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'Traditional outdoor Scouting for the 21st Century'



NEW YEAR, NEW FORMAT

We wish you all a happy and prosperous new year and also welcome you to the new look 'Scouting about'! 2013 promises to be another great year for traditional Scouting and hopefully Sections, Groups and Areas from around the country will share with us all the great things they get up to.

The dark nights have been with us for quite a while now and our programme plans, no doubt, are based around being inside and avoiding the cold and inclement weather, particularly with the younger sections. However there are still plenty of activities that can be done so there are various items in this issue that will hopefully give useful advice or just some ideas.

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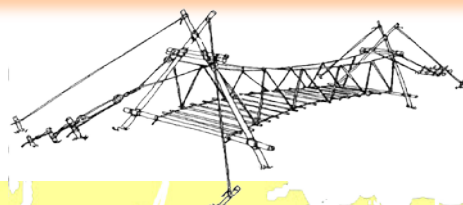
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We hope to build 'Scouting about' into a more comprehensive and inclusive newsletter for the whole of the B-PSA and so welcome news, images, information etc from anyone actively involved within the association or from those with a genuine interest. Anything that could be relevant would be appreciated and perhaps gives any budding journalists or literary talents the opportunity to get started. Alternatively, get members of your sections writing, taking photographs etc. This newsletter aims to share ideas and provide useful information for leaders, assistants and lay helpers of all sections. It is your newsletter and a means of two-way communication so please use it.

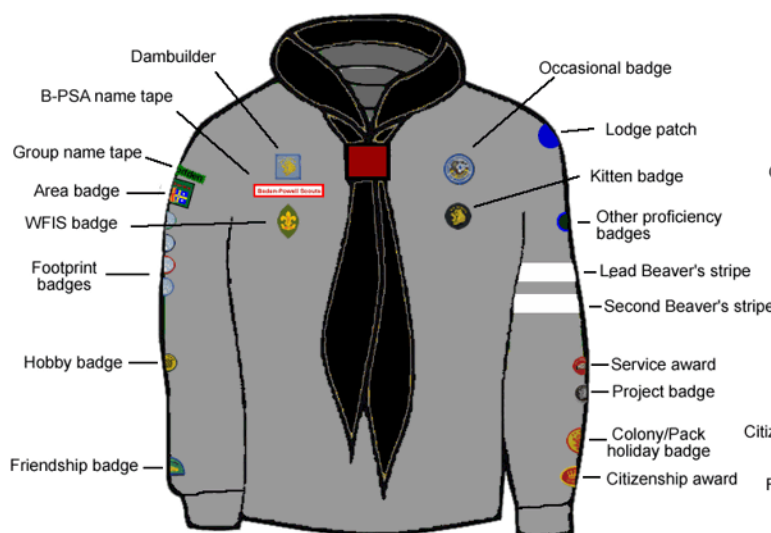
Contact Sue or Nick using the details above.

Badge positions for Beavers, Wolf Cubs and Scouts

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Many parents and newer leaders often ask for a diagram showing badge positions. The diagrams below, for Beavers, Wolf Cubs and Scouts, will hopefully give a better idea than some of the old diagrams that have previously been used. The diagrams are also available on the B-PSA website (www.traditionalscouting.co.uk). Senior Scouts and Rover Scouts versions will appear in the near future!

