



# countywide outlook ... Scouting in Bedfordshire

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## award congratulations

### St George's Day Awards 2006—Silver Acorn

David Farish	Group Chairman, 1st Someries
Mrs Pearl Farr	Local Training Manager
Brian Goodchild	DC Someries
Tony Guess	DC Leighton Linslade
Alec Hissett	County Training Manager
Roz Hissett	County Scouter
Richard Short	DC Dunstable
Brian Stewart	Chairman, District Appointments, Icknield
Nigel Taylor	DC Ampthill & Woburn
Martin Wesley	DCC

### Bar to the Medal of Merit

#### Bedford District

John Barnes AGSL Oakley

#### Icknield District

Alan Hammond District Executive  
Maureen Hammond District Executive

### Medal of Merit

#### Leighton Linslade District

Andrew Skinner ASL 1st Linslade

#### Icknield

Miss Lisa Pulling GSL The Manor

#### Biggleswade

Ken Brooker ADC Activities  
Bill Mapletoft ADC Cub Scouts  
Roy Snell ADC Scouts

### Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

#### Leighton Linslade District

Maureen Allen BSL Heath & Reach  
Philip Gregory BSL Trinity  
Darrell Hale BSL Church Riverside  
Ann Mathews ADC CS  
Vaughan Phillips ACSL Briggington  
Brenda Wainer BSL 1st Leighton Buzzard

#### Icknield

Mrs Jean Mitchell CSL Sundon Park  
Michael Taylor Chairman 1st Luton SS  
Mrs Caroline Vargas GSL St Augustine's  
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Mrs Barbara Wood CSL Sells Seventh

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## news from the county commissioner

Friends,

The lighter nights are here at last, it seemed a terrible long winter, although I know lots of you make the most of the dark evenings running activities such as night hikes and wide games. I remember my first night hike, this will make those of you who know me really well laugh, because, as you all know I am wary of the dark and always sleep with the light on. Well, it was as a Land Ranger accompanied by the Senior Scouts that I embarked on this adventure, it was a very frightening experience for me. I spent all of the time trying to keep in the middle of the group, looking behind me and to the sides of me at all times. Well you really do need to pay attention don't you, because as I was checking behind me, because I seemed to have slipped to the back of the group, the road curved. Yes you've guessed right, I kept walking on still checking behind me and walked straight into the ditch. The stinging nettles were at their best, I was covered in bumps and didn't know which to scratch first. But on the positive note it took my mind off being wary of the dark. I remember us sleeping on the floor of our Ranger Captains home on our return and no one could sleep because of the Cuckoo Clock, I was happy because it meant that I wasn't in the dark awake on my own!

It's been many years since we have been able to celebrate Saint Georges Day 23<sup>rd</sup> April on the actual day. I know that much planning has taken place all around the County and I hope that you all have a wonderful parade and service. It's always good to see our young members taking part in these services, they never tire of seeing Saint George slaying the dragon and of course they love the parade especially when a band is involved. I wish I could get to all of your celebrations but of course that is impossible. I shall be attending Bedford this year and members of my County Team will be attending all the other district parades and services around the County.

The following Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April is when the Saint Georges Day Service and Parade of Queen Scouts takes place. We have one Queen's Scout attending, Robyn Cannell from Leighton/Linslade District, well done Robyn. Also attending that day are Paul Ibbotson as the new County Chairman and Martin Wesley, Alec Hissett, Ros Hissett, Pearl Farr, Nigel Taylor, Brian Goodchild, Tony Guess, Dick Short, Brian Stewart and David Farish, all who have been awarded 'Silver Acorns' my congratulations to you all, have a lovely day!

I wonder how many of you have read the changes in POR. On a training course recently no one seemed to know of the changes and very few had access to a hard copy of POR. Can I ask that GSLs make sure that this

valuable resource is made available to all of their sections and executive committee. How can we expect Leaders to adhere to rules if they are not given access to them, for we know that not all Leaders have a computer and are able to access the internet to update themselves on important changes.

The main changes are with ratios of adults to young people and activity authorisations changing to permits. The changes for activities will be presented to the county in due course, but I will explain the changes to ratios for you now:

### Rule 3.7 Beaver Scout Colony

- c. The operation of the Colony must be overseen by a Warranted Leader.
- d. The warranted Leader must plan to ensure that at least two adults (aged 18 or over) are present at the Colony Meeting, at least one of whom should hold a warrant.
- f. Other than the two adults being present there is no minimum ratio of adults to Beaver Scouts set for regular indoor Colony Meetings, but Leaders should arrange for sufficient adults (aged 18 or over) to ensure a safe meeting environment for the operation of the Colony, which may vary depending on the programme.

