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You are able to reside at the MTC on the Saturday night-dinner will be supplied & networking (aka social time) with other leaders after dinner is a valuable resource that is often under rated by many. Please book @ 4776644 ASAP to confirm your place.

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Training

We have several training events coming up in the next couple of months.

June 25th & 26th – we have a weekend block that will include

- 25th June 8.30am- 12.30pm Initial Training – modules 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 (otherwise known as National Programmes, Youth Award Scheme & Section Organisation)
- 1pm-4pm Safety- Leading Youth 1.4
- 4.30pm-6.30pm Safety Risk Management suitable for Leaders & Group Leaders
- 26th June 8.45am- 2.1 Skills for the Youth Award Scheme
- After lunch -Section Breakout -Leaders please bring an activity, a game & an event or craft to share

All Group Leaders have been sent a list of the training that we have on our database for the Leaders in their Group.

Please make sure your details are up to date and also that you have completed the initial training as required. These skills & the knowledge base that you gain by attending these training sessions are extremely valuable in assisting you to run your programmes.

When you signed your warrant application form you agreed to undertake training to at least the initial level.

All the initial training (1.1- 1.4) is on the Saturday. For those wishing to go further and attend the SAPD (Scouts Advanced Personal Development) Course later in the year or those simply wishing for more skills for their section then the Skills for the Youth Award Scheme (2.1) is being run on the Sunday.

Charge Certificate- Day Skippers Course

This is being held on the 28th & 29th May at the Regional Service Centre. This course is being heavily subsidised by both Regional & Zone.

Lunch will be provided!

Please book at the Regional Service Centre @ 4776644 ASAP to ensure there is a space for you.

SAPD (Scouts Advanced Personal Development)

This is a highly motivational Course aimed at making you more aware of what you personally can do in any situation.

Designed to allow you to achieve personal growth & change the way that you may look at approaching challenges & obstacles in your life. People from around the country attend this course & it is amazing the ideas that you will get from those attending.

This is an amazing course run by a team of every day volunteers who have personally been through the course & gone on to achieve great things. Each Group should have at least one person that has attended this course & every Group & Section Leader should aim to attend at the end of the year.

Please contact Kevin or Ruth at the Regional Service Centre 4776644 to find out more about this course due to be run about November.

Tramping & Knot Skills

An offer has been made by a past Scout Leader, with a comprehensive knowledge of walks through to week long tramps suitable for most Sections and a great knowledge of knots, to pass this information to the next generation thus

ensuring it isn't lost & is enjoyed by Scouts in the future.

For more information please contact Ian @ ph 489 6480.

Fundraising

For those Groups that took part in the Chocolate Fundraiser last year approximately \$200,000 profit was raised nationwide. Each Group that took part rose on average \$1500. Please visit the www.scouts.org.nz website for more information.

Job Week will be run again in September-October again. Please take the opportunity to make this a great publicity & fundraising venture.

Fees

The National levies are set at \$80 for the financial year & are anticipated to increase by another \$10 next year. While the increase is less than that proposed a couple of years ago at The Regional Conference it will still impact some Groups. Please try to lessen the impact to your Groups by budgeting & applying for grants & alternative funding for activities, uniforms, craft materials etc. Funding is tight out there but there is some money still out there to assist you & your Group. Do not undervalue the impact of your good work on the youth in your community.

There are options for those parents that are unable to afford to pay full fees- they could be the hall cleaners, committee members, leaders, maintenance people, funding & grants applicators, maintain the membership list. There are 101 other jobs that they could do at a reduced

Fees cont. (& private & confidential) rate.
There is no shame in being financially strapped & there should be no shame in having to admit it if there is some way of enabling their child to stay within SCOUTS. Further information is available from the Regional Service Centre for those that do need help.

New Uniform

IT'S COMING!!!

We have been told (& it is on the website) that the new uniform is still on track to be released in August. Please embrace the new uniform as it is phased in. This has been a long time in the design, feedback & making & personally I am looking forward to a new uniform- my old one has stretched so much & my sons have faded considerably.

I am realistic enough to believe that while most people will be happy with the new uniform there will also be an element out there that won't be. There will be a phase in period on 2 years for the new uniform. Most children will have outgrown their old one within that time frame & will require a new one to replace it.

Membership Card

The SCOUT cards are still being released to Groups. Group Leaders will continue to receive the cards in dribs & drabs as youth members sign on & census information is updated. If you want to get cards out to all of your members sooner

rather than later you are able to email National

membership@scouts.org.nz

Each card will have the name & personnel number as well as some benefits for all members- please check the

www.scouts.org.nz site and click

on the fundraising tab at the side for more details on the discounts & places you can use your card.

This will tie into the National

Database & is planned to eventually relieve some of the paperwork related to the Census. The number on the card will be the Scout number that each person will have for life. I.E. on a leaders card there will be their name & warrant number. On a youth card there will be their name & their personal number that will stay with them for life. Should they later become a Leader this will be their warrant number.

HELP

We are still looking for people to join our team in all sorts of positions- Zone Scout Leader, Training, Support Leaders, Event Planners and Social Event Planners, secretary & treasurer, etc. Many hands make light work & more fun – please phone Sandra @ 03 489 8615 if you think you or someone else is able to help.

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Upcoming Events

28th & 29th May
Day Skippers Course

June 25th & 26th
Training at Waiora

Yippee 8th July Leaders night- Wine
& Cheese night at Mornington Scout
Hall starting at 7pm.

Invites will be out soon for this . please
watch your mailbox!!



Photo Competition

This is being held to increase & update our photo base for promotional uses. Please ensure that you obtain consent from the parents of the Youth in the photos. Photos should be in digital form & on a disk. Please leave them at the Regional Service Centre. The prizes are for each Youth Section 1st Prize \$50 cash, 2nd prize \$10 + Adventure Plus Shirt, 3rd Prize Adventure Plus Shirt.

Also each Group that has a first placed section will receive a \$100 voucher for use at Waiora Scout Camp compliments of the Campsite Committee & the Coastal Otago Zone.

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