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35th GWS REGION JAMBORETTE

Scouts v's Wild

BENT'S BASIN STATE RECREATION AREA

8th – 11th JUNE 2012

**Water Activities Obstacle Course Abseiling International
Flying Fox Badgers Club Gang Show Base Theme Bases**

- Camp in troops
- Each troop to self cater
- Move in from 5pm Friday, 8th June
- A minimum of **14 bases** must be completed to gain the **Jamborette Award**
- There will be **good camping certificates** for those troops who earn them
- **Gateway competition** for **Themed** and **Traditional** gateways
- **CAMP FEES:** Youth members \$45 Leaders \$35
- **Final date** for applications is close of business on **Tuesday 25th May A1** and further information available on the **GWS website**

APPLY NOW FOR A GREAT WEEK END AWAY WITH YOUR TROOP

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

It is good to get out and about and visit Scouts who are out in the community publicising Scouting. I recently attended the Hawkesbury Show with my family and had the opportunity to meet and talk to a number of the Leaders from Hawkesbury District. At the same time I ran into the local Federal member for Macquarie, Louise Markus and had the opportunity to talk to her regarding some grant opportunities.

The AGM season is well and truly under way and I will be meeting some of you as I attend a number of the Group AGM's. Looking forward to hearing how the Groups are going this year and your plans for the next year. At the time of writing I have attended two Group's AGM's and must compliment the parents of 1st St Marys and the youth members (who cooked pikelets), Leaders and parents at 1st Kings Langley for the excellent numbers who attended and the fact that both Groups had the executive members of their committee in place before the elections.

A gentle reminder....**Don't forget the Region AGM is on 24 June 2012 at 2.00pm in the Peter Waite Room at Bundilla.** An invitation is in this Bulletin. Welcome to Debbie Freeman who is joining our Region Executive as the District Delegate for Hawkesbury as well as the Delegate from Blackhorse Scout Fellowship.

I was pleased to attend the BP presentation for our Region Webmaster, Matthew Thompson at 1st/2nd Merrylands earlier in the month. Congratulations Matt, firstly on receiving your Baden Powell Scout Award and secondly on completing your Leader of Adults Woodbadge. The presentation was attended by representatives of State, Region and Group which shows the high esteem in which Matt is held. I am pleased to announce that Matt has also been appointed to the role of Region Commissioner Communications and Public Relations to recognise the excellent work he does within our Region - which is so much more than what is expected from a *normal* web master! I know you will join me in congratulating Matt on his new appointment.

Phil Heinrich from 1st Hawkesbury has taken up the role of liaising with the Australian Defence Forces on behalf of Greater Western Sydney Region. Phil's role is to make sure that current Scouting families from another State are looked after when transferring into our Region. Thanks Phil for taking on these extra responsibilities which are important particularly in your District.

Recently I was at a Fellowship meeting and was advised that they did not have an Australia flag - so I contacted one of our Region's Patrons, Julie Owens, who provided the section with a new flag. Don't forget that

if you need an Australian flag contact your local member of parliament who will be pleased to assist in this matter.

The following Groups received State Government grants in the latest round announced;

2nd Kings Langley 1st Ermington
1st St Marys 1st Greystanes
1st Castle Hill 1st Quakers Hill Doonside
1st Erskine Park.

Unfortunately the Region missed out this time on grants we applied for, but we will resubmit them when the next round of grants are announced. Keep your eyes open for the next round to be announced.

I am looking forward to the Joey Fun Day on 20th May 2012 at Bundilla and the opportunity to meet with the Joey Scout Leaders.

Until then Carry on Scouting

Neville Henderson - Region Commissioner

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1ST GREYSTANES SCOUT GROUP

TRIVIA NIGHT

When: Saturday 28th July 2012

6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

Where: Greystanes Public School (School Hall),
781 Merrylands Road, Greystanes

Cost: \$10 per head, tables of 8
BYO Alcohol & Nibbles
(Tea & Coffee Supplied)

**FANTASTIC FUN NIGHT OF TRIVIA,
GAMES, RAFFLES, LUCKY DOOR PRIZES**

Theme your table for bonus points

All proceeds go directly towards fundraising for the
1st Greystanes Scout Group: including Scouts, Cubs and Joeys

Book a table early – contact Mark Dring, 0401 701 258

*If you don't have a table of eight, just book yourself &/or friends, tables will be
made up on the evening*

Sorry, no children

JOEY SCOUT REPORT

Welcome back to all Joey Scout Mobs for Term Two.

It was very pleasing to see that many Mobs attended Anzac Day services.

Term 1 ended with a large number of Promise Challenges being completed. Well done to all those Joey Scouts.

Kathy Cuneo - RC Joey Scouts

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Congratulations to these Joey Scouts who have earned their Promise Challenge Badges

Joshua Baker - 1st Greystanes
Sophie Fry - 1st Toongabbie
Emma Cutbush - 1st Toongabbie
Daniel Sharp - 1st Dural
Dylan Chung - 1st Carlingford
Dallas Owen - 1st Carlingford
Alec Kelly - 1st QH/Doonside
Rachael Nicholls - 1st QH/Doonside
Tyrone Freeman - 1st QH/Doonside
Johnny Manessi - 1st QH/Doonside



HOP - HOP - HOP

Congratulations to these Cub Scouts who have earned their Grey Wolf Award.

Marshal Frost - 1st Toongabbie
Natasha Lette - 1st Toongabbie
Liam Pye - 1st Sth Penrith
Jaime Hocking - 1st Granville
Caitlin Mason - 1st Blaxland
Lachlan Hibbard - 1st Hazelbrook
Joshua Verco - 1st Carlingford



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CUB SCOUT NOTES

Just a reminder to all Pack Leaders, I do need to see your **Pack Holiday Program (wet & dry), menu and other details one month prior to the event, for approval.** Thank you to all those Leaders, who read my article last month and are now sending me details of their proposed Pack Holidays.

Applications are slowly coming in for our **Cub Fun Day** at **Bundilla** on **May 27**. I do hope to see every Cub Pack and all their Leaders present on the day. Cubs pay \$5, (which covers everything including the badge). Leaders and Helpers are free (if they would like a badge, they can be ordered for \$3 each). The A1 and Group Summary Sheet and further details are available on the GWSR website. **Applications close soon - don't miss out on a fun day with your Cubs.**

Applications for Grey Wolf Awards have been coming in steadily. Congratulations to all those Cub Scout Leaders who are working very hard with their Cubs to help them achieve the award. Well done.

Your District Cub Scout Leaders and I have observed that many of the ceremonies being carried out, bear little resemblance to the way in which we were trained and the way they are described in the **Ceremonies** book, published by Scouts Australia. Of course, everyone is entitled to a slight variation - but what we have now seems to be a mix of Cub Scout and Scout ceremonies. This must be very confusing and sometimes frustrating, for new Leaders joining your Pack. In order to make sure we are all on the same page (so to speak), I have obtained permission from Scouts Australia to publish a series of the ceremonies that all Cub Scout Leaders should know and follow as closely as possible. If you have any questions about Ceremonies, please raise them at your next District Seonee.

