



NEWS & VIEWS

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FROM YOUR ZONE LEADER

It has been a great start to the Scouting Year

- Jamboree
- Founder's weekend
- Mud slide
- Lots of outdoor activity
- And the weather is still pleasant.

I have had lots of enquiries about people wanting to join – often of Cub age but also Scouts.

It appears that Venturing is well and truly 'on the move' thanks to Mark Godsiff stirring things along. Congratulations to Mark on his appointment to the position of Regional Venturer Leader and he will also be the Contingent Leader to the Australian Venture.

Welcome to Wayne Reichell our new Coastal Otago Zone Scout Leader. Wayne lives in Balclutha so will be involved in travel. His warrant was presented at Founder's Weekend camp where lots of Scouting people met him.

I would like to remind all leaders at all levels to keep safety in mind.

If you are away from your group environment you need to have completed an activity intention form. Group Leaders approve these and I do not need to receive a copy. The Group Leader should receive the report on the activity and this becomes part of the Group's records for the year.

If your activity includes Waiora (camps or day activities) please put a copy of the activity form in the letterbox we have installed at the Warden's Cottage. This will save a lot of effort in the Zone Office trying to contact wardens on Friday to involve them in the 'happenings'. Wardens often collect their keys earlier in the week.

ANZAC Day is getting near. Once again it falls in the School holidays and we have been asked to take part in poppy sales and various parades around Otago. A separate notice will be out about this within a few days.

The Coastal Otago Zone Annual Meeting has had to be re-scheduled to Tuesday 22 April. When we know the time and venue we will advise. It is expected to take about 30 minutes and to include, after the meeting, a meeting of Group Leaders from the Zone.

Thanks for what you are all doing. Keep up the good work.

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IRD NUMBERS

No Scout Group should have its own IRD number unless they are registered for GST which is strongly discouraged. They should be using the Association's IRD number whenever they need one which is usually only when they organise RWT (tax on interest) exemption with their bank. When they apply for grants, etc., Groups should be showing proof that they are part of Scouting NZ (we issue a certificate) and a copy of our Charities Commission Certificate.

Scouting NZ is registered with the Charities' Commission as a single entity including all of its parts. Scout Groups should not apply for individual registration. They will not qualify because they are not themselves legal entities.

Actually the situation for Groups now is the same as it always has been except the charitable status we had before which included the Groups was granted by IRD alone. Charitable status applied to all sections of the Movement operating under the Scouting New Zealand constitution. Now the IRD only grants charitable status to entities that are recognised by the Charities' Commission.

IRD has granted Scouting charitable status and donee organisation status which applies to all parts of Scouting New Zealand including Scout Groups.

Because of our donee status individuals who donate \$5.00 or more can claim a rebate on their income tax. Official receipts must be issued and records of donations received and how funds are spent must be kept for seven years.

The Scout IRD number is 10-149-134.

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PUBLICITY PERSONNELL

On the 26th and 27th of January Steph Linnell and Rebecca Rees attended a media training course in Wellington. As part of the training course they visited Hutt News to learn all about newspapers. Then they visited Avalon Studios of TVNZ where they watched the live Lotto Show and visited the Good Morning Set, talked to everyone there and learnt heaps. On their last day they visited Radio New Zealand. They also went through some intense training with Suzanne O'Rourke Scouting New Zealand's Public Relations Officer. As a result Otago now has two youth representatives who will liaise with the youth and our Public Relations Officer, Christina McConnell, to put stories forward from a youth's perspective. They are eager to seek out stories from the Scouting youth of Otago and can be contacted by email: for Rebecca (becarees@hotmail.com) and for Steph (steph_linnell@hotmail.com). Christina can be contacted on phone 453 4746 or Ruth Pearce in Scouting Coastal Otago Zone Office on 477 6644.

Programme and Training

Programme and training are already well under way for this year. We had a successful Founders Weekend on 22-24 February with over 300 youth and their leaders in attendance.