It is good practice to have a mixed leadership team.

- g. The minimum ratio for outdoor activities and sleepovers is 1 adult to 6 Beaver Scouts plus the Leader in charge.

### Rule 3.8 The Cub Scout Pack

- c. The operation of a Pack must be overseen by a warranted Leader.
- d. The warranted Leader must plan to ensure that at least two adults (aged 18 or over) are present at the Pack Meeting, at least one of whom should hold a warrant.
- f. Other than the two adults being present there is no minimum ratio of adults to Cub Scouts set for regular indoor Pack Meetings, but Leaders should arrange for sufficient adults (aged 18 or over) to ensure a safe meeting environment for the operation of the Pack, which may vary depending on the programme.

It is good practice to have a mixed leadership team.



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g. The minimum ratio for outdoor activities and nights away events is 1 adult to 8 Cub Scouts plus the Leader in charge.

### Rule 3.9 The Scout Troop

b. The operation of the Troop must be overseen by a Warranted Leader.

c. The Warranted Leader must plan to ensure at least two adults (aged 18 or over) are present at the Troop Meeting.

e. Other than the two Warranted Leaders being present there is no minimum ratio of adults to Scouts set for regular indoor Troop Meetings, but Leaders should assess the risk and arrange for sufficient adults (aged 18 or over) to ensure a safe meeting environment for the operation of the Troop, which may vary depending on the programme being delivered.

It is good practice to have a mixed leadership team.

f. For a nights away event led by a Nights Away Permit holder, the minimum ratio is 1 adult to 12 Scouts plus the Leader in charge.

Make sure you read the changes soon.

I have visited many groups since the last edition of this newsletter, some just to say hello, others to present much deserved awards to Leaders and young members. I enjoy seeing the faces of the young people when an award is made, they certainly appreciate being rewarded for work they have completed and love to see their own Leader rewarded for the time they give so generously.

Recently I attended a Group Show at Tilbridge in Leighton/Linslade District, what a fantastic evening I had. The talent shown by every member including the Leader Team was superb, well done Tilbridge!

As this is my last report as your County Commissioner, may I thank you all for your support and friendship and continued dedication to Scouting in Bedfordshire. You have all made a huge contribution to the lives of so many young members, which will help them throughout their lives in whatever career path they choose,

THANK YOU!



If you have not received information regarding the Beaver Scout 20th Birthday Bash please contact the County Office for more information:

01234 826079  
[bedscouts@btinternet.com](mailto:bedscouts@btinternet.com)

## directory updates

District	Update
Campsites	New Contact for L Buzzard Campsite
Dunstable	Change in Explorer Scout Leaders
Dunstable	4th Dunstable New Contact
Biggleswade	New DCSL
Lea Valley	New Appointments Secretary
Lea Valley	Lea Scout Group—New GSL
LL	New ADC Cub Scouts & Scouts
LL	Cancellation of ADC Beaver Scouts
LL	New Contacts for Briggington & Trinity
Somerles	New DC
Somerles	Cancellation of DESC & ADC S
Somerles	7th Somerles—New GSL



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## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LEAGRAVE SCOUT GROUP

FORMERLY 41<sup>ST</sup> WESTERN DIVISION (LUTON) & 7<sup>TH</sup> CHILTERN

Were you a member of the 41st Western Division (Luton), 7th Chiltern or Leagrave Scout Group as a Scout, Leader, Assistant, Helper or Member of the Group Executive Committee? If the answer is yes, then you are invited to attend a 50th Anniversary Reunion on the 17th June 2006.

There will be entertainment and light refreshments available on the evening. All attendees are invited to bring along any memorabilia they may have, be they just good memories, photographs or other mementos of their time with the Group.

So come and meet with old friends, leaders & supporters in celebration of 50 years of your Scout Group.

If you are interested, or would like further details please contact Elaine on :

☎ 01582 528360  
✉ LEAGRAVE@SCOUTS@HVAVALI-HYSCOUTS.ORG.UK  
🌐 WWW.LEAGRAVE-SCOUTS.ORG.UK



**Why not get all of these things and more by joining the Leslie Sell Activity Centre Service Team.**

A no-obligation taster weekend is being held at the LSAC on the 12th to the 14th of May and is open to all members from Explorer age upwards.

If for whatever reason you can't make both Saturday and Sunday, don't want to stay overnight or are already helping at the Beaver Scouts 20th Anniversary Bash then don't despair you can come and join in for as long as you can and still get a taste of what you can expect from being a member of the team.