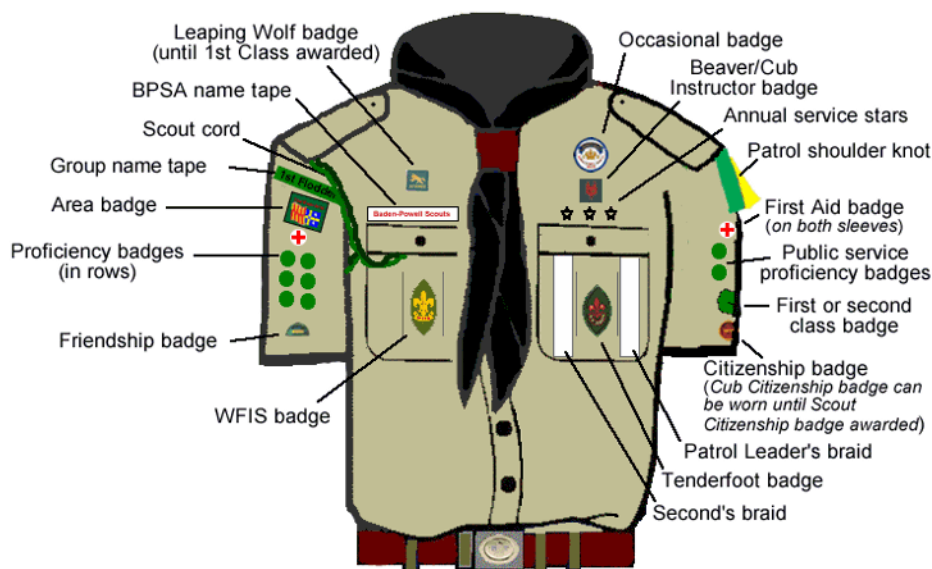
Beaver badge positions



Wolf Cub badge positions



Scout badge positions



Senior Scouts:

As a rough guide, Senior Scouts badge positions are very similar to those of Scouts. Any Scouts proficiency badges may be worn until the Senior equivalent is awarded eg the Pioneer badge is worn by the Senior Scout until the Senior Pioneer badge is achieved.

Please note that the badges shown in these diagrams are not drawn to scale and are intended purely as a rough guide to their correct positioning!

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CENSUS AND ACCOUNTS

Census forms have been posted to GSMs. Please ensure that they are completed and returned to your AC by the end of February.

Accounts need to be with Sue by the end of May.



Discovery Award 2013



This year's Discovery Award will take place in the Yorkshire Dales from 3rd to 10th August.

Cost is expected to be around £65.



On the summit of Snowdon: Discovery Award, Snowdonia 2009

Safety on the Hills

A Senior Scout "Safety on the Hills Part One" course, based at 3rd Wiltshire HQ, will take place from 22nd – 24th February. This is an ideal chance for any Senior Scouts or young Rover Scouts to cover the part one of the Safety on the Hills course. This will also be great preparation for anyone intending to attend this year's Discovery award in Yorkshire (3rd – 10th August). Contact Jay Dodson for more information (see p2 for contact info)

The Discovery Award is a national event for Senior Scouts and Rover Scouts and is a 4 day expedition of hiking and adventurous Scout challenges in 'difficult' country which tests the participants' stamina

Senior Scouts / Rover Scouts will be self sufficient and must be able to navigate to a high standard.

At the conclusion of the expedition a Log of the journey is required. Successful Senior Scouts / Rovers, will be awarded a badge and certificate.

The expedition can also be used as the Duke of Edinburgh Award Gold expedition.



About to set off on the hike: Discovery Award, Sweden 2011

Contact Norman Boxall for more details about the Discovery Award (contact details on p2). Please confirm by the end of April if you wish to attend



Revision to Scout Programme

Slight revisions to the Scout Programme for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class were explained at the AGM last year by Jay Dodson, and at the same time the first part of a new Scout handbook was launched.

The Scout Handbook is available to download from the Scout Section of the Association website (www.traditionalscouting.co.uk), and has full details for Tenderfoot and Second Class, and the requirements for First Class and the Scout Cord. The complete handbook covering all tests will be available within the near future. The Handbook is also available from B-PSA Publications. Please use the new handbook to replace Scouts Way 1 immediately, and when it is available please use the complete handbook to also replace Scouts Way 2.

Jay has revised the Scout Record Card and this is with Sylvia (B-PSA Supplies Badges) for printing, and will be available soon.

Obviously during the changeover period SMs and ASMs should use their discretion, but as a rule of thumb please try to incorporate the new requirements as soon as possible for any Scout who hasn't already completed that section of their training.

If you have any queries please contact Jay.

National Patrol Camp Competition

2013's Patrol Camp Competition makes a move from the usual bank holiday weekend which, feedback tells us, conflicts too much with school exams and therefore has a rather negative effect on the number of Patrols entering.