If you do not own a copy, may I strongly recommend that you purchase and read the book **Ceremonies**, available from **The Scout Shop or Snowgum for just \$7.80**. This book covers the key ceremonies for each of the Scouting Sections including Investiture and Advancement Ceremonies, as well as how to wear the Uniform, the Scout Salute and Scout Sign, Parades and Formations and Flags.

**A valuable resource for
all Leaders and Groups.**



Anne Thompson - RC Cub Scouts

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CUB SCOUT CEREMONIES

(Reprinted with the kind permission of Scouts Australia)

PACK OPENING

The usual Pack Opening is as follows;

- a) Inspection
- b) Pack is called into Parade Circle
- c) Grand Howl
- d) Flag break or Flag Parade
- e) Prayer
- f) 'Break Off'

At the close of the meeting the procedure is:

- a) Notices
- b) Grand Howl
- c) Flag Down or Flag Break
- d) Prayer
- e) 'Good night'

INSPECTION

This is carried out in Sixes before entering the Parade Circle. Inspection gives Leaders the opportunity to ensure that Cub Scouts are correctly dressed to pay respect to the flag and to make comments to each Cub Scout. Inspection should be brief.

PARADE CIRCLE

The standard formation for the Pack is the Parade Circle, which is formed when the Cub Scout Leader gives the call, "Pack, Pack, Pack". The Cub Scouts reply by yelling "Pack," loudly and sharply and running at once, to form the Parade Circle with the Leader. The Cub Scouts may join hands and pull outwards into a big circle, then drop hands and stand '**At Ease**'. Once it is formed, Assistant CSL's and any Youth Helpers **join the circle**.

THE CALL 'PACK'

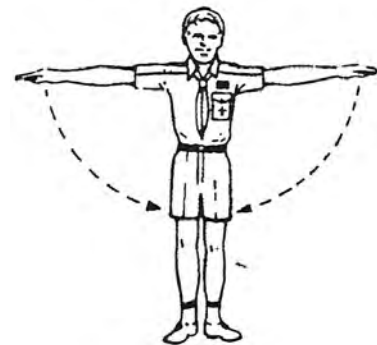
When one of the CSL's calls "Pack" just once, it means **silence** and every Cub Scout will stop what they are doing and listen. The single call of Pack, is not used in addition to Pack, Pack, Pack, for the formation of the Parade Circle. To set the example, Assistants and Youth Helpers should be the first to respond to the call of "Pack".

THE GRAND HOWL

The Grand Howl is always done with the Pack in the Parade Circle formation. It is a reminder to all Cub Scouts of their promise and a greeting to the Pack Leader, Akela. The Grand Howl should be used at the opening and closing of a Pack meeting. If it is desired to welcome or honour visitors, that can be best done with a Pack yell, "One, Two, Three, Woof".

In order to ensure an orderly start to the Grand Howl, the standard procedure to be adopted and used by all Packs is as follows:

- All Leaders and Youth Helpers will form part of the Parade Circle. Guest may be invited to join in.
- Following selection of the Cub Scout who is to lead and say 'DO YOUR BEST', the Leader of the Grand Howl, moves into the centre of the circle. This enables the Leader to face as many Cub Scouts as possible. The greeting to the Leader is made by all the Cub Scouts in the Pack and therefore as many as possible deserve the Leaders attention.
- The Leader then holds both arms out sideways at shoulder level. This is the signal for the pack to come to the Alert.
- The Leader then lowers both arms in a firm movement, until they are against the sides.



- As the Leader's arms go down, the Cub scouts go to the squatting position with chins up and heads back. The first three fingers of each hand should be held extended and close together, arms straight with fingers touching the floor.



- The moment the Pack is in the squatting position, it should go straight into the Howl without any further signal.

- The Cub Scouts say, “**AKELA**, (pronounced AR-KAY-LA) and the timing is as follows: AR - one second; KAY - one second; LA - a fraction of a second. The total time is slightly more than two seconds for this part of the Howl. **WE-E-LL, D-O-O-O and O-U-U-R** should each take a shade more than a second to say, whilst **BEST**” is short and sharp. The Cub Scouts are therefore in the squatting position for approximately six seconds.
- As they all leap into the air and listen to the chosen Cub Scout saying “**Do Your Best**”, the same fingers remain extended and close together to become the ears of the Cub Scouts pointing upwards, touching each temple in front of the ear.
- The Cub Scout’s “**Do Your Best**” should be loud, sharp and clear and should sound like a challenge.
- The answer to the challenge is “**WE’LL DO OUR BEST,**” and should be barked out with determination. The **WE’LL** should be slightly drawn out—about one second’s duration is enough. While the words are being said the Cubs drop their left hands while the right is held in the Scout Salute.
- During the ‘**We’ll Do Our Best**’ only the Leader actually taking Grand Howl should salute. All other Leaders stand at the Alert throughout the ceremony.
- At its conclusion, the Leader taking the Howl should acknowledge the greeting by saying, “**Thank you Pack**’ , or “**Good Hunting Pack**” or something similar. Then “**Pack - at Ease**”.
- All new Chums should be part of the circle during Grand Howl but should stand at the ‘Alert’ throughout the ceremony, instead of participating in the actions.

Please Note:

At the conclusion of Opening Parade, the Leader says **Pack Alert, Pack Break Off**. There is no salute.

At the conclusion of Closing Parade, the Leader says **Pack Alert, Pack Dismissed**. Everyone turns to their right, takes one step sideways, out of the circle and salutes.

Opening and Closing ceremonies, should be short and smart - you will have a better chance of maintaining the Cub Scouts’ attention and respect, instead of the fidgeting and talking we are witnessing at some Packs, with the long, drawn out Parades!

FLAG PARADE - NEXT MONTH!

CUB SCOUT FUN DAY

Sunday 27th May

**10:00 am to 3:00 pm
(Lunch 12pm - 1pm)**

**Bundilla Scout Camp
Winston Hills**

**ALL CUB SCOUTS
CSL’S AND
YOUTH HELPERS
WELCOME**

**See the GWSR website for
A1 form, Group Summary sheet
and further details.**

**We require an A1 for everyone
attending and an M5 from all
non-uniformed people please.**

**ALL FORMS TO
REGION OFFICE
BY FRIDAY 18TH MAY 2012**

**We look forward to seeing all
GWSR Cub Packs and their
Leaders for a fun day of
challenges and friendship.**

REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

I have been involved with many exciting activities within Scouting over the years, but every now and then, there is one particular activity that really gets the adrenalin pumping. I recently had the opportunity to attend a Region Caving weekend.

