

LEADERS PLEASE HAND OR FORWARD THIS INFORMATION ON TO YOUR UNITS

Coming Events:

August	1 st	Sunrise Ceremony/One World, One Promise Official time 8am. NZ 1 st in the world.
	5 th	Winter Sailing Series Pt Chev & Pakuranga
	11 th	Swimming Sports
	18 th – 19 th *	Venturer Cooksey Leadership Course WAIKATO
	19 th	Winter Sailing Series Pt Chev & Pakuranga
September	2 nd	Winter Sailing Series Pt Chev & Pakuranga
	8 th	Waikato Spring Regatta
	• 15 th - 16 th	Venturer Boomerang Pioneering Competition
	21 st	School Term 3 ends
	23 rd	Winter Sailing Series Pt Chev
	23 rd – 30 th	National Snow School
	30 th	BOAT SURVEYS DUE
	30 th	100 years of Scouting Celebration at Motu Moana
	30 th – 5 th Oct	National Mountaincraft School
October	7 th	DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS
	8 th	School Term 4 begins
	20 th - 21 st	JOTA & JOTI
	22 nd	LABOUR DAY

• More details in this newsletter

* Subject to confirmation of dates

Wad'ya know??



A cheerful thought: 1 month of winter left! Officially Spring starts September 1st and daylight saving does not seem all that far off.

Hopefully things will get better – at least the scallops should be nice and fat. It should be a breeze getting them this year; webbed feet seem to have developed as the weather has become wetter.

How are your programmes going? Need some interaction with other units?? What about taking part in the Boomerang Pioneering Competition – you can brush up on your knots and lashings and at the same time get out and about meeting other Venturers. For the indoor types - the Auckland Gang Show is on shortly and would make a good unit outing.

Great to see we were given a slot on National TV for the Centennial Sunrise. The Endeavour Unit renewed their promise on Pukematakeo Summit, 336metres above sea level, which is the highest point on the Waitakere Scenic Drive. No sunrise but lots of mist ... and what a choice breakfast we had!!

Cheers, smiles & happy Venturing ... Terry

EVENTS

Boomerang 2007 – September 15th –16th

The Boomerang Trophy was presented to encourage competition amongst Venturer Units so as to keep the skills of pioneering alive. This competition has had a varied career ranging from basic construction to more advanced pioneering. Rafts, catapults and towers have been built over the years. Entry form attached.



National Schools – how fit are you??

- Snow School Ruapehu Sept 23 –30; Info at www.scouts.org.nz/snow
- Mountaincraft School South Island Sept 30-5th October. Info at www.scouts.org.nz/mountaincraft
- Walsh Memorial Flying School- Applications for flying School scholarships close Monday 27th August. Info at www.scouts.org.nz/walsh

Mad Hatter's Tea Party... looking for some fun?? Bay of Islands Venturers will be in the KeriKeri Domain Sunday 9th September between 10am and 2pm. Come and join them – have fun.

Preliminary Notice: Regional Venturer Council Meeting to be held at Ruakaka in conjunction with the Boomerang Pioneering Competition on 15-16 September. One Venturer from each of the Units in the Region is expected to attend this meeting. An agenda will be circulated to enable Unit discussion prior to the meeting.

International

INTERNATIONAL 1. Beccy Mayne, an Explorer Scout from Cumbria in England is currently in Auckland for a short stay and is being hosted by the Mt Albert/ St Judes Venturer Unit.

INTERNATIONAL 2. A group of Explorer Scouts from Bedfordshire in England arrive on the 29th July and stop over two nights at Motu Moana before heading up to the Bay of Islands to undertake their Explorer Belt (the equivalent of our Explorer Challenge). They will celebrate the World Scout Sunrise with Northland Zone at Waitangi. They will be in Northland for 12 days before heading down to Rotorua for 2 days, then to Ruapehu for 2 days followed by 1 day at Waitomo before heading back to Auckland and departing back home on 16th August.

INTERNATIONAL 3. We have received preliminary advice from National of a proposal for a group of Japanese Venturers visiting Auckland in March with the intention of tramping in the Waitakeres. They would like to have one of our local Venturer Units to accompany them.

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