This year, Scout Commissioner, Jay Dodson, intends to try something different, by moving away from the bank holiday weekend and moving to a date in June.

The plan is:

- *West Midlands location to try to make it equally accessible (inaccessible) to everyone*
- *Friday evening arrival on 28th June (no time constraints – food provided on arrival)*
- *Saturday morning competition commences*
- *Sunday 30th (approx. 3pm) departure*
- *Programme similar to previous years but without the complete day hike – Jay will put up the complete competition outline on the website in the next week or so, (and this will be repeated in the next issue of Scouting about) but the format is summarised below.*

A competitive, challenging and fun competition for Patrols of up to 6 Scouts and Senior Scouts. Patrols can be specially made up for the competition and include up to 2 Seniors, total combined age for a Patrol of 6 is 84, and for smaller Patrols the average age should be 14. We have previously had Patrols made from more than one Group too.

The competition involves some pre camp projects, which are scored at camp, setting up a Patrol Campsite within specific guidelines, and then competing on challenges at camp which include open fire cooking, pioneering, orienteering, camp craft, surprise Scouting skills challenges, camp fire entertainment and

some sports / games challenges, and of course personal and camp inspections. The atmosphere has always been really tremendous, Patrols are definitely there to compete, but with a happy and friendly Scouting spirit that means that the weekend is not too intense.

Patrols work on their own, and are judged (and mentored and supported) by leaders from other Groups – and they find that this is a great way to show their skills to a fresh set of eyes.

Hoping to see more people than ever this summer – Jay's personal target is to have 15 Patrols competing, but would be delighted if we smash that goal too.

For the time being could you please:

- *Let Jay know if you think you may enter a team(s) (contact details on p2)*
- *AC's and Area Secretaries please add to Area Meeting agendas*

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Please log onto your e-DofE records before the end of March, if you experience problem with the details given, contact

Norman. We are extremely impressed and happy that we have 7 Gold DofE awards to be presented in 2013



Reflection's on 'Rovering To Success'

Clive Gray
HQ Commissioner
Rover Scouts

A few years ago I was fascinated to see a series of programmes that recreated some of the classic early mountaineering first assents, using the original 100 year old equipment and clothing and remember being both intrigued and impressed. Two things became obvious, the hardware worked but was less safe and easy to use than current equipment and the clothing performed remarkably well compared to the manmade fibre and shell fabrics we were using at the time. Subsequently we saw new innovations on the traditional clothing theme (soft shells, soft, breathable and wicking 'Nikwax Analogy' waterproofs and hi tech merino wool base layers). I also discovered a new respect for the bravery of people climbing at their limit when today we have tools that reduce the risk on the same routes. So it is with this sense of intrigue, rediscovery and reinvention that I felt we might revisit B-P's landmark book for Rover Scouts, 'Rovering to Success'. The process has started via the facebook group 'Rovering to Success' where members are having the opportunity to comment and allow some editing to take place and it will then be published in parts in 'Scouting about'.

1. On First Acquaintance.

The first thing I notice on picking up the book is the subtitle, 'A Guide To Young Manhood', which in 21st century Britain needs qualifying.

When published in 1922's we hadn't had World War II and the liberating effects of women

working in previously male only jobs, on farms, in factories and the professions. All women only got the vote in 1928 and of course we have evolved further and faster than B-P could ever have imagined. Equality is now clearly a fundamental part of our society (while I accept some will still argue with the deeper reality of that) and our organisation, the B-P Scout's Association, clearly adopts an equal opportunities stance both in writing and in my mind, in action.

The experience of learning at the time, ended for the majority, in the early teens and Rovering was also aimed at the younger adult age group. Today, in our society, we see the value in ongoing learning throughout life.

So before we even open the book we are challenged to reflect on its basic truths through the lenses of the time and I will at all junctures try to use both equality based and non ageist observations, but accept that all of us have the baggage of our own age to deal with.