Crawling through the Maze with its narrow muddy tunnels, or marvelling at the wonders of nature, with incredible formations which have taken literally thousands of years to form is certainly one thing. However, when some of the Instructors and Venturers get together to put Dingo through his paces, you quickly experience some of the more challenging sides to caving. Let me just say that when you start to abseil down what is nothing but a black hole, out in a paddock, and at night, it sort of gets the heart pumping. But what a fantastic experience. My thanks to Meredith Stewart and David "Macca" McKinley, who ran a very a successful caving weekend at Wee Jasper. With over 55 participants, it was the biggest caving course that has ever been run in GWSR.



Scouts sharing together in a Scouts Own at Wee Jasper (Photo Mark Fell)

There is a lot of fairly robust discussion going on at present in regard to the new Training Policy (SIS 10) kicking off from 1st Nov. which Scouting is implementing, There are many questions being asked at present, many of which I am not able to answer. Hoping I will have more information after our next State Activities Conference in June. All I can say at this stage is let's wait until the pie is cooked before we start hoeing into it!

There is currently a real demand for the Mobile Scout Climbing wall over the next few months, particularly with community and schools based activities. While this is a great promotional opportunity for Scouting, we do need to be very mindful of our Scouting personnel trained to run it. Please be mindful that these people are already committed Leaders giving up many hundreds of hours to Scouting, and I do not want to over burden them with activities which are really outside of Scouting. They too have families, who like to see them... occasionally!

I mention last month we now have two Personal Locator Beacons (PLB) available for hire from the Region Office (\$10.00) for your more remote activities. Each unit has been engraved GWS-01 and GWS-02 and has been registered with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority. We have three emergency contacts within the Region: Frank Barr, Neville Henderson and myself. If activated a call will be made (24/7) to one of us to confirm we have a party out in the field, prior to instigating a rescue.

It is important that if you are running an activity, that requires you to carry a PLB, please ensure that it is clearly noted on the A1, and that a copy of the A1 is sent to the three of us so we are also aware it is being used. And remember, a PLB must only be activated in situations of grave or imminent danger. *(Despite what some may think, running out of coffee on an overnight hike does not qualify. It would be the most expensive cup of coffee you are ever likely to have!)*

As most of you are aware Gang Show is into full rehearsal mode now, with the cast busy each weekend, putting it all together. Did you know that for every cast member on stage, there are probably 3 people behind the scenes, all very much a part of the Gang, working equally as hard to help get the show on the road. As Assistant Stage Manager, I look after the Stage Crew, being responsible for moving sets on and off stage. We are currently recruiting our team for this year. If you would like to become involved, please let me know, and I can enter you on my email list. If you have had some back stage theatre experience that would be great: if you haven't, get ready to be blown away. It is a great experience, hard work and best of all lots of fun!

Our next big Region Activity is of course our Jamborette at Bents Basin. No doubt troops will already be in planning mode for what is always a great weekend of activities and Scouting camaraderie.

And, as I have always said: **"HAVE ADVENTUROUS FUN AND BE ACTIVITY SAFE!"**

Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities

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2012 GWSR Hawkesbury River Recreational Paddle Series

Calling all experienced paddlers!

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to paddle the famous 111km Hawkesbury Canoe Classic, but have been too concerned that you couldn't make the distance, especially in the dark! The GWSR Water Activity Team would like to help you have the experience, without the pain (or darkness) and have programmed a series of Winter Wonderland recreational paddles, down the mighty Hawkesbury River. Members and Supporters can apply to participate. Minimum Youth Member qualification is Level 2 with logged experience paddling over distances. Rovers, Leaders and Supporters should have significant logged Canoe/Kayak experience and be sufficiently fit to paddle for 5-6 hours with one or two short breaks for morning tea and lunch.

We are considering offering these trips at two levels – those who travel at average 5-6 kms per hour (Canadian Canoe or those kayakers who prefer a leisurely trip) and those that travel distances averaging over 8.5kms per hour (kayak or ski). There will be trip leaders for each group. The faster group may travel in groups of 2-3 people based on speed.

For the day paddles, we propose that drivers leave their vehicles at the start and our trailer drivers will collect you and your boat and return you to the car at the end of the paddle. If you intend paddling a Region Canoe, you will need to advise us on the A1 so that we bring a boat for you and you will need to arrange for someone to collect you from the finish point.

The trips on offer are as follows:

Saturday - 2nd June - Windsor Bridge to Sackville Ferry - 31kms one way

Cost: \$20 Applications Close: Friday 18th May, 2012

Sunday - 15th July – Sackville Ferry to Wiseman's Ferry – 35kms one way

Cost: \$20 Applications Close: Friday 30th June, 2012

Saturday - 4th August – Wiseman's Ferry to Spencer– 30kms one way

Cost: \$20 Applications Close: Friday 20th July, 2012

Saturday - 18th August – Brooklyn – Spencer – Brooklyn - 25 km round trip

Cost: \$20 Applications Close: Friday 3rd August, 2012

At the conclusion of the 4 recreational paddles, we are offering an expedition weekend for those harbouring a desire to put it all together over 48 hours just to see if they have the goods to do the Classic!

September 1 & 2 – Night/Expedition – one way 111km Windsor to Brooklyn

Cost: \$68 Applications Close: Friday 17th August, 2012

We will start our journey at Macquarie Park, Windsor at 11 am and paddle 61kms downstream to Rosevale Ski Park at Wiseman's Ferry where we will find hot showers, cook a BBQ dinner and camp overnight. Bright and early Sunday morning, we will break camp, eat brekkie and load up on our carbs for the 60km paddle down to Brooklyn.

Price includes overnight camp fees, dinner and breakfast food provided. Subject to provision of further documentation, participating paddlers who do not have an expedition endorsement, may qualify for endorsement.

Places on these paddles will be strictly on a first come basis, with participation capped at 12 boats for the one way trips.

The A1's for the Recreational Paddle series are available on the website under Activities Calendar.