If you would like more details on how you can get involved, please contact the County Office for an information pack including an outline program of events.

Email: [bedscouts@btinternet.com](mailto:bedscouts@btinternet.com) / phone: 01234 826079

## SCOUTING FOR HEADLINES

In preparation for next year's Scout centenary events, I have been talking with our local press about publicity and how to produce items that editors will use. Between us we have compiled this list of do's and don'ts based on recent real life experiences.

Do give the press concise details of the event. Answer the four main questions: Who? What? Where? When?

Do give a daytime contact number and a person to contact.

Don't expect a photographer to turn up. Newspapers tend to use freelance photographers these days, they are expensive and are generally reserved for major stories.

Do arrange for someone in your Group/District to take good quality, exciting close-ups of the activities - not boring presentations or line-ups.

Do make sure digital photographs are of good resolution. Use a 4 megapixel camera or better and set it for maximum quality.

Don't use phone cameras or stills from movie clips. The resolution is too poor for newspaper reproduction.

Do take lots of photographs to allow you to reject those with eyes closed, heads cut off or strange activities going on in the background.

Do submit photographs and the write up or copy in plenty of time before the press deadline. Articles for a Wednesday newspaper have to be in by Monday morning.

Do compress digital images to 1.2Mb or less if you intend to e-mail them. Alternatively, convert them to PDF format and send that.

Do make a point of introducing yourself to the editor of your local newspaper with publicity for your first event but choose the day after his publication date and not the day before if you want his full attention.

Do contact the Scout information centre ([info.centre@scout.org.uk](mailto:info.centre@scout.org.uk)) and ask for: Briefing notes on the photography and video recording of Scout events - child protection. They're full of commonsense guidelines.

Don't give up just because your first efforts don't get printed. Just keep plugging away and one day the editor will surprise you.

Peter Sutherst  
PRO for Icknield District Scouts



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## SPECIAL NEEDS ...OR NOT? This is the question.

Currently there is much talk around "inclusion" in educational circles. Scouting meanwhile has always been happy to promote the ethos of inclusion in any section.

There are many types of Special Needs. Some are easy to identify such as broken limbs, poor eyesight, deafness and syndromes such as Down's. In these cases experience has shown that leaders in Scouting have many imaginative ways of adapting their programmes to enable young people to integrate.

Less physically obvious disorders such as Autism and Aspergers' Syndrome give us in Scouting more of a challenge, but we can give so much - to the mutual benefit of both the child and the Scout Group.

Misunderstanding these conditions can lead us to believe that children are being disruptive and behaving badly and, perhaps, therefore unwelcome. These conditions may also be confused with the underlying behavioural difficulties of young people diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Deficiency.

I recently attended a lecture give by Ben Polis, a 21-year old who has suffered all his life with this condition known as ADHD (or ADD). He tells of spending most of his childhood being labelled as the "bad kid". He could never really understand what he had done wrong and had no sense of danger. He hated being shouted at because he was embarrassed at being shown up in front of his friends. The people he does remember were those who made special time for him to explain what they wanted him to do.

"Time", what a precious commodity these days! But if time is well spent perhaps it can save us more hardship at a later date. The most important time that can be given to these young people is finding out what are the expectations of both the young people and their parents. It is good to talk about how this can fit in with a scouting programme and to review these at regular intervals. Perhaps a parent, a young guide leader or scout explorer may help out at being a "buddy" which could relieve pressure on leaders.

To recognise the potential of these young people it is worth remembering that the list of more famous ADHD sufferers is said to include: Leonardo da Vinci, Jack Nicholson, Robin Williams, John Lennon, Mozart, Winston Churchill, Susan Hampshire and Cher. What a mixture of talent they would bring to Scouts!

So remember: *There is no such thing as a bad kid, just a good kid doing bad things!*

The Scout Information Centre has an excellent source of Fact Sheets on varying Special Needs. Below are some relevant to this article.

FS322100 ADAH or ADD  
FS250049 Challenging Behaviour  
FS250037 Hyperactivity

Or if you would like to talk over any concern in confidence you are welcome to contact me at the e-mail address below:

ALISON KELLY, County Special Needs Advisor  
alick@freenet.co.uk

## Better Fundraising for your Group

The Fundraising department at Gilwell Park will be running a number of road shows around the country throughout this year.

The purpose of these road shows is:

- To give you the opportunity to listen to external Speakers and the opportunities they have available for fundraising.