2. Philosophy From A Soldier.

I remember being hugely influenced to consider the bigger questions of life by an old teacher who had played rugby for Wales and was in the first Allied forces to liberate Auschwitz concentration camp at the end of the second world war. He taught Religious Studies but it was his reflections of real life that had us teenage boys on the edge of our seats and consider what life was really all about. Rovering to Success seems to me to be B-P's attempt to plant just such a seed for adults.

This book was unlike any of B-P's earlier publications in that it is laying out a philosophy for living as an adult with all the responsibilities and pitfalls that entails, rather than an A to Z of how to do Scouting skills. If you

count the pages devoted to different subjects it is even clearer. Only the last 15% of the book, the last chapter, is devoted to the practical 'How' of being a Rover and even this is prefaced with the warning '*It should be noted that the Rules given in this chapter are liable to alteration from time to time*'.



I cannot but feel great respect for B-P. This man who had spent his life teaching practical skills and leading highly structured military organisations, made the leap to write his last new sections handbook as a philosopher, asking his readers to reflect and make the right choices as adults in the world they faced and accepting that even the limited rule setting he did then would change as the world changed. He entrusted to fellow Rovers that it was the philosophy and not the specific rules and format that would endure.

I conclude that Baden-Powell himself built ongoing change in to Rovering, by both his direct words and by his use of philosophy as our guiding light. I know this might be hard for some to accept but I have a conviction that this deep thinking man would be disappointed in us if we didn't use the framework he has given us to make choices for the future.



Squire to go higher on Kilimanjaro challenge



Harry Williamson has been a part of 1st Earley BP Scouts since the age of six, moving up through Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and is now a Rover Squire. This summer he will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to raise funds for the Meningitis Research Foundation.

Harry said "Our Scout troop was always blessed with great leaders, so they were really crucial in helping me achieve the Discovery Award, Silver Duke of Edinburgh



Harry in Scouting action!

and lastly the St. George's Award. Scouts has genuinely helped shaped who I am today, teaching me many invaluable and transferrable skills."

Just before the New Year, Harry became involved with an organisation called Student Action, through Plymouth University, which challenged 20 students to climb Mount Kilimanjaro for charity this coming summer. Having worked his way through Scouting with such an active Group, the climbing challenge isn't the most daunting part. The scary part, as far as Harry

is concerned, is that he needs to raise £2650 for Meningitis Research Foundation so that he can take part in the Mount Kilimanjaro climb. It is a very worthy cause that funds research, awareness and education surrounding the disease.

If you or your Scout Group would like to donate to Harry's cause, it would be very much appreciated. For more information and to donate please go to:
www.myraising.com/harry-williamson/kili

Good luck Harry!



What's your Group up to?

Acle Scout Group is looking forward to all that 2013 has to offer.

Plans so far include founder's day celebrations, St George's day sleepout, an Easter cycling expedition, rags to riches week, as well as the weekly section activities, DofE programme and Heartstart training for the local community.

I as GSM thought that 2013 was going to be a quiet year after such a busy 2012, no one told my leaders my thoughts as when I attended their planning meeting, their enthusiasm hadn't wavered and they were ready to start 2013 as we

Acle Scout Group



ended 2012.. Busy and Bright 'n' all that!

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the Acle leaders, parent helpers and Senior Scouts as all have made 2012 a great scouting year.

Acle Scout Group's final fund raiser for the year was a Gang show. What a fabulous experience for all participants, helpers and member of our audience. Our theme was 2012 through our eyes, we included the Jubilee, the Olympics and all of our expeditions and trips. It was hard to fit everything into a ninety minute performance but we did!

Our annual Christmas camp took us to the Edinburgh International Climbing Arena where we managed to try out the new climbing equipment we had recieved. After a fun day we headed off to the city for a festive evening before heading down to Kielder Hawkhurst Scout camp. At Hawkhurst we experienced the new zip slide and Jacobs ladder, a muddy but great experience.

The Beavers and Wolf Cubs enjoyed a day at Shildon railway museum, they returned to the village via the train. Their day ended with a full Christmas meal in The County after they had sang for their supper carol singing .