APPOINTMENTS LIST

31/3/2012 - 14/5/2012



APPOINTMENTS

HORMAN , Richard Ian	Appt TL (C)	1st Castle Hill Cub Pack Kookaburra
BLEWDEN , Karen Maree	Appt TL (C)	1st Blaxland Cub Pack Pukeena
HADDOCK , Peter Leslie	Appt TL (C)	1st Ermington Cub Pack Blaxland
HICKSON , Jemma Teresa	Appt TL (V)	1st North Mt Druitt Venturer Unit
MATTHEWS , Phillip Scott	ACSL	1st Kings Langley Cub Pack Impeesa
NEAL , Stephen Robert	Appt TL (S)	1st South Penrith Scout Troop
SAUNDERS , Brendan	RA (Rsp)	1st Baulkham Hills Rover Crew

TRANSFERS

ANDREWS , Mark Philip	Fr ACSL To AGL	1st Ermington Cub Pack Spurway 1st Ermington Scout Group
CIMINO , Rosaria	Fr Appt TL (J) To JSL	1st St Marys Joey Mob 1st St Marys Joey Mob
CONN , Phillip Andrew	Fr CSL To ACSL	1st Grose Vale Cub Pack 1st Grose Vale Cub Pack
DRYSDALE , Darren Robert	Fr AGL To GL	1st South Penrith Scout Group 1st South Penrith Scout Group
EDWARDS , Simon John	Fr VSL To AJSL	1st Dural Venturer Unit 1st Dural Joey Mob
FISHER , Joshua Duncan	Fr ACSL To CSL	2nd Abbotsford Cub Pack 1st Whalan Cub Pack
EWINGS , Nerida Elaine	Fr AVSL To VSL	1st Ermington Venturer Unit 1st Ermington Venturer Unit
FEWKES , Jessica Ann	Fr AJSL To JSL	1st Blaxland Joey Mob Taipan 1st Blaxland Joey Mob Python
GREEN , Jodie Lee	Fr ACSL To ACSL	2nd Kings Langley Cub Pack Waminda 1st Kings Langley Cub Pack Impeesa
GREEN , Phillip Barry	Fr Appt TL (J) To Appt TL (C)	2nd Castle Hill Joey Mob 2nd Castle Hill Cub Pack Nackara
HARRIS , Eric Clifford	Fr ASL To SL	2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Troop 2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Troop
HIGGINS , Diane Catherine	Fr ACSL To SL	1st Ermington Cub Pack Spurway 1st Ermington Scout Troop
HYATT , Paula Anne	Fr VSL To AVSL	1st Emu Plains Venturer Unit 1st Kings Langley Venturer Unit
HUDSON , Michael Anthony	Fr JSL To AJSL	1st Blaxland Joey Mob Python 1st Blaxland Joey Mob Python
LANGRIDGE , Mykl Ian	Fr AL (G) To ACSL	1st Blaxland Scout Group 1st Blaxland Cub Pack Keego
MACCORMICK , Jane Mary	Fr ACSL To CSL	1st Grose Vale Cub Pack 1st Grose Vale Cub Pack
MCLEAN , Michelle Anne	Fr CSL To CSL	2nd Abbotsford Cub Pack 1st North Mt Druitt Cub Pack
MACLEAY , Amanda Nell	Fr Trainee Crew Ldr To CrL (Appointed)	1st Baulkham Hills Rover Crew 1st Baulkham Hills Rover Crew
MASON , Kristine Esther	Fr AVSL To AVSL	1st Emu Plains Venturer Unit 1st South Penrith Venturer Unit Nepean
MEREDITH , Darrell Wayne	Fr ASL To SL	1st Dural Scout Troop Giwang 1st Dural Scout Troop Giwang
MILLS , Warwick Bruce	Fr SL To ASL	1st Dural Scout Troop Giwang 1st Dural Scout Troop Giwang
NICKOLS , Michelle Andre	Fr Appt TL (C) To Appt TL (S)	1st Kellyville Cub Pack Darzee 2nd Castle Hill Scout Troop

NICKOLS , Philip John	Fr Appt TL (S) To Appt TL (S)	1st Kellyville Scout Troop 2nd Castle Hill Scout Troop 12/03/2012
OVERTON , Julie	Fr Appt TL (G) To JSL	1st Greystanes Scout Group 1st Greystanes Joey Mob
OZOLS , Helen Maree	Fr Appt TL (S) To AJSL	1st Greystanes Scout Troop 1st Greystanes Joey Mob
POUNDER , Ann Cheryl	Fr RC (ATD) To Hon Com (R)	Greater Western Sydney Region Greater Western Sydney Region
STEWART , Clinton Todd	Fr SL To DSL	1st Ermington Scout Troop Parramatta District
THOMPSON , Matthew Carl	Fr Reg Adviser To RC (C&PR)	Greater Western Sydney Region Greater Western Sydney Region
WAGNER , Stephen Paul	Fr AVSL To District Adviser	West Pennant Hills Valley Venturer Unit Hills South District
WILSON , Gregory Brian	Fr GL To ACSL	2nd Kings Langley Scout Group 2nd Kings Langley Cub Pack Waminda
WILSON , Gregory Brian	Fr ACSL To AGL	2nd Kings Langley Cub Pack Waminda 2nd Kings Langley Scout Group
ZARTH , Brian	Fr JSL To DJSL	1st South Penrith Joey Mob Jamison Penrith City District
RESIGNATIONS		
ARNISON , Vanessa Joan	ASL	2nd Castle Hill Scout Troop
BELCHER , Clare Margaret	AL (G)	1st South Penrith Scout Group
BEST , Kieran William	AL (G)	1st South Penrith Scout Group
CAHILL , Melissa Jane	ACSL	1st Kings Langley Cub Pack Impeesa
DARRAGH , Scott William	AJSL	1st Blaxland Joey Mob Taipan
DRURY , Robert John	ACSL	1st North Rocks Cub Pack Barloo
EVETT , Carolyn Margaret	AJSL	2nd Castle Hill Joey Mob
FRASER , Angus Mackenzie	ACSL	1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Cub Pack
FRASER , Christina Natasha	CSL	1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Cub Pack
FRENCH , Glenn William	ACSL	2nd Castle Hill Cub Pack Nackara
GANE , Philip John	AVSL	1st Emu Plains Venturer Unit
HAVILAND , Kerry Leigh	VSL	1st Penrith Venturer Unit
HYATT , Kirsty Anne	AL (G)	1st Emu Plains Scout Group
JENKINSON , Andrew John	DCSL	Hills South District
KINLOCH , Andrew Bruce	ACSL	1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Cub Pack
LOCKMAN , Michael David	AJSL	1st Kings Langley Joey Mob
LOGOZZO , Nicole	AL (G)	1st South Penrith Scout Group
MCEWAN , Julie Kay	AL (G)	1st Winston Hills Scout Group
MASON , Kristine Esther	AVSL	1st Emu Plains Venturer Unit
MEAD , Kylie Ann	ASL	1st Kings Langley Scout Troop
METTENBRINK , Elisa	AJSL	1st Kellyville Joey Mob
MORAZA , Luis Ramon	ASL	2nd Castle Hill Scout Troop
OSTER , Darren	AL (G)	1st South Penrith Scout Group
PARTRIDGE , Kym Stanley	VSL	1st Winston Hills Venturer Unit
PRITCHARD , Stuart Grant	ASL	1st Emu Plains Scout Troop Barindji
ALLAN , Rebecca Jane	Member	Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship 28/02/2012
WAITE , Elizabeth	CrL (Appointed)	2nd Castle Hill Rover Crew
GOODWIN , Nicole Elizabeth	Member	Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship

TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING:

STORIE , David James	Trainee Ldr (G)	1st Grose Vale Scout Group
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RESIGNED OR DID NOT PROCEED IN ERROR

LOCKMAN , Valerie	DJSL	Blacktown District 20/02/2012
PARTRIDGE , Kym Stanley	VSL	1st Winston Hills Venturer Unit 12/03/2012

REGISTRATIONS: 1st Greystanes Joey Mob

DE-REGISTRATIONS: 1st Penrith Venturer Unit

RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

RECENT NIGHTS

Heart Night at Winston Hills

Here we see the Joey's involved with coloring in an outline of a heart and sticking the heart on the body, blindfolded.