- How to operate the Gift Aid Scheme/or further information on Gift Aid
- To help you with your fundraising projects and provide you with the necessary tools
- To update you on funds available from Gilwell Park

The roadshows will be taking place at the following dates and locations:

Saturday 8 April—Bristol - Corus Hotel  
Saturday 10 June—Birmingham - The Orange Studio  
Saturday 14 October—Manchester - Cophorne Hotel  
Saturday 4 November—Newcastle - Jury's Inn  
Saturday 2 December- London - Gillwell Park

These free seminars will give the opportunity for Leaders to ask any questions on fundraising as well as the sharing of best practices.

There will be speakers from HMRC, Landfill Tax and 'Awards for all' and a few other guest speakers. If you are interested in attending please contact [carmen.attard@scout.org.uk](mailto:carmen.attard@scout.org.uk).

Please note that space is limited so places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

## Alton Tower chocolate eruption

Don't miss the awesome start of the seasonal chocolate bonanza at Alton Towers, featuring the world's only choc-tastic chocolate volcano - Choc-uvius! which will erupt twice a day with spectacular effect!!

Running from the 8-23 April, there will be a whole host of scrummy chocolate-themed activities that will make your traditional Easter egg look very sad indeed! For details of discounted tickets for your Group please visit [www.youthfundays.co.uk](http://www.youthfundays.co.uk)



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## Bedfordshire 2007 Jamboree Contingent News

### Badges



Bedfordshire contingent badges are available from Gerry Pope, 14 Windermere Drive, Biggleswade, Beds. SG18 8LS. Also Available from Bromham Camp Site

Price is £2.00 per badge plus a SAE.

### Auction of Promises

The Auction of Promises raised over £1,500

Many thanks to all those who participated.

### County AGM

Wednesday 17 May , 7.45 pm

Rufus Centre

Steppingly Road, Flitwick

All Members of Bedfordshire Scouts  
welcome

## Walton Firs Camp Site

Sue and Dave would like to thank all those in Bedfordshire who have helped them and supported Walton Firs over the past sixteen years.

Although the journey down the M1 & M25 is sometimes a little hectic the site has been well used by a number of Bedfordshire Districts and Groups and the County have held two successful County Camps here. The County has also provided two of the largest Service Teams we have, these are from Bedford and Luton, and we are very pleased that they are still supporting us now. It is due to the dedication and hard work of these people and all the Service Teams that the site has been built up to what it is today. A big "thank you" goes to the Bedford/Luton crew leaders: Gareth Hancock, Trevor Sharp, Michael Jones, Adam Wise and especially Rachel Potheary who has been a crew leader/member since day one.

It was sad to hear that Bedfordshire Trustees had decided to surrender the lease back to HQ, but Surrey County Scout Council are now raising the money to purchase the freehold from the Scout Association the future of the site looks good and we look forward to seeing the Bedfordshire Groups who are due to stay with us in 2006.

We must not forget to thank those past and present who saw a future in Walton Firs and us to carry out the job as Wardens. Everyone believed in the site and we would like to thank them for their support. A special "thank you" goes to Rex Rothwell-Jackson who was on our site Management Committee for fourteen years and has always been a great support to us as a family and to Walton Firs.

Finally we wish everyone in Bedfordshire the very best for the future, enjoy your Scouting, and put the boys and girls in your area first, make their Scouting memories and Scouts will survive no matter what.

God Bless you all, Sue & Dave McIntosh. Wardens of Walton Firs.



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## Activities News

### ***New Activity Permit Scheme launched***

A new Permit Scheme has been launched to replace the authorisation scheme for adventurous activities. This has been as a result of two years of consultation with a large number of people within the Movement and with external organisations.

The Permit Scheme aims to unblock barriers to applications, provides checklists for Applicants and Assessors to work to, and gives flexibility by allowing restrictive Permits. The focus on technical competence will be at the assessment stage and recognises that training can be obtained through different methods, including experience. To ensure that we have a robust scheme, clearer guidelines are set out for responsible Commissioners who grant the Permit, and standards have been set for Assessors. This scheme will be introduced during 2006 and early 2007 before the old scheme becomes obsolete in September 2007.

For further details visit [www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/assessment.htm](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/assessment.htm)

### ***Adult Activity Groups***

In 2006 we are planning to re-launch the county Adult Activity Groups. There will be a number of different groups covering different activities including target sports (Archery and Shooting), Climbing and Paddle sports (Canoeing and Kayaking). These groups will have two main aims. Firstly it will be an opportunity for all Leaders, Assistants, Helpers, Network members and administrators to get together, improve their skills, "have a go". Secondly members can work towards gaining National Governing Body awards and qualifications which will enable them to gain Activity Permits. It is planned that various meetings of each group will be held during the year at a number of venues across the county.

