need to clearly read the camp instructions and make sure that menus and paperwork meet the listed requirements.

Ensure that the Patrols have enough equipment, ie good operational cookers, ropes and pioneering poles.

Judges noted that most of the First Aid Kits had items out of date. Likewise if Fire Extinguishers are brought then they are also in certification date.

A lot of the patrols need to improve their housekeeping. ie keeping all gear put away tidily. keeping tables and cooking gear washed and clean.

Those little Suitcase style cookers tend to get dirty and greasy under the cookers. They can be washed out with boiling water. Most of them were the two burner cookers. Ideally each patrol should have at least three burners for their kitchens. Having heaps of hot water makes the Scout kitchen run more efficiently and makes cleaning up a lot easier.

Tent sides should be Brailed up when the weather permits to let them and the ground underneath breathe.

Change the water in Basin stands a couple of times a day.

The good patrols who had clearly read the instructions and had some practice stood out. The others weren't poor but needed more practice and pre camps- just lack of experience.

The regular family patrols tended to work well together as opposed to a patrol that had been put together for the competition. There were a couple of mixed sex patrols and there were no issues re this.

On the good side the Scouts appeared to enjoy themselves and there were no major issues re behaviour at all. The water hole although cool was enjoyed by all those who took the plunge.

The 15metre by 15metre site is sufficient for a patrol and that will be the norm for future campcraft sites. Use it in your practice camps.

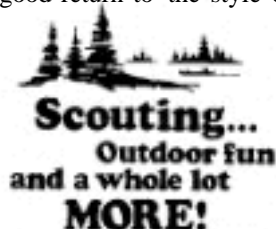
What will help in future is to practise the basic camping craft skills in the Term beforehand. Basic Pioneering and some cooking at the Den or home will help. Practise on your scout nights making the five basic gadgets, ie flagpole, gateway, clothesline, basin stand, dinning shelter.

There were a couple of very good meals presented to the judges.

There were at least 5 scouts that were over the age of 15.5yrs. They are no longer scouts and should be in Venturers. This will not be acceptable at next years Competition.

The farmer was very happy with us being there. Next year's Campcraft Competition will be at the same location but in either term 1 or term 2 and along very similar lines. The Menu may change just to add variety and we may look at having one specified item to make in the Pioneering test on Sunday morning.

Overall a good return to the style of Campcraft as set up way back in the 1980s



Thanks.
 YIS
 Warren
 Asst Zone Scout leader



Seen at practice regatta, Taipa

My one is
bigger
 than your one.



CAMPCRAFT RESULTS

Congratulations to these top Patrols at Campcraft 2009

1. 1st Ruakaka (Beckett)
2. Shackleton (Portbow)
3. Kerikeri (Tui)
4. 1st Ruakaka (Mole)
5. Doubtless Bay (Yellow-boys)
6. Kamo (Rimu)

Training Shop

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Zone Training 2010

Dates for training courses will be out within the next few weeks; or at least an idea when training will be run and which modules covered.

A Training Event especially for New Leaders

I have been asked by a group in the south of the Zone to put on some urgent training for a bunch of new leaders that they have been fortunate enough to recruit. With that in mind I will be running an Initial and Introduction course for all new leaders, and also those leaders that have not attended any training, on Sunday 28th February 2010.

Location of the training is to be decided, but will either be in Ruakaka or Whangarei. This training is open to all Groups from across the Zone.

An application form will be out within the next few days, so can I ask for all leaders, helpers and group supporters to canvas for suitable people to come along and have some fun whilst learning.

Further information can be obtained from

Chris Rumens

Zone Training Leader
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SAPD Courses

Did I hear you say, What's that?"

The Scouting Advanced Personal Development Course (SAPD) is the final stage in Wood Badge training.



This year two of these courses are to be held in the North Island. The first is at Hamilton on March 13/15, while the second will be in Auckland, at Motu Moana, on August 21/23.

Now is the time to complete the pre-requisite modules so you will be eligible to attend one of these prestigious courses.

Check your own training records and consult with the Zone Training Leader if you are not sure what is required.

Next year's Course will be in the lower North Island so will be more expensive due to travel costs. Be wise-plan to attend this year.

A Great Opportunity for any of you Leaders

Outward Bound, in its efforts to help the development of New Zealanders as a whole, is once again running a course specifically for the youth workers of Aotearoa.

Where: Anakiwa, Marlborough Sounds.
When: Saturday May 29th 2010 - Saturday June 5th 2010

Duration: 8 Days

Cost: normally \$2100.00

Cost to you: \$500.00 plus travel costs to and from Picton and a pre course medical (With your GP)

If you are interested please get in touch with me by any of the means below. Places on this heavily subsidised course will go very quickly so please do not delay in getting back to me.

Please feel free to forward this to anyone else in the sector you feel may be interested.

Thanks and all the very best.

Darren.

Darren Eckford | Account Manager | Outward Bound

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Basic Bushcraft

Weekend course covering the basics - planning your trip, cookers, food, equipment, shelters, camp craft, compass work and map reading, weather, water safety etc.

This course provides valuable skills and knowledge which enable you to enjoy the outdoors in safety.

Date - 27/28 February 2010

Venue - Trefoil Park, Kaikohe

Cost \$90

(Food, accommodation and Bushcraft Manual included in cost.)

Applications close 14 February 2010

For more information, please contact:

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Hard to believe another year has gone.