A more active part of the evening is a step over race involving pairs of Joey's given the names of parts of the heart.



Jody had the Joey's crawling through veins (a blue tunnel) and arteries (under chairs) to arrive at the heart, where they continued circulating.



The Cubs get to feel the lamb's heart and investigate what's inside through a microscope. Some are a little hesitant at first, but eventually get involved with the novelty of seeing inside the heart.



BOOKINGS JUNE- AUGUST 2012

Jun 4 - 8	Dural	Joey's then Cubs	Light
Jun 9 - 11	Jamborette GWS	Scouts	
Jun 15	Oakville	Scouts	
Jun 19	Dural	Scouts	Light
Jun 25	2 nd Baulkham Hills	Cubs	Light
Jul 17	2 nd Castle Hill	Cubs	Light
Jul 25	Carlingford	Joey's then Cubs	Arcs & Sparks
31 Jul	Kellyville	Cub Pack 1	Chemistry
6 Aug	Kellyville	Cub Pack 2	Chemistry
14 Aug	Ermington	Joey's then Cubs	Light
21 Aug	Pendle Hill	Cubs then Scouts	Light
28 Aug	Forestville	Cubs then Scouts	Arcs & Sparks

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VENTURER REPORT

A large contingent of Venturers from the Region has been active in promoting Scouting at several events during April. These included the **Sydney Royal Easter Show, Parramatta Youth Week and Dundas Community Fair**. The Venturers performed their routine of **circus and fire acts**, as well as helping with the climbing wall and other activities on offer. Each Venturer has worked tirelessly to ensure as many young children as possible, had the opportunity to get involved and learn about Scouting - a huge congratulations goes to all involved, particularly those who endured the torrential rain at Sydney Olympic Park!

Other activities have also been particularly popular. **Luke Bartlett of 1st Ermington** attended the **2012 Air Venture Flying Camp at Camden Airport** during the school holidays. Our **Initiative Course** at the beginning of May was oversubscribed, and a good number of candidates have applied for our **Leadership Course** as well. Activities have been filling up exceptionally fast recently, and with forms already being received at Region Office for our August and September Courses, I would encourage all interested Venturers to **apply early to avoid disappointment!**

Pre-Waratah activities have been announced for 2012. The Pre-Waratah activities are optional challenges that will qualify each team for a bonus reward. Whilst these tasks are NOT compulsory, they are very worthwhile for every Venturer Scout to attempt - as completing a Pre-Waratah Activity usually prepares participants for the fun and excitement they will encounter when they get to **Waratah in November**.

Task One is to have at least some of the team share a meal with members from the Rover section and submit a photograph with the Team Application Form. **Task Two** is to have as many members as possible of the team complete their Unit Management, Leadership or Initiative course before the event. **More details** of these tasks as well as other information about Waratah is available from the **Region website** or at the monthly **Venturer Scout Councils**.

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Scout Caving at Bungonia

Photo:
Meredith Stewart

ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

The Caving Trip to Wee Jasper in April was a raging success, with about 100 participants. Great work, Caving Team. **(The lost gear has been found! What a ripper).**

COMING ACTIVITIES

Caving Trip: 19th & 20th May (location to be announced).

Rescue (Recovery) Course: Sunday 17th June.

Scout Top-Rope Climbing Course: Sunday 24th June at Dargan's Creek, with theory during the week before at a suitable location. Also Sunday 9th September.

Venturer Abseil Course: Tuesday 7th August (theory) and 11th & 12th August (practical).

Abseil Course: Tuesday 21st (theory at Bundilla) and 25th & 26th August (Practical at Bowen Mtn. and Yellow Rock). Also 23rd, 27th & 28th October.

Scout Abseil Badge Course: Sunday 16th September, with theory on a suitable night during the week before.

Caving Course: 19th September (theory at Bundilla) and 22nd & 23rd September (practical at Bungonia).

Special courses for individual groups can be arranged by contacting Rick Jamieson

The complete year's program is on our web site

www.beprepared.com.au/gws

A1 forms are on the [greaterwestscouts](http://greaterwestscouts.com.au) website in the Activities calendar section. Applications (on the A1 Form) should be sent to the Region Office two weeks before the course. Two-day and three-day courses cost \$30, One-day trips \$10, Scout Proficiency Badge courses \$10 (one-day) or \$20 (two-day). No charge for theory nights.

Rick Jamieson RRA Coordinator
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GWSR Scouts Go Underground!

On Friday 20th April, 55 excited Scouts filled up parents' cars with bags, helmets and overalls, as they set out on a fun weekend of caving at Wee Jasper. We arrived late at night at the campsite, so we quickly set up our tents and got as much sleep as we could, in order to be ready for the action packed day to follow.

We woke early the next morning to the peaceful scene of the campsite which had been hidden to us the previous night. We cooked up a filling breakfast to energise us for the day. We met the other Scouts we would be spending the weekend with, as the caving instructors briefed us on what we would be doing throughout the weekend.

We then split into two groups; the first group, which I was part of, went off to the tourist cave at Wee Jasper, **Carey's Cave**. When we arrived, we were greeted by the smiling face of our wonderful tour guide, Geoff Kell. We entered the cave and as we looked around, you could hear they *oohs* and *aahs* from everyone, as they took in the magnificent formations around them. Geoff explained what all the different formations were. After about an hour and a half of our minds being filled with this great experience, we exited the cave knowing a lot more about caves than we did when we went in! We returned to camp and swapped over with the other group who went off to Carey's Cave. We went through all the theory that we needed to go into the **wild caves**, with our experienced instructors. They shared their knowledge of caving with us, taught us the knots we needed to use and the techniques of crawling and getting through the caves.

When both groups finished their sessions, we had lunch and then split into five groups. The first two groups went into the wild caves. Our group went into the cave by the name of **Signature Cave**. After a look around the main chamber of the cave, we moved to the part of the cave called the **Phreatic Maze**. Here we had half an hour to walk around and test out our abilities on the different squeezes and crawls. We had an amazing time! We could not get lost in this part of the cave, so we could do our own thing and take in the beauty of the underground world.