**Margaret Lenahan
Group Scout Master
Acle Scout Group**

Let us know what your Scout Group or section has been up to or has planned. Spread the news, sing your praises!

Make the most of the dark nights...

Astronomer Badge

The return to GMT and the onset of early nights is no excuse for not going outside. Instead, it is the perfect time for doing some astronomy. The Senior Astronomer badge can be gained through a mixture of tasks carried out both inside and out.

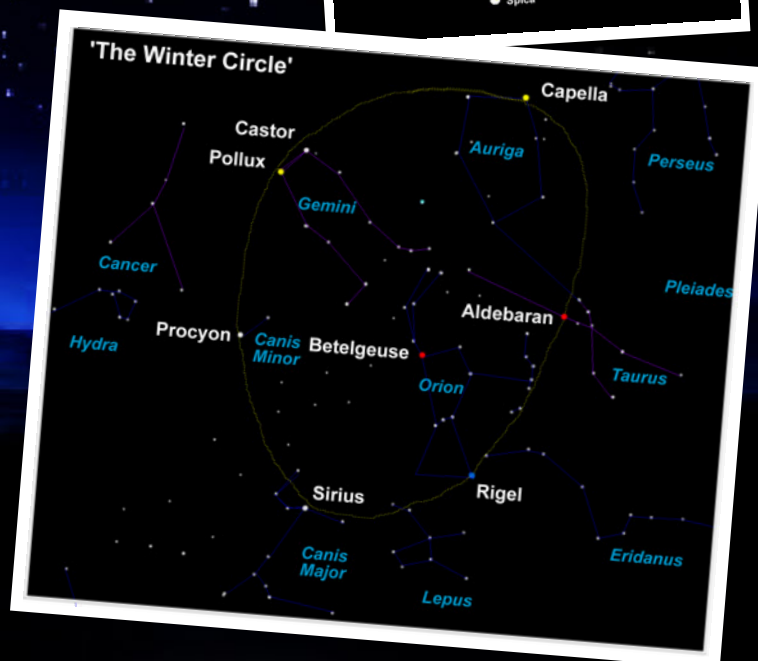
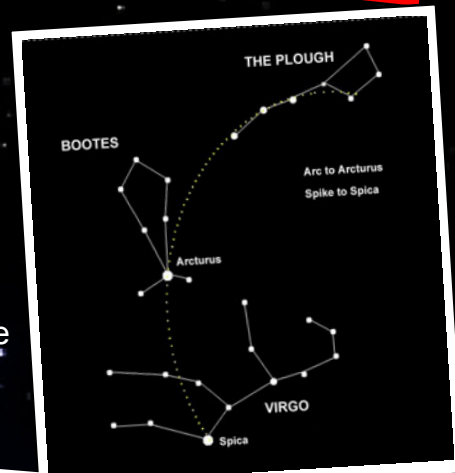
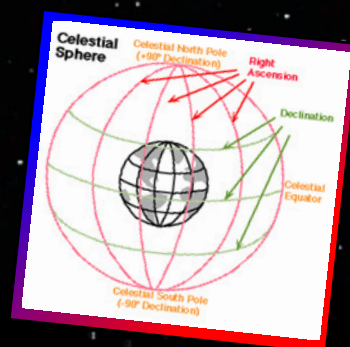
Requirements:

- (1) Know the chief stars and constellations visible in his latitude and understand how to express technically the position of any particular star at any given time.
- (2) Be able to tell the time by the stars.
- (3) Know what is meant by: the Galactic system, star clusters.
- (4) Make a simple astronomical model to illustrate some features of the solar system.
- (5) Discuss the instruments used and the work carried on in an observatory. Know the principal observatories of the world, their situations and natural advantages, the special work undertaken by any of them and some details of their telescopes.

Why not:

- Organise a visit to an observatory
- Get Seniors to find out how to use celestial coordinates and give a presentation
- Get Seniors to research a principal observatory and share their findings with each other.
- Work out the time using the stars. (Use the guide on p9-11 for help).
- Create a flash animation etc or a mobile to show the movement of the planets and/or stars.