If you're interested in being a part of any of the teams, please contact Trevor Sharp ([Trevor.sharp@comau.co.uk](mailto:Trevor.sharp@comau.co.uk)) for more details.

### ***The Outdoor Show - 17th - 19th of March - Birmingham NEC***

The Ordnance Survey Outdoor Show is taking place again at the NEC. The show is actually a number of shows all rolled into one single event. If you're interested in the outdoors it is well worth a visit. For more information visit the website [www.theoutdoorsshow.co.uk](http://www.theoutdoorsshow.co.uk).

### **Join The Italian Job 2006**

Explorer Scouts and Scout Network members who will be aged between 16 and 22 in August this summer are invited to join the UK contingent for Roverway 2006. Roverway is an international Scouting and Guiding event for the European region and will take place in Italy between 6 and 14 August 2006. The event hopes to attract 5,000 people from over 30 countries.

Participants will work in teams to complete a five-day expedition in one of Italy's 20 provinces. There are 100 different routes to choose from centred around five themes. After finishing their expeditions, the teams will gather near the beautiful city of Florence, where they will be able to enjoy a full range of activities. For those who are over 22, the Roverway organisers need people to run the show as part of the International Service Team (IST). You will attend the event for a reduced fee. For more information about the event, details on how to register or to view our first bulletin visit [www.roverway2006.org.uk](http://www.roverway2006.org.uk) <<http://www.roverway2006.org.uk/>>



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## **Bedlam 2006 – Fifth Anniversary**

This year's event will be the fifth annual Leader activity weekend and will build on the success of previous years. As usual it will be held at Boyd Field, Henlow on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2006. I thought this would be a good opportunity to explain a little about the event and how you could benefit from the Bedlam experience.

### ***The Aim...***

The aim of the weekend is to provide adults within the county an opportunity to participate in a number of adventurous activities, to find out more about activities and to give you a chance to meet other adults from around the county in an informal and enjoyable atmosphere.

### ***Adults only, No Young People...***

The camp is only open to members 18 years of age and over and we have sole use of the campsite over the weekend. This means that you don't have to worry about organising a programme or looking after young people, all you have to do is enjoy yourself, which shouldn't be too difficult!

### ***As little or as much as you like...***

You can choose to come for any length of time you wish and you can get as involved as you wish, so whether you want to spend the day topping up your tan or tiring yourself out climbing, the programme is flexible enough to pick and choose over the weekend.

### ***How much does it cost...***

Because of the flexible nature of the camp, it is priced at £10 per day. This includes all of the activities, camping fees, and refreshments during the day but **does not** include any meals during the weekend.

### ***What will be on offer...***

As usual we will be splitting the day into a number of sessions and running various activities during these sessions. All of the activities during the day will be included in the price and will include climbing, abseiling, kayaking, raft building, silly games, campfires, woggle making, backwoods cooking and archery. There will be a BBQ on the Saturday evening for a small charge which needs to be booked in advance, so if you want to be included, please book early.

### ***Spread the word and get people involved...***

Please tell all the people you know involved in Bedfordshire Scouts about the weekend. It could be the excuse you need to get together with old friends that you haven't seen for a while or you could even use the weekend as a chance to get your group's leader team together for a much needed social event. The more people who turn up the better it will be.

### ***Come on, what's stopping you, experience complete Bedlam...***

If you wish to join in on what will prove to be a worthwhile and enjoyable experience then all you have to do is email [trevor.sharp@comau.co.uk](mailto:trevor.sharp@comau.co.uk) for an application form.

### ***Need to know more...***

If you have any questions about the camp or any of the activities that will be on offer, please don't hesitate to contact me, Trevor Sharp on 01582 487775 or by emailing [trevor.sharp@comau.co.uk](mailto:trevor.sharp@comau.co.uk)



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fellowship

## The Role of the Scout Fellowship

Just a reminder, in case it has slipped your mind, the Scout Fellowship is an adult only group with members from the age of 18 and no maximum age limit. Its purpose is to provide support in an active way to local Scouting, and provide opportunities to those who cannot make a regular commitment, hopefully drawing it's members from inside and outside of Scouting

The Scout Fellowship gives occasional helpers a well-managed link to local Scouting and a degree of involvement and recognition for their efforts. It has the potential to be a dynamic volunteering opportunity available in a community, and can accommodate the interests, skills and time availability of almost anyone.

Scout Fellowship in Bedfordshire can offer a broad spectrum of activities to support your local group, at present all Fellowships are district based, but there is nothing to stop them being formed around a group, the parents could be an untapped resource waiting in the wings.