The other wild cave we went into was the **Dip Cave**. We went through the cave, guided by our venturer cavers. We saw many formations on our way to the daylight chamber. We were instructed to turn off our torches and look up at the hole above us. We were amazed at how far above us the ground was, 35 metres! We then returned towards the start of the cave and turned off down a path to the left and snaked our way down to the bottom of the cave. We were very careful as we made our way down the very

slippery path, and as it was getting late, we headed back to camp. The other groups had been enjoying some free time to explore the camp and relax before going into the caves that we had just explored. After three sessions, we all arrived back at the campsite exhausted and ready for some food. We all prepared and ate dinner and then enjoyed some time with our friends around the campfire sharing jokes and funny stories.

The next morning we rose from our warm beds, got into our damp and muddy caving gear and had a quick breakfast before heading off to Scouts Own in the **Punchbowl Cave**. As we reflected on our Scouting in the darkness and beauty of the cave, we remembered a Scout Leader who had recently passed away. A Leader and Venturer were also invested.

We then went back into our groups and finished off the caves that we hadn't done on the previous day. As the camp was coming to a close, the Scouts began to pack up and prepare lunch. After lunch we had closing parade and we congratulated the instructors on the fabulous job they had done in preparing this amazing experience for us. We said goodbye to all of the new friends we had made and began the long trip home, a lot wiser, more knowledgeable and a lot tireder than when we had first arrived. Overall it was a fantastic weekend and was enjoyed by all of the Scouts that attended.

Daniel McKinley, Scout
1st Kings Langley Scout Group



On Sunday 22nd April, Joey Scouts from 1st North Rocks, 1st Kellyville and 2nd Castle Hill led the way in the Castle Hill ANZAC Day March. The march spanning all Scouting sections, marched up Old Northern Road to the War Memorial at Castle Hill.

Joey Scout Leaders Lisa Whittaker, 1st Kellyville,
Dianne Quan, 2nd Castle Hill and
Kathryn Peirce (Wallaby) 1st North Rocks

INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SHOWCASE



Saturday 23rd June
9am to 1pm

Baden Powell Scout Centre
Pomona Street, Pennant Hills

All Welcome

Scouting members please wear full uniform.

**Why not add this date to your calendar and organise a visit
for your youth members also?**



**For more information please contact your Region International
Representative or Bob MacDonald on 9484 5446 or 042 821 4601**

Further details will be available on our NSW International Website



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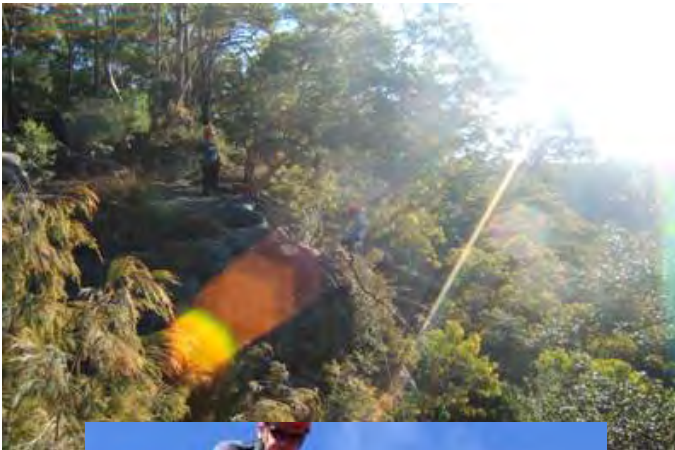
ROCKING ON WITH RICK

On behalf of the Scouts from 4th Castle Hill Scout Troop, I would like to thank the entire Rock Team for the energy and enthusiasm that they put into the recent Abseil course. It was truly one of those moments that make you proud to be a member of the Scouting community. All the best to Rick and the entire team.

Regards

John Mackie (SPLICE)

4th Castle Hill Scout Group



AMERICAN JAMBOREE

JULY 2013

This event is bigger than a world Jamboree (more than 40,000 people!) at a brand new Jamboree site - The Summit in West Virginia, USA.

Activities will include white water rafting, rappelling, shooting, BMX, scuba diving, zip lining and more!

Anyone aged between 14 and 20 participates in all activities. This will be the first ever USA Jamboree with female participants.

We will leave Australia on 11th July 2013 and return on 29th July 2013. We'll spend about three days in the nation's capital Washington DC, and four days in Los Angeles visiting Disneyland, Universal Studios and Six Flags. The contingent fee includes these activities, all food, accommodation, Jamboree fees and contingent merchandise.

Hurry time is running out:

Applications to join the Australian Contingent, along with the deposit must be received by 8th June 2012!

Further information about the Australian Contingent can be found on

www.bsa2013.scouts.com.au

General Jamboree information can be found at

www.bsajamboree.org

If you have any questions (big or small), please email me on bsacontingentleader@scouts.com.au or phone me on 0413 319 814.

Thank you

Michael Pratt

Australian Contingent Leader

BSA National Scout Jamboree 2013

Scouts in Action Week 2012

International Scouting

20-26 August



The theme this year is **International Scouting** and the **Scouts in Action Week** website www.scoutsinactionweek.com has been updated with lots of information about this year's theme.

Over the coming weeks more section programs will be added - so make sure you visit the site at least once a week to see what has been added.

Again Groups or Sections are asked to register, so we can keep track of who is participating. Don't forget to tell all your Scouting colleagues about SiAW and you can do this by sending an email with a link to the website inviting them to participate. If you have any contacts outside of Australia please send them an invitation to be part of the largest annual Scouting event in Australia.

Shortly, the website will be updated with details on the **2012 Scouts in Action Week badge** and you will receive an email on how you can order yours in advance of Scouts in Action Week, 2012.

The aim for this year is to get as many **International Programs** that we can, and you are invited to submit your **International** themed programs to youth.events@scouts.com.au

The **challenge** is to have a **Program** and a **Traditional game** that **represents all 161 NSO's** (National Scout Organisations).

There will also be information about **Pen Pal programs, JOTA/JOTI, Hands Across the Water and other Scouts Australia initiatives** - so check the website to see what is on offer and see how you and your section can get involved.

REGISTER NOW

**Spread the word to all of your Scouting friends
in Australia and overseas.**

International participants are welcome in 2012.

Yours in Scouting,

John Parr

**National Project Commissioner Youth Events
Scouts Australia**

2nd Castle Hill Cub Camp

By Helen Hodge (Raksha) ACSL and Jack Hodge
(Second, Grey Six)

On Friday 30th April, 11 very excited Cubs, with Leaders and helpers from 2nd Castle Hill Scout Group set out for a weekend of travel and camping. We started our journey by train from Pennant Hills station and took in the sights of Sydney Harbour as we travelled over the Harbour Bridge and headed south. Our destination was North Wollongong Scout Hall which is a short walk from North Wollongong Station. Our first night was spent in the hall.

On Saturday morning Platypus kicked off the day by teaching the Cubs how to pitch a tent. This was followed by a walk to nearby Fairy Creek where Cookie taught us all about fishing. Akela helped everyone learn more about knots and put them into use making mini rafts and Raksha kept up the pace with some fun fitness drills. Watching paragliders land throughout the morning on an adjacent field was added entertainment.