The following Leaders completed their Being Safe module on Wednesday 5

March: Bruce Smith (Macandrew Bay)
 Michael Reynolds (Fairfield)
 Brent New (Ocean Beach)
 Gavin New (Ocean Beach)
 Kimberley Cousins (Roslyn)
 Stu Blackwood (Mosgiel)

On Sunday 30 March there was an Effective Management of Young People Course held at Scouting Otago Headquarters. The following Leaders attended: Grant Larkins – Wakari, Rebecca Bassford – Kew/Corstorphine, Melanie Downes – Kew/Corstorphine, Michael Reynolds – Fairfield, Bruce Smith – Macandrew Bay, Paul Bedwell – Mornington, Adair Braidwood – Balclutha, Gavin New – Ocean Beach, Greg Fawcett – Arrowtown, Fiona Cooper – Mornington, David McMillan – Mosgiel, Mike McCaw – Macandrew Bay, Tim Rudd – Tainui, Stephen Smith – Tainui, Emma Grant – Tainui, Michelle van Rens – Andersons Bay.

The Tools for the Job for all sections will be the next module on Wednesday 3 April. Register your new leaders up for this now. The May module will be Scouting Principles on Wednesday 7 May. I have been assured that this will be a fun night to attend.

Kea Day planning is already underway for Sunday 13 April and on the same weekend the Venturers will be taking a canoe trip.

20 April is the day for the Jigger racing at the Settlers' Museum. Send your entries into the Settlers' Museum for this now.

Cossgrove Course will be held on the weekend of 26 and 27 April. Get your Scouts mentally prepared for this now.

WANTED MATCHBOX COLLECTOR

Found – bag of variety matches. If you are a matchbox collector these could be yours. Contact the Zone Office now. First in gets them.

WAIORA CAMPSITE NEWS.

Well, after almost 2 years we now have a replacement Bridge from Long Field to Birchall Field and another between McKerrow and Bridge Fields. An extension of Birchall Road is now being made to meet this bridge and will give emergency access to the Memorial Training Centre. It has proved to be a long task chasing contractors and insurance firms to get the flood damage finally completed.

A wardens' meeting is being held on 16th March, to help keep them up-to-date with their duties and instruct them where various water valves, etc., are situated. This is the first meeting for some years and probably long overdue.

The Campsite Committee would like to welcome Howard Brockie as a new warden; Howard was a warden in the 1980's and is currently on the Management Team of Otago Gang Show.

We would also welcome Dean Wilson as a member of the committee. Dean is a nurseryman with Ribbonwood Nurseries and is very interested in the well being of Waiora; he has been assisting Stephen (our groundsman) at various times over the past year.

Work is progressing with the new carport and fencing at the Wardens' Cottage; it is expected to be completed by the end of March. We are also investigating a Yunca fireplace to be fitted, as the open fireplace is gradually disintegrating. This work along with all the maintenance and renewals around the campsite over the past 2 or 3 years should mean less expense for quite some time.

We are currently working on the charges for Waiora and are hopeful we can keep them as they are; however as we now work as a separate entity we must meet our monthly costs to break even.

We are also working on a new brochure which will replace the one used at the moment which is of 1974 vintage. Unfortunately everything costs and takes quite a lot of time to organise.

We trust all Groups will use Waiora more often; it really is a great place to camp.

Clive Sims.
Campsite Committee.

WORKERS WANTED

Through a connection at the ORFU we have been asked if we could help find casual workers for the games held at Carisbrook. The work mostly involves helping out at canteens serving food/drinks although other duties may also be required.

Candidates must be 15 years of older and available to work when games are on. They don't have to be in Scouts so friends, older brothers/sisters can apply.

Those interested should send a text to 021 133 7386 with your name and "casual work via scouts".

JAMBOREE FUN

2007 was the year of the Jamboree, with a lot of effort being put in by various groups honing their skills and refining their camping techniques for C Jam 2008, the Centennial Jamboree celebrating 100 years of Scouting.

There was much activity at Waiora and Greenpark as the various contingents held pre-camps in weather fine and foul and ran fundraising schemes from chocolate to firewood and sausage sizzles. Committee members were scratching their heads over the masses of paperwork involved with fund raising, Jamboree registration, and transport.

