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Annual Meetings

It is time for the Annual General Meetings to start again. Please invite Kevin McRae (our Regional Development Manager) and or myself (your Zone Leader) to these meetings. This gives your incoming committee and parents a chance to meet us & for us to meet you as well as handing in your Groups annual report on the day.

Zone AGM

The Zone Annual Meeting will be held this year on the 2nd December at the St Clair Scout Hall.

Tramping and 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.

Chief Scout Awards

We have had 2 confirmations of Chief Scout Awards. Shanna Verhoef & Tyler Veltman have been awarded this prestigious award. Congratulations for reaching this level of achievement

Training

Scouts Advanced Personal Development Course (SAPD) is being held in November. If you feel you are ready to attend this course or there are Leaders within your Group that are ready please contact Kevin at the Regional Service Centre for more information. The Zone will be subsidising the cost to Leaders by 50%. This is a huge saving & certainly makes it worthwhile making the time in your busy lives to attend. This course is designed to make you aware of management strategies, personality types & how you tick.

Sandford Course

This was held in September as planned. It is planned to be run as a Regional event from now on, alternating between the northern & southern halves of the Region. The turnout overall was very good. The turnout from Coastal Otago was disappointing especially considering the Zone subsidised the event for our youth by 50%. The food, the fellowship between youth that were previously strangers & the atmosphere of fun & adventure was brilliant to witness. We were also privileged to have Stuart Fleming attend for part of the weekend & talk to the youth & adults about his walk on the Te Araroa walkway. I wonder how many Scouts & Leaders are still looking out for ninja native Robins.

Fundraising

Job Week will be finished by the time you receive this & we hope that you have taken the opportunity to take part in this great publicity venture. One Group has made over \$400 with Keas, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers & Parents & Leaders working hard to pull it off. One job has earned another bigger job for following years.

Fun Day

This is being held on the 28th January at Tahuna Park. It will run from 10am – 3pm. We have allowed an hour each side of that time for setting up & de-camping.

We would like each Group to run 2 activities- one free to the public & one as a fundraising opportunity. Funds raised by your Group will stay with your Group. The paperwork has been sent out to your Group Leaders & they should be discussing the options with you very shortly. A meeting will be held in November with a representative from each Group to finalise details for the big day. This is an opportunity to promote Scouts within the Dunedin area. The primary aim is to increase the viability of SCOUTS in Otago as well as strengthen your Group with new youth and adult members. The bonuses with having new members are the increase in finances, easier to run programmes, potentially more leaders or committee members & a stronger Group.

Swimming Sports

The Swimming Sports has been postponed until the first term of next year. Can we please have all the swimming trophies back this term, thank you?

New Uniforms

These are now available. If you require a size other than the sizes available please let Dianne know at dianne@scouts.org.nz or ph 0800 392 329. We have heard that sizes other

than what is available already may be available within the next 3-4 months.



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, etc. Many hands make light work & more fun –please ph Sandra @ 03 4898615 if you think you or someone else is able to help.



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.

Please have your disks in to the Regional Service Centre by the end of next week at the latest!

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Founders Weekend

This is being held on the 3rd weekend of February. Several Leaders from each section have or will be invited to take part in planning this great event. The Scout Section will have a meeting with a Scout Leader or representative from each Group on the 3rd Tuesday of November. Costs and activities are being finalised now.

Upcoming Events

18-20th Nov SAPD

Term 1

28th Jan Scouts Funday at Tahuna Park

3rd Weekend in February - Founders weekend

Date to be set-Cossgroves Course

31st March- 1st April Regional Camping Competition

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