The afternoon was spent making delicious individual dampers with all sorts of yummy, gooey fillings, then a nature walk where we spotted native birds and the biggest butterfly any of us had ever seen. In the evening we sat around a mock campfire in the hall, complete with glow sticks for effect and had a fabulous song night. We then retired to our tents for well earned sleep.

After a bit of April Fool's Day fun on Sunday morning we travelled to Town Hall by train and made our way to Hyde Park where we were amazed to bump into cubs from Kellyville. We went onto visit the ANZAC Memorial in Hyde Park, a beautiful and solemn place. Here we viewed many exhibits including the 9th Battalion pennant that has become known as the first flag brought ashore by Australians at Gallipoli and which now bears the signature of Baden-Powell! We also released paper stars into the well of contemplation in memory of fallen service men and women.

We had a picnic in Hyde Park before making our way to Circular Quay to catch a ferry to Parramatta. The ferry ride allowed us once more to enjoy views of the Harbour and we were able to see the Harbour Bridge again up close but this time from underneath. From Parramatta we caught a bus to Castle Hill and the final leg of our journey was a short walk back to our Scout Hall.

We were able to experience several types of transport and teach the cubs some new skills on this weekend and for most of the cubs, it was their first scout camp in tents. The experience and knowledge gained on this

weekend allowed them to earn the Fishing Badge Level 1 and pass some sections of the Boomerang badges. Most importantly, the cubs had heaps of fun while they were learning.

A huge thank you must go to Leaders Akela, Cookie, Platypus and Raksha for planning and running the weekend and to the wonderful Dads that helped transport our luggage, cooked delicious meals and provided added support. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you too to the Cubs. You made the weekend a great experience for everyone.



1-2-3 WOOF!



Charles Yendle (Baggy), CSL 3rd Merrylands has sent me a number of walks that are suitable for Cubs attempting to earn their Grey Wolf Award. I will publish one each month, but they will also be put up on the GWSR website soon. If any one else has other suggestions for hikes/outings please send them in.

AN OUTING TO BERRY ISLAND

Whenever I take cubs on a hike, I ALWAYS do the hike first, by myself, so there are no unexpected problems that may occur. I have heard of Leaders taking cubs or scouts on hikes and getting lost. This is dangerous and lowers your image in the cub's eyes.

Berry Island is a National Park and makes for a great Cub outing or Grey Wolf hike. The map in any street directory or online may be used for this hike.

Parramatta Railway Station (or whichever is closest to you) to Wollstonecraft Railway Station:

- The cub must obtain the train timetable from Parramatta Station to Wollstonecraft Station and work out departure and arrival times and travel costs for all ages.
- The train will cross the Harbour Bridge and Wollstonecraft Station is two stations past North Sydney.
- When you alight the train, follow the track alongside the station on the east side, going North. You will see a park, with a map of the area. This is a good spot for morning tea.
- Continue North, and you will come to a bridge. Do not cross the bridge, but go alongside the bridge following the track on your left under the bridge. Under the bridge, you will see the track going west following the creek. Follow this track.
- The track crosses the creek a couple of times. Do not take the tracks going North as these go to Greenwich Road. Where the creek meets the bay, keep to the left. The track will climb steeply and cross a wooden bridge across a smaller creek. Along the hike there are plenty of wild flowers and small animals to observe
- Do not walk in people's back yards. The track will pass between houses and bring you out onto Shirley Road. This walk takes about ¾ hour.
- Berry Island is on your right, down the hill. There is a toilet as you arrive at the causeway.
- If you travel on the left hand track around the island, you will come to a lookout, and then some Aboriginal carvings on the left of the track opposite the Shell Oil Terminal. Do not let the cubs walk on these carvings!
- Carry on and the track will bring you back to the clearing at the causeway. To your left is a play area, a good place to have lunch.
- After lunch, walk to the left of the island at the water level. Walk as far as possible without the cubs getting their feet wet. Return to the causeway and walk east (left along the shore of the main land).
- Hike about 200 metres. Here you will see boats hidden in the bush by the nearby owners. Do not touch these boats. Time to go home.
- You may return back up the creek, but I usually proceed up the steep hill of Shirley Road. Half way up the hill you will come to Millray Avenue on your left. Follow this street until you come to the end, and there is the park at the station that you were at earlier.
- Cross under the railway line, using the under pass, and turn right to Wollstonecraft Station.
- Catch your train home, with your tired Cubs after a great day out!



Congratulations to our Region Webmaster, Matthew Thompson who received his Baden Powell Scout Award and Leader of Adults Wood Badge on Sunday 6th May 2012 at 1st/2nd Merrylands Scout Hall.

GWS Region Commissioner Neville Henderson topped off the special day by announcing Matt's new appointment as Region Commissioner for Communications and Public Relations!

Sincere thanks to all our family, friends and Scouting Family members who attended the ceremony and paid such wonderful tributes to Matthew. Special thanks to all his Leaders, Mentors and fellow Rovers who have helped, guided, supported and encouraged him along his Scouting pathway, from Cub Scout to Commissioner!
He could not have achieved his goals without you. Thank you from Paul and Anne Thompson



If you have ever participated in a training course, attended an activity or camped at Bundilla Scout Camp - you are cordially invited to come....

Back to Bundilla

16TH SEPTEMBER 2012

9.45 am to 3.30pm

- FOR ADULTS ONLY (NO YOUTH MEMBERS UNDER 18YRS)
- MORNING TEA: DEVONSHIRE TEA \$4 OR TEA/COFFE \$2
- LUNCH: CHICKEN KEBABS WITH SALAD \$5, COLD DRINKS \$2
- REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL FOR CATERING PURPOSES

PLEASE REPLY ASAP

If you have any old photos or memorabilia associated with Bundilla, Sandra would love to hear from you - please call or email her asap.



Organiser: Sandra Parker

Email: cparker@oneseniors.com.au

or phone: 9626 8850

If you know of someone who may like to attend please pass this invitation on.

CAMPING UNDER THE STARS COULD LEAD TO EQUALITY - YES, REALLY

By Boris Johnson, Lord Mayor of London

London Daily Telegraph
25th January 2012

At the risk of sounding like a character from Enid Blyton, there is absolutely nothing to beat camping. I love the exultation you get when you rise from your ground mat and all the aches melt away from your body as you realise the night is over at last. Then follows the sizzle of bacon and the hands wrapped around the mug of tea, and the first peep of sun over mountains or the mist rising off a river; and all the time that wonderful sense that you are the first to be up, that the world is snoozing, and that you have defied nature and survived a night in your own habitation - no matter how rudimentary.