Then it was finally over, all those preparations saw Coastal Otago Zone well represented at C-Jam, with contingents from South Otago, Cargill, Flagstaff and TOE Jam (Mosgiel, Green Island, Opoho, Terra Nova – Monowai and Waitaha) converging on Christchurch.

Whilst the Canterbury Agricultural Park is well sited within Christchurch City the advance parties soon found out that the grounds were quite deceiving, as pegs bent due to either hard subsoils or an elusive layer of concrete hidden under the turf. Not only that but they had to contend with high winds, which was a test for the security of the tentage.

The COZ contingents were well spread across the 3 sub camps (Creation, Conquest and Crusade), not forgetting the 4th (Centurion) which was the YST camp. Without the YST there would not be the assistance for activities, or Trading Post. These guys whilst not attending pre-camps etc., gave their time willingly so the Scouts could enjoy their time. So thanks should go out to the smattering of YST from COZ.

As everyone is aware, we were struck by the dreaded Nova Virus but with stringent hygiene conditions being adhered to, it was contained. But in saying that there wasn't a group that wasn't affected in some way with either youth or leaders being hospitalised for periods ranging from several hours to four days. But all recovered and apart from being banned from all Christchurch pools Jamboree went on.

The food was great, the weather was great, the programme was great, the companionship was great, the badge swapping was great, Rover extreme was awesome. In fact everything (virus apart) was great.

C-Jam was guided by the Jamboree Patrol, on which COZ was represented by Keegan Burrow from Cargill and Jenna Smeehuyzan from Toe Jam.

Activities that were available to all were:

Heritage Blue Skies at the Canterbury Scouting Camp site were patrols took part in a number of the following activities: abseiling, Global Magic Together, team building, visit to the National Scout Museum, orienteering, geocaching, raft building, theatre, a bus trip around Kaiapoi visiting the sites of special interest to Scouting.

Centennial Highway – a journey which covered the length and breadth of Scouting activities. Taking part in fun activities, learning things you didn't know before and contributing to several Jamboree projects, all linked by the Scout Law and Promise.

The Crusades – The Pioneering base, erect a castle, build ballistas and attack your opposition.

On Target - Travel through time -you could have front row seat on the dunking chair, try your hand at axe throwing and see how good a shot you are with the air rifles and sling shots. The trebuchets are cool. Try a round of mini golf or frisbee golf for a change. See the water cannons

fly through the air. Top it all off with a show down with the water guns and last but not least target shooting paint ball, you never knew what might pop up.

Ignition - skates to scooters, pushbikes to motorbikes, offroaders to excavators.

Aqua Climb – Visit the Southern Encounter, check out approximately 150 species of fishy and feathery friends! The YMCA Christchurch Climbing Wall has one of the biggest indoor climbing walls in the South Island, with a massive number of routes. You can climb on all sorts of walls, ranging from slabs to overhanging roofs! Harness up, clip in and go!

Snow Safari – a visit to the International Antarctic Centre, slide down icy slopes, shelter in an ice cave, brave the “chill” at -18 degrees C. Ride the Hagglund, visit the Blue Penguins. Then on to Orana Park, New Zealand’s only open range zoo.

Pioneer Village – Ferrymead Heritage Park gave a fascinating insight to NZ’s past through interactive exhibits, train and tram rides and amazing old school things to see and do.

Discovery - Science Alive! was packed with interactive exhibits that amazed, enthralled and fascinated and enabled us to experience the weird and wacky! This is where Science really came alive!

The Roxx Climbing Centre Clip 'N' Climb is the most exciting indoor climbing to have emerged in the past decade. At **Clip 'N' Climb** you didn't even need a Belay partner (someone to hold the other end of the rope); they've installed automatic belay devices on every climb...just clip them onto your harness and away you go...and when you are finished, just let go and the device gently lowers you back down to the ground...its as simple as that! Awesome!

Christchurch Gondola – where we rode the 945metre ride to 500metres above sea level, to look over Christchurch and Lyttleton.

Antigua Boatsheds – where we experienced the magic and beauty of the Avon River by canoe.