2009 was a good year for Northland Keas and we have enjoyed being part of the 'most important' section of Scouting. It is great to see Kea Club's increase in numbers over the year and we were delighted to be able to visit all Kea Clubs in Northland Zone, meeting lots of dedicated leaders and watching Keas having FUN.

During the year Keas had heaps of exciting experiences and challenges as they worked through the National Kea Programme:-

Term One- 'Light Speed', Term two- 'Out of the box', Term three- 'Earth, Wind and Fire' and Term four- '30 Birthday and Trek it'.

Our highlights of 2009 were:-

- o The visit of Robbie the Beaver from Canada
- o The restarting of Dargaville Keas
- o Keas 30th Birthday
- o A most successful Kea Day



It's not a real birthday without a cake.

2010 promises to be another great year.

By now you should have received information from our new National Kea Leader- Heather Guptill.

Now-Photography Competition. For more information contact Nat. Kea Leader Heather Guptill at guptillfamily@slingshot.co.nz or ring 07 8636684

Term one- A Great Sleepover (patch available) is planned. Northland Zone is incorporating this sleepover with Mudslide/Founder's Day(20th-21st Feb) at Trefoil Park.

Term two- Keas in Action-A walk/hike planned by Zone Kea Leaders

Term four- Kea Day either 16th or 17th October



Dargaville Keas on parade

The Kea Programme for Term One is 'Making Waves'. The programme is full of great things to do and make. Make the best of the summer weather and get your Keas out and about as much as possible. Anything to do with water would fit in well eg visit the beach or pools, walks near waterfalls and of course encourage your Keas to participate in the Mudslide/Founder's Day Weekend as there will also be heaps of construction activities around water and boats for them to get involved in.

We wish you all the best for 2010 and look forward to seeing you at Zone events.

Anne Grbin ZKL
Claire McSkimming AZKL

Venturer Viewpoint

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Aaron Corney reports on Venture 10

On the 31st of December 2009., three Venturers and two Leaders headed down to drive to Wellington, where the Venture was home for the next 10 days. These days were them to be or not, but the three of us massive amount of friends along the way.



Whangarei Combined Venturers, seven Kerikeri the New Zealand Venture 10. After a grueling 12 hour being held, we all made this unknown campsite our full of challenges and excitement, whether we wanted conquered them throughout the camp and made a

Phase 1 of the Venture was the most challenging part with 4 action packed days with downhill BMX cycling and endurance cycling through the outskirts of Wellington. After the 4 days of 2 metre high jumps, 20 km rides and salad sandwiches, everyone had the scars and the leg muscles to prove how intense these days were and was glad to have their feet back on the ground at the Venture campsite.

With the group expecting a break from extreme activities of phase 1 of Venture they were quickly proved wrong with a variety of challenges on hand at, and out of, the Venture campsite each day. Although the daytime of phase 2 was memorable the nighttime was definitely the part all were waiting for with parties coming out their ears.

One of the night activities was the "Region vs. Region Challenge" where all the zones of New Zealand and Australia faced off to see which the best region is. After getting covered in paint at the paint party, and playing some blackjack at the casino night, Northland being announced the best Region at Venture with 3 years worth of bragging right. A major highlight was seeing Midnight Youth live for the final night

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I was glad to get home to have a hot shower and go to bed without being scared I would get blown away with Wellingtons wind at night.


Boomerang 2009

The annual Boomerang pioneering competition for 2009 was hosted by Kerikeri Venturer unit after their win in Whangarei in 2008. In order to attract Auckland teams, the event was held over a weekend at the beginning of December near Tapuatahi Beach in the Bay of Islands.

Teams from Waikowhai Venturers, Doubtless Bay, three from Whangarei combined, and two teams from St Judes entered. They had to compete in a bridge building challenge, a raft race, prepare a platform in a tree to cook dessert and a catapult challenge with other survivor type challenges thrown in to keep the competition interesting.

The weather and venue were brilliant and in the end St Judes took the title but it was very close with Whangarei close behind.

We look forward to a good challenge next year.



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CUB CAPERS

Hugh Fowlie
Asst Zone Cub Leader

RUSSELL CUBS HAVE A SLEEP-OVER

Cubs look forward to camps but often because of lack of Leaders' spare time they miss out. They are also inexperienced campers and it's a big worry for them to go away without Mum or Dad.

Our solution to this problem in Russell is to have a sleepover on our normal Pack night at the local sports field. We use their kitchen and sleep in the changing rooms on stretchers.

Cubs come straight from school and set up their gear. We open the meeting and have a quick scavenger hunt before the work begins.

Some Cubs cook pikelets on the barbeque, some whip the cream, other prepare the vegetables for dinner or make the jelly. Finally we all sit down to have our Devonshire Tea complete with drinks in cups and saucers.

Did I mention this was our AGM as well? The Scouts arrive at 5.00pm to run a games programme for the Cubs while the adults run our meeting.

Work over, the Scouts go home, the Cubs cook the sausages, dinner happens, the cubs run around, we sing songs and tell jokes before going off to bed.

The next morning it's a cooked breakfast, school lunches are packed and the children delivered back to school.

It's a win / win situation. Try it and see.



.....Lois Elliott (C.L.)

BOOMERANG 2009




and

VENTURE 10



ZONE ADDRESS LIST



LEADER SERVICE AWARD

15 years

GOSSE Tony Associate

5 years

ROWLAND Graeme Shackleton

NORTHLAND CERIFICATE

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Send in photos (low resolution preferred) and reports of your Group's activities.

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Please be sure your Group Committee gets a copy.