All adult groups supporting Scouting must be registered as a Scout Fellowship, not just one per district. Many can be formed to meet your needs. They could be a single activity fellowship providing a niche service not only to Scouting but also the community, but of course this depends on the skills and interests of its members.

If you have any thoughts on how you could support Scouting, contact your local ADC Scout Fellowship or Chairman or give me a call. We hope to give an idea of what Scout Fellowship is all about by providing reports of activities around the county in the forth coming months.

David White  
ACC Scout Fellowship, 01234 870837

### Icknield District Scout Fellowship

Icknield District SF is made up of 16 members plus warranted leaders and assistants who join them in their many and varied activities.

Throughout the year the SF help out at District events such as the Cub Scout and Board Games Competitions and attend the St George's Day Parade. They are also willing to use their many and varied skills at section meetings if requested.

They meet up approximately once a month and have a regular commitment at the Pasque Hospice where they provide

refreshments for patients and visitors on a Friday evening.

They have at least two camps per year and will be catering for the team at the National SF Family Camp.

### East Anglia Region Annual National SF Family Camp

The Leslie Sell Activity Centre, Bromham  
14-16 July 2006

£16 per person

Children under 5 free, Under 15 half price

Application forms from

Gordon K Biden—01449 780230

[Lodgefarm@biden.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:Lodgefarm@biden.fsnet.co.uk)



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## POR Update

In recent months there have been various changes made to POR, including amendments incorporating the changes in Activity Rules regarding the Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme and, in Chapter 3, detail regarding adults and supervision of young people. A list of the updates can be found below.

The rule changes can now also be seen in an updated version of POR on the ScoutBaseUK website at: [www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/por/index.htm](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/por/index.htm). The web site includes a \*.pdf version of the POR file which is easy to download and/or print.

Alternatively a printing service is available from the Scout Information Centre. Printed copies can be made and mailed to you. This service costs £4.00 plus postage and packing. This can be ordered via the online catalogue [www.sbuk.org.uk/info.centre/catalog.php](http://www.sbuk.org.uk/info.centre/catalog.php) or by phoning on 0845 300 1818.

### Amendments to POR \* January 2006

Introduction	Removal of Transitional Arrangements notes on Adult Training Scheme.				
Chapter 2	Amendment to the notes on Equal Opportunities Policy regarding mixed membership.				
Rule 3.7	Change in January 2006 to ratios of Adults to Beaver Scouts.				
Rule 3.8	Change in January 2006 to ratios of Adults to Cub Scouts.				
Rule 3.9	Introduction in January 2006 of ratios of Adults to Scouts.				
Rule 3.22c	Balanced Programme replaces progressive training scheme.				
Rule 3.30	(table) Authorisation amended to Permit.				
Rule 3.36b	(iii & iv) Authorisation amended to Permit.				
Rule 4.2c	Change to District Explorer Scout Commissioner.				
Rule 4.21g	(iv) Authorisation amended to Permit.				
Rule 4.28	(table) Authorisation amended to Permit.				
Rule 4.34b	(iii & iv) Authorisation amended to Permit.				
Rule 5.16g	(iv) Authorisation amended to Permit.				
Rule 5.23	(table) Authorisation amended to Permit.				
Rule 5.29b	(iii & iv) Authorisation amended to Permit.				
Chapter 7	Update to Emergency contact numbers and revised references to the Duty Press Officer.				
Chapter 9	Introduction includes notes on the transition to the new Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme scheme. The following rules have been amended due to the introduction of the Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme:				
Rules 9.1	Rule 9.2	Rule 9.7	Rule 9.8	Rule 9.12c	Rule .19
Rule 9.20	Rule 9.26	Rule 9.31	Rule 9.32	Rule 9.33	Rule .34
Rule 9.35	Rule 9.37	Rule 9.44	Rule 9.47	Rule 9.55d	Rule 9.76
Rule 9.59	refer to Rule 9.60				
Rule 9.60	Rule amended following changes to adult supervision ratios.				
Rule 9.61	Additional note added to the end relating to adult / Scout ratios.				
Rule 9.63	Rule amended				
Rule 9.64	Rule amended due to introduction of Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme and a change from Form PC to Form TA.				
Rule 11.6f	Addition of Chief Scout's 50 year Long Service Decoration.				
Rule 11.6g	Addition of Chief Scout's 60 year Long Service Decoration.				
Rule 11.9a	Amendment of wording. Outstanding changed to dedicated.				
Rule 12.3c	Beaver Scout motto. Changed to 'Be Prepared' in 2002.				