Cathedral Square – where everyone became a busker amongst other challenges.

Challenge Orton Bradley - based on the Banks Peninsula, invited us to take part in an awesome *20m high ropes course* and challenging *orienteering course + exciting coasteering and ball sports* at the Diamond Harbour Scout Hall!

Challenge Pigeon Bay - Here we had a go at kayaking, sailing and rowing, experienced what it 's like to be adrift in a life raft and tried to become the top Patrol of the day in the rowing race, tug of war and mud Frisbee, had a ride behind a power boat on a biscuit or a sledge and had a raft water fight.

The Greywacke Challenge was held at the Omaka Scout Camp. A brilliant setting, it has a small river that flows through the middle of the site, is covered with trees and a number of buildings and was where we tested our skills against the best, then tried to beat them. The Greywacke Challenge was a full day of fun and excitement.

Castle Hill Basin is approximately 100km east of Christchurch, and is unique with its limestone boulders and caves. This area was the film set for Disney's *The Chronicles of Narnia!* Where we experienced, caving by following a stream for 360metres underground, a fantastic team challenge with a number of small waterfalls to negotiate, flying fox where we soared through the air 60metres over a stream, then onto a 40metre abseil, amongst the unique Castle Hill Boulders.

Fantastic views from the top.

Challenge Wainui Park - located on the Akaroa Harbour, each team had to have a riddle solved by the end of the day, where we had a high ropes course, tried archery, took part in a team building challenge, tried kayaking, orienteering and raft building.

Connetics High Wire - climb a caving ladder to a platform 5m above the ground, cross to a second platform 7metres away over a single wire for the feet and a hand rope, then descend by way of a short flying fox.

Hi JINX Abseiling & Climbing Wall - The two abseiling towers are 9.5metres high, made of a scaffolding structure.

Rover Extreme (Pirates Paradise) enough said.

Create and Carry - good keen Kiwi DIY where artistic and creative talents were put to the test at one or more of the many crafts available.

13+ Programme – that was available over 3 nights with the chance to do some of the on site activities again or try out new off site ones.

There were awesome offsite activities and a whole choice of “cool” onsite ones. Some challenging, some old friends, and some well Ho! Hum! but enough to satisfy everyone.

There was much badge swapping and making new friendships both onsite and in quarantine (hospital), renewing old acquaintances, and making new promises to return to future jamborees either in NZ or Oz, as a Scout, Leader, or youth member.

Then it was over also quick, onto the buses and homeward bound till next time. Mystery Creek Hamilton 2011.

Thanks must go to all those paid or otherwise staff who staffed C-Jam (including youth), to all Leaders and parents who gave so freely of their time, the many supporters be they Trusts or Companies that donated goods or services, but most of all to the parents who let us Leaders take their youth to Jamboree. Hopefully we returned them as more experienced young people, virus free and not too many broken bones.

John Sinclair

YST THE YOUTH SERVICE TEAM - THE STORY OF JAMBOREE FROM A YOUTH PERSPECTIVE.

A large part of the 18th New Zealand Jamboree held in Christchurch at the Canterbury Agricultural Park was made up of over 225 Youth Service Team. These wonderful Venturers were just part of the great combination of Leaders and Scouts which made this C-Jam better than ever. Everyone on this team volunteered to help out where they could from bases on and off site, to working at the trading post, on the media team, to the radio station and security. The YST all worked together

I was a part of the Blue Skies Heritage Tour. This all day activity took place in the Blue Skies large Scout camp in Kaiapoi just north of Christchurch. This was my most interactive base. I learnt a lot and it made me feel important to be a part of something so great which is so much bigger than myself.

There were more than enough activities to keep the Scouts and their Leaders entertained. There was a series of bases where each group would spend a given amount of time.

The bases ranged from abseiling to pioneering, Gang Show bases where they put on mini skits and musical numbers. This help the Scouts gain their confidence and met other Scouts and gained lifelong friends.

My favourite part of Blue Skies was seeing and meeting new Scouts and seeing the look on their faces when they got soaked in the pond at rafting. I also enjoyed meeting some of the international Scouts like the ones from Fiji. I was their Bus Captain for the day and on the way home those young scouts sung their hearts out. Everyone on the bus was a moving and a grooving, I was smiling from ear to ear.