I have camped everywhere from the drizzle of Salisbury Plain to the Serengeti and to the beaches of California. I have bivouacked on cardboard outside the Gare du Nord in Paris. I have dosed down on my towel in Spain, and I once accidentally pitched my tent late at night in the middle of a roundabout in downtown Canberra, and woke to find my hands had been so badly bitten by bugs that they swelled like blown-up washing-up gloves; and yet I would do it again tomorrow.

There are thousands of young people who are learning to share my enthusiasm, and who are being taught the joys of camping and other outdoor adventures. They are taken on trips - at no great cost - by the uniformed youth groups: the Scouts, the Guides, the Army Cadets, Sea Cadets, Air Cadets, Police Cadets, Boys' Brigade and the Girls' Brigade.

A few days ago, I saw about 50 of them training in Mitcham. They were tying knots and learning artificial respiration and performing various team missions such as getting a tennis ball into a bucket without using their hands, and they were so radiant with enjoyment that I asked a girl (she must have been about 14) what she liked about it. "It's like a family," she said, unprompted. And what's the worst bit? I asked her, expecting her to complain about the food, or getting lost, or the rain dripping through the canvas. "When it's time to go home again," she said.

I don't think I am more sentimental than anyone else, but I got a bit choky at this point. There are large

numbers of kids who enjoy these activities - but then there are even more who don't get the chance.

You may think that it all sounds a bit uncool, and that the BlackBerry generation wouldn't be remotely interested in dib dib dib dob dob dob, or whatever Scouts say to each other these days. But there are 8,000 young people on waiting lists to join - most of them in London - and these groups are a huge potential force for social good. We can spend billions on policing, and we can fight gang crime and knife crime - as we have, with a great deal of success. The number of young people dying from knives has fallen, and the murder rate has dropped by more than 20 per cent since 2008. But long-term solutions mean catching those kids before they get involved, and giving them a better and more productive kind of gang to join.

In his perceptive book on the August riots, Tottenham MP David Lammy stressed the importance of uniformed youth groups - and the sad thing is that we can't expand those groups without more adults to help out. To get another 8,000 kids the chance to do camping and everything else, we need at least another 800 adults. If you think you might conceivably be interested, please sign up for Team London on our website. We need public-spirited people who care about inequality and who know about outdoor adventures - and it occurs to me that there is one group of obvious candidates.

The anti-capitalist protesters of the Occupy movement have done an amazing job of getting us all to focus on the fat cats, and the many anomalies of the free market system. They are surely right to say that people should not receive vast financial rewards for business failure. They are right to point to tax absurdities, such as the rule that allows offshore companies to buy up London property without paying the vast stamp duty demanded of the rest of us. And yet all of this campaigning is surely only a part of the story. If you want to defeat poverty and inequality, then it isn't enough just to foment indignation against the rich. You need to build up everyone else.

The problem with Western economies isn't too much capitalism - it's too little. There aren't enough small companies who can get the loans from the banks, or who are confident enough to take on more staff and expand. And there aren't enough young people who have the skills and self-esteem to take what jobs there are - and there are too many young people who lack both.

That is why a true campaign against inequality would do more than denounce the bankers and call for the shredding of [former chief executive of the loss-making Royal Bank of Scotland] Fred Goodwin. It's not enough

to hate the plutocrats; you have to help the needy.

The Occupy movement is perfectly placed. They know a thing or two about how to pitch a camp in the unlikeliest of places. They are masters of the arts of foraging. They could show young people reef knots and brew-ups and how to cover your tracks and build a wigwam in record time. They would make perfect leaders for the uniformed youth movements, adult volunteers for the Scouts and the Guides and all the rest; and I believe they would find it genuinely rewarding.

The reality is that after months of protest, and several major speeches from party leaders, we are no nearer a solution to the problems of capitalism. We still find it hard to say exactly how government should intervene to make it "fairer". But in working with young people, and teaching them to camp, the Occupy movement could do something huge and practical and lasting to tackle inequality: to steer them away from crime and towards employment. If they signed up for Team London, I would forgive them anything. And if Fred the Shred signs up, he can keep his knighthood!

SCOUT HALL FOR HIRE

1st Austinmer Scout Hall, situated at 20 Moore St in picturesque Austinmer NSW (20 km north of Wollongong), is available for overnight and/or weekend hire by cub packs and scout troops. The beach lies 100 metres to the east. For bushwalking, a path starting 300 metres to the west climbs through the Illawarra rain-forest right to the top of the escarpment. The hall can be hired for \$5 per person per night. The hall has hot and cold showers, toilets, a kitchen and a barbeque. Austinmer Railway Station is at the end of Moore Street.

For bookings contact; **Ron Witton on 0409 399 752 or rwitton@uow.edu.au**



Parramatta & District Historical Society would like to offer the facilities of **HAMBLEDON COTTAGE** for Cub Scouts to gain their Local History badge.

Hambledon Cottage is an original sandstone cottage, built in 1824 by Elizabeth and John Macarthur and is located at **63 Hassall Street (Cnr Gregory Pl) Parramatta**. It is surrounded by the two acre Hambledon Reserve Park, which can be used for meals and games.

During a visit the Cubs will observe a cottage furnished in the 1820 to 1880's style. They will see artefacts used in colonial days, make comparisons with life today and take part in activities such as slate and stylus writing and playing with toys used by children before video games!

It is recommended that groups of ten, accompany a guide for the tour and all activities. The CSL will be given material to help with follow up activities. At least one hour is required for the tour. The cost is \$3 per youth member.

INSPECTION TIMES

Thursday to Sunday 11am to 4pm
Other times by Appointment only

Hambledon Cottage is open on most Public Holidays but closed on Good Friday, Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Other historic houses nearby include Experiment Farm and Elizabeth Farm.

ADULTS	\$ 4.00
CONCESSIONS	\$3 (Pensioners, Senior Cards)
CHILDREN	\$2 (5 to 15 years)

Groups by Appointment
Telephone or Fax **9635-6924** or Email
parramattahist@tpg.com.au



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Have you ever thought about holding your Group camp at Mt Keira Scout Camp?

The camp is located just 15 minutes from Wollongong on Mt Keira Road.

The Wollongong Science Centre is only 15 minutes away.

AMENITIES INCLUDE:

- ★ A large camping area suitable for up to 100 people with toilets and hot showers
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GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION**



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Region Chairman

AND

MR NEVILLE HENDERSON
Region Commissioner

invite you to be present at the

**65th GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

to be held at

BUNDILLA SCOUT CAMP
6 Baden Powell Place
WINSTON HILLS

on

**Sunday 24th June 2012
2.00 PM**

Please RSVP by Friday, 15th June 2012 to:

6 Baden Powell Place
WINSTON HILLS NSW 2153

Phone: 9639 2488

Fax: 9686 2510 or

Email: gws.region@nsw.scouts.com.au

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Tear off and return to 6 Baden Powell Place, Winston Hills NSW 2153

Name/s.....

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