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## SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CAMPSITES

### LONGROVE

Studham, Kensworth & Whipsnade  
Group Campsite & Activity Centre

Map reference OS 166 030164

A four acre semi-ancient woodland site, designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest as one of the native dormouse's few remaining natural habitats.

Wood available for traditional open fire cooking

Campfire circle

20' x 30' Marquee available for hire

Flushing toilets and wash hand basins

Foul weather shelter approximately half a mile away

Bookings and Further Information:  
John Coleman  
40 Northview Road, Houghton  
Regis, Dunstable, Beds LU5 5AH  
Tel: 01582 613150



### Boyd Campsite and Activity Centre

Located close to the A1 in the heart of the small village of Henlow.

Boyd Campsite can offer a large amount of open field camping to take groups from 1 to 500.

On site activities include, Climbing, Kayaking and Archery to name a few.

Enquires to: -  
Boyd Campsite, Church Road  
Henlow, Beds, SG16 6AN

Tel:- 01462 811424

Email: - [info@boydcampsite.com](mailto:info@boydcampsite.com)

Web: - [www.boydcampsite.com](http://www.boydcampsite.com)

### The Baden-Powell House Easter Adventure

To celebrate Easter, Baden-Powell House in central London has a range of special offers available for members and their families.

Visit [www.scouts.org.uk/nationalcentres](http://www.scouts.org.uk/nationalcentres) and click on the Baden-Powell House link for more information on the range of places to see and visit in London - many of which are now free. Stay anytime between the 7 April and 22 April 2006 and benefit from the following Easter offers:

Four bed family room £20 per person per night, including full English breakfast (based on two adults and two young people sharing)

Three bed family bedroom £20 per person per night, including full English breakfast (based on two adults and one young person or one adult and two young people sharing )

Leaders places are free when groups of 15 or more book.

For more information and to book call 0207 590 6900 or email [bph.hostel@scout.org.uk](mailto:bph.hostel@scout.org.uk)



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## Belchamps Scout Centre, Hawkwell, nr. Southend, Essex

Set in thirty acres of pasture and woodland and close to the Essex coastline, Belchamps Scout Centre offers quality camping, indoor accommodation and activities all year round.

Belchamps has a choice of twenty different camping sites and seven buildings. Facilities include hot showers, large wood piles and a well stocked shop selling sweets, drinks and gifts.

With over twenty on-site activities including archery, rifle shooting, crate stacking, climbing and pedal karts, Belchamps is one of the

### Coming Events

Easter Egg Hunt Activity Day 8<sup>th</sup> April

DofE Training Weekend 8/9<sup>th</sup> April

Southend Air Show 28/29<sup>th</sup> May

Spooky Activity Day 28<sup>th</sup> October

GNAS Archery Course 3/4<sup>th</sup> & 10/11<sup>th</sup> Feb 07

For more information tel: 01702 205081

E-mail: [info@belchamps.co.uk](mailto:info@belchamps.co.uk)

Visit our new website [www.belchamps.co.uk](http://www.belchamps.co.uk)

### Activities

Crate stacking  
Climbing  
Archery  
Cave Climb  
Experience  
Pedal Karts  
Rifle Shooting  
Pistol Shooting  
Laser Guns  
Assault Course  
Cork Guns  
Table Tennis  
Teambuilding  
Instructor-led Hikes  
Pioneering  
Trampolines  
Bouncy Castle  
Splash Pool  
Treasure Hunt  
Parachute Game  
Circus Skills  
Quizzes  
Instructor-led Games  
Orienteering  
Volleyball  
Uni-hoc  
Badminton  
5-a-side Goals  
Fitness Trail  
Sports Hall  
Activity Barn

### Accommodation & Facilities

54 Bed Pack Holiday Centre  
42 Bed Vincent Lodge  
24 Bed Kath Batts Centre  
16 Bed Coop Building  
14 Bed Hutch & Den  
8 Bed Flat  
3 Bed Guide Cabin

Marquee Hire – 8m x 4m  
Table and Chair Hire

Providore & Uniform Shop  
Well stocked wood piles  
Hot showers  
Campfires  
Chapel

### Things To Do Nearby

Beaches within 7 miles  
Sports Centre with swimming pool  
5 minutes walk away  
Karting  
Quasar  
Zoo  
Sea Life Centre  
Funfair  
Hockley Woods  
Bowling  
Air Museum  
Rollerskating  
Ski Slope  
2007 Jamboree



Milton Keynes Theatre is pleased to announce that tickets for our 2006 pantomime are now on sale. Don't miss this opportunity to make your reservation for the fantastic Cinderella opening on Thursday 7th December 2006 and running until Sunday 21st January 2007.

Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more for all members of Scouting and Guiding Organisations on the following dates.

Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th January

Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th January.

All performances start at 7pm.

Best available seats will cost only £10 if paid for before 30/9/06 and will increase to £11 after that date. Group leaders will also pay £10. So don't miss out, reserve your seats today! Your reservation may be amended at any point before the pay by date, which allows you plenty of time to publicise your trip and be sure of numbers.

To make your reservation contact your local District Publicity Assistant Joyce Corless on 01525 752747, or email her at [rj.corless@ntlworld.com](mailto:rj.corless@ntlworld.com)



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## adult training

### 2006 Training Courses

All at Bromham

Closing date 6 weeks prior

#### Mod 3 and 18 full day

Sunday 7th May  
 Sunday 10th September  
 Saturday 4th November

#### Mod 4 Tools for the Job (Managers) evening

Thursday 19th October

#### Mods 5, 7, 8 & 9 Saturday & Sunday (not overnight)

(5 and 7 on Saturday, 8 and 9 on Sunday)  
 23th & 24th September  
 (8 and 9 on Saturday, 5 and 7 on Sunday)

#### Mod 10 First Response full day

Saturday 6th May  
 Saturday 9th September  
 Sunday 26th November

#### Mods 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 19 Saturday and Sunday (not overnight)

20th & 21st May  
 (11, 12 & 14 on Saturday, 13, 15, 19 on Sunday)  
 18th & 19th November  
 (13, 15 & 19 on Saturday, 11, 12 & 14 on Sunday)

#### Mods 16 & 17 Monday evening and Friday to Sunday (includes two overnights)

Monday 4th September and 6th to 8th October

#### Mods 20, 22 & 23 full day

Sunday 15th October

#### Mod 21 full day

Sunday 25th June

#### Mods 24 or 26 part day (depending on attendees' roles)

Saturday 22nd April  
 Sunday 3rd December

#### Mod 25 Assessing Learning full day

Saturday 24th June  
 Saturday 14th October  
 Saturday 2nd December

Modules 1 and 6 to be delivered in District after consultation with the LTM.

**Modules 27 and 30 to 36 will be arranged when the need arises.**

#### How to Apply

Please contact your relevant Local Training Manager for details on how to register:

Alec Hissett	01767 650052	Ampthill and Woburn, Icknield, Lea Valley, Leighton Linlade and Someries
Pearl Farr	01234 300506	Bedford, Biggleswade and Ouse Valley
David Betterton	01525 222135	Dunstable
Brian Goodchild	01582 412540	Someries

## SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CAMPSITES

### HENLOW

Boyd Campsite, Church Road, Henlow  
(Biggleswade District Campsite)

Warden:

P Bellamy

Boyd Campsite, Church Road,  
Henlow, SG16 6AR

Site Tel: 01462 811424

[boyd@campsite.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:boyd@campsite.freeserve.co.uk)

[paulbellamyuk@hotmail.com](mailto:paulbellamyuk@hotmail.com)

### JORDANS CLOSE

New Road, Great Barford, Bedford  
(Bedford District Campsite)

Warden:

David White

4 Fair Way

Great Barford, Bedford

MK44 3LT

Tel: 01234 870837

[dw@great-barford.demon.co.uk](mailto:dw@great-barford.demon.co.uk)

### LEIGHTON BUZZARD

Memorial HQ, Grovebury Road  
(1st Leighton Buzzard Group Campsite)

Bookings:

Sarah Roberts 01525 854159

### LONGROVE

Studham, Bedfordshire  
(Studham, Kensworth & Whipsnade  
Group Campsite)

Bookings:

John Coleman

40 Northview Road, Houghton Regis,

Dunstable, Beds LU5 5AH

Tel: 01582 613150

### MILTON BRYAN

Church End, Milton Bryan, Beds  
(Ampthill & Woburn District Campsite)

Bookings

Julie Richards, 2 Recreation Road,  
Houghton Regis, LU5 5JW 01582-611943

[kennith.richards@ntlworld.com](mailto:kennith.richards@ntlworld.com)

Warden:

Phil Thorogood—01908 583335

8 Chapel Street, Woburn Sands, MK17

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[Phil@berti2000.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:Phil@berti2000.fsnet.co.uk)

### SHARNBROOK

Yelow Lane, Sharnbrook, Beds  
(Sharnbrook Group Campsite)

Bookings:

Dr J Best

1 Windmill Court

High Street, Sharnbrook

Beds MK44 1PG

Tel: 01234 782223

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