

2010 seems so far in the future its never too early to start looking forward! HamJam 2010 is the big Hampshire County Camp planned for the Lake District, 14th-21st August 2010. The provisional activities at the moment (with more to be confirmed) are:



- Climbing on a real rock face and tree climbing
- Water Activities (a selection from sailing / canoeing / rafting / Dragon Boats) on Lake Windermere
- Walking in the vicinity of Lake Windermere
- High / Low Ropes Challenge
- Orienteering
- Survival Skills

This camp will only be for Scouts aged 10-14 at the time—i.e. born between 15 August 1995 and 14 August 2000.

Costs

The basic camp fee will be £185 (but we hope that this will get reduced as the event gets closer), plus £40 for food. The cost of the camp is larger than normal so the scout group is looking to setup a saving scheme from September for anyone interested so that the fee does not get paid all at once. We may also be able to do fundraising to further reduce the cost of the camp. Final payment has to be paid by the 1st January 2010.

Please use the form enclosed to register you interest for HamJam 2010.

Help!

If you are able to volunteer time to help organise fundraising, or to join us on the camp, it would be greatly appreciated by the leaders.

ST GEORGE'S DAY

This year's St George's Day parade is on 26th April, and this year our Scout group has been chosen to lead the procession. You should have already received the letter from our Group Scout Leader describing the event.

I'd like to take this opportunity to reiterate how important the parade is to Scouting. We only ask Scouts to turn out on non-troop nights for two events in the year and it is a real honour for 15th to lead the parade. I expect to see full attendance on the day (in full uniform).

Parents are welcome to attend the service and we will be looking for additional helpers on the day—please let a leader know if you are able to help.

Please meet at Lortemore Place Car Park (off Latimer Street) at 2:20pm.

PULBOROUGH TROPHY CAMP

The Pulborough Trophy (19th—21st June) is a competition between all the Scout Troops within the Romsey district, with the winner of this Trophy going forward to the County Emlyn Trophy in September.

We did not enter into the Trophy last year but we would like to get a patrol of 5/6 together to compete. This will involve a lot of Scouting Skills, plus creating and cooking the camp menu all weekend. It should be a fantastic and fun camp to gain a lot of experience.

Please use the enclosed form to register your interest.

SCUBA DIVING

In June the Group is looking to organise a taster Scuba Diving session at Andark in Southampton for Scouts and Explorers. More details will be provided near the time. Please use the form enclosed to register your interest.

COUNTY SUMMER CAMP

The County Camp is a traditional Scout Summer Camp for Scouts camping in Patrols and working as Patrols to cook and make camp gadgets.

Scouts will take part in:

- Team building activities
- Wide games
- Rafting
- Pioneering
- A Day hike or an overnight Bike expedition
- Swimming at Romsey Rapids
- and many more activities...

DATE: 22nd-29th August 2009 at Lyons Copse, Shedfield (nr Botley)

PRICE: £105 for participants including food, but not including transport.

GIFT AID

Did you know?

Because Scouts are a registered charity, we can claim gift aid on subs paid to the group. This means that for every £20 subs paid, we can claim another £4.40 from the Inland Revenue—or to put it another way, another £250 a year for the Scout Troop to spend on activities and equipment, at no extra cost to parents.

What do I have to do?

If you are a UK taxpayer paying income tax or capital gains tax at any rate you will be eligible to gift aid the subs. You must ensure that you have paid tax to at least the value we are reclaiming within the tax year, and you should fill in a gift aid declaration form to enable us to claim. If you are unsure if you have signed a declaration form, please ask Adam at the next meeting or drop us an email.

CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 20	
Scout Meeting	7:00PM
FRIDAY, APRIL 24	
St George's Day rehearsal	6:30PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 26	
St George's Day	
MONDAY, APRIL 27	
Scout Meeting	7:00PM
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6	
Patrol Leaders Meeting – Pulborough	7:00PM
MONDAY, MAY 11	
Scout Meeting	7:00PM
SATURDAY, MAY 16	
Canoeing Taster Session	9:15AM
Canoeing Taster Session	11:00AM
SUNDAY, MAY 17	
County Cooking competition	ALL DAY
County Lightweight hike	ALL DAY
Cycle Challenge	ALL DAY
MONDAY, MAY 18	
Scout Meeting	7:00PM
MONDAY, JUNE 1	
Scout Meeting	7:00PM
FRIDAY, JUNE 5	
'Come and Try It' diving session—Provisional	7:30PM
SATURDAY, JUNE 6	
Group AGM	6:00PM
Quiz Night	7:30PM
MONDAY, JUNE 8	
Scout Meeting	7:00PM
MONDAY, JUNE 15	
Scout Meeting	7:00PM
FRIDAY, JUNE 19 -> SUNDAY, JUNE 21	
Pulborough Trophy Camp	
MONDAY, JUNE 22	
Scout Meeting	7:00PM
MONDAY, JUNE 29	
Scout Meeting	7:00PM