Once the days activities were finished the Scouts reflected back in a Scouts Own where they sang camp fire songs, then lined up for the wonderful spit roast.

The 18th New Zealand Jamboree was a wonderful experience and it was great to be a part of the Jamboree from the YST point of view. A lot of work goes into the background work to make it fun and enjoyable for all. It was a great learning curve and an eye opener. I met superb people some of whom will be my friends for life.

Rebecca Rees

You make a living by what you get but you make a life by what you give.

Sir Winston Churchill

FabricFun Workshop, has just opened on Kaikorai Valley Road. I am looking for sewing or alteration work along with the craft workshops and other projects planned. Do you need any scout scarves sewn? Call me, Alicia Hall on (03) 476 4866 or 027 495 5135.

THE IRISH GLOSSARY OF SPORT, HEALTH AND P.E. TERMS

ANAEROBIC	Mrs Robic's daughter, Anna
ANATOMICAL	Not atomic powered
ARCHERY	The study of arches
ARTICULAR SYSTEM	A well spoken system
BACK STROKE	What a heart attack looks like from behind
BILLIARDS	How you feel after drinking too much
BIOMECHANICS	Mechanics who dress up in ladies' clothing
CARDIAC	A person who is afraid of Christmas cards
CARTILAGE	The golden era of the 'cart', Bronze age, Stone age
CHOLESTEROL	The tumble named after the famous Irish gymnast Colin Lester
CYCLIST	A list of things to do to 'cheese' people off
DEFENSE	What goes around de yard
DELTOIDS	A famous Australian Rock'n'Roll band of the 60s
GOLFER	A small furry creature of the animal kingdom
HALF BACK	A disorder of the spine
HOCKEY	The mark you get from a love bite
HUMERUS BONE	A funny looking bone
KYAKING	Mucking around
MIXED DOUBLES	An Irish cocktail
MUSCLE	What we put on Fido to stop him from biting Shaun's wife
NUTRITION	What you get when your old triton has worn out
OLYMPIAN	What you say when Ian's got a sore foot
P.E.	What you do after drinking
PHYS ED	The buzzing sound you get after being hit in the head
QUADRACEPS	Giant four legged dinosaurs
REEBOK	The opportunity to bok someone again
REFLEX TIME	That little period of time after you eat
SCULLING	Drinking real quick
SOCCER	Hit her...considered inappropriate behaviour
TEST CRICKET	An insect used in laboratory research
UMPIRE	A lot of countries
VIGARO	An opera by Mozart?
WEIGHT TRAINING	Pause until the weather clears
WICKET KEEPER	Not a very nice keeper
100 METRE BUTTERFLY	A very big butterfly

**If you are convinced a certain thing can be done,
never mind what the world says to the contrary: experiment.
Never give up.**

Thomas Alva Edison

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Calendar 2008

April

Wednesday 2	Zone Training Module – Tools for the Job 6.45-9.15pm
Saturday-Sunday 5-6	Venturers' Canoe Trip
Tuesday 8	Campsite Committee 7:30pm
Sunday 13	Kea Day
Tuesday 15	Admin & Finance Committee 5:30pm
Friday 18	Term 1 ends and Poppy Day
Sunday 20	Jigger Racing
Tuesday 22	Coastal Otago Zone Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 23	St George's Day
Friday 25	ANZAC Day
Friday-Sunday 25-27	Cossgrove Course

May

Mon 5	Term 2 starts
Wed 7	Zone Training Module 7-9pm Scouting Principles
Fri-Sun 9-11	Six Leaders' Camp
Wed 14	Campsite Committee 7:30pm
Tue 20	Admin & Finance Committee 5:30pm

June

Mon 2	Queens Birthday
Wed 4	Zone Training Module 7-9pm
Thu 5	Arbour Day
Wed 11	Campsite Committee 7:30pm
Tue 17	Admin & Finance Committee 5:30pm
Sat 21	Centennial Campfire