Nick Allen
Senior Scout Master
1st Flodden B-P Scout Group



Tell the time using the stars: p9



A very useful and informative book to help identify stars, constellations and explanations of how to technically express the position of stars is 'The Stars: a new way to see them' by H A Rey.

TELL THE TIME USING THE STARS

Nick Allen
Senior Scout Master
1st Flodden B-P Scout
Group

The winter sky provides a fantastic opportunity to develop, practice and perfect those emergency survival skills that are based on basic astronomy. One such piece of knowledge worth learning about is how to tell the time using the stars. This is also one of the requirements of the Seniors' Astronomer badge!

YOU WILL NEED:

- A relatively cloud free sky
- Ability to locate The Plough and Polaris
- Simple arithmetic

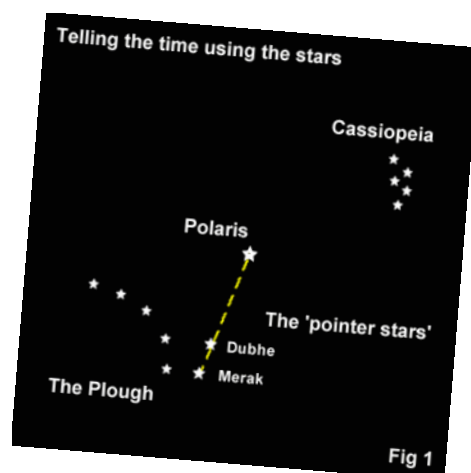
The stars have been used for thousands of years as an aid to navigation and virtually all Scouts should be able to use the pointer stars, Dubhe and Merak, of The Plough to find Polaris, aka the Pole Star or North Star. Without going in to great detail about this: imagine a line running from Merak to Dubhe and then continue that line for roughly five times the distance between the 'pointers' until you reach Polaris (see fig 1). By following another imaginary line from Polaris straight

down to earth we can identify the direction from us to that point, and beyond, as north.

However, these very same stars can be used to help tell the time too! Although most people may have a watch or a mobile phone to accurately determine which time of the day or night it is, it is just as easy for someone to carry a compass or matches or a tent or a camp bed etc to help make a stay in the wilds more comfortable. Yet we as Scouts want to go beyond that and be able to cope relying on a meld of knowledge, observation and whatever we can find around us.

With the benefit of a relatively cloud free sky we can easily tell the time. There are all sorts of weird and wonderful ways to do this. Some methods involve an imaginary 24

hour clock face centred on Polaris but running

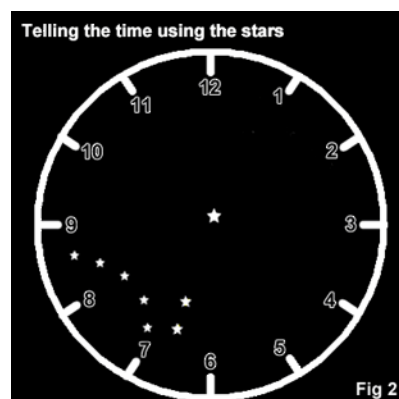


anticlockwise; another way involves an imaginary straight line running from Megrez, in The Plough, through Polaris and on to Caph in Cassiopeia. Perhaps these methods are easier to get to grips with than others for certain individuals but, in general, the more complex or peculiar a method, the more likely it is that mistakes will be made. Trying to visualise a backwards 24 hour clock face is likely to be more confusing than a 12 hour clock face running clockwise as we have been brought up to accept reading in a clockwise direction when telling the time. Having many, many years experience of instructing in the Army combined with my professional role as a teacher and obviously my role as Senior Scout Master I find it best to remind myself of the mnemonic KISS (Keep It Simple Stupid) when passing on information and practical skills to others. Learners need to get things clear in their heads to allow them to learn more effectively. Furthermore, not everyone knows the names or positions of the various stars so may have problems locating Megrez or Caph. I therefore prefer to use the simplest effective method to help people achieve the learning objective. The method I prefer to use to initially instruct others requires no prior knowledge and no need to

identify specific stars in specific constellations. All that is required is that Polaris and The Plough are visible.

So how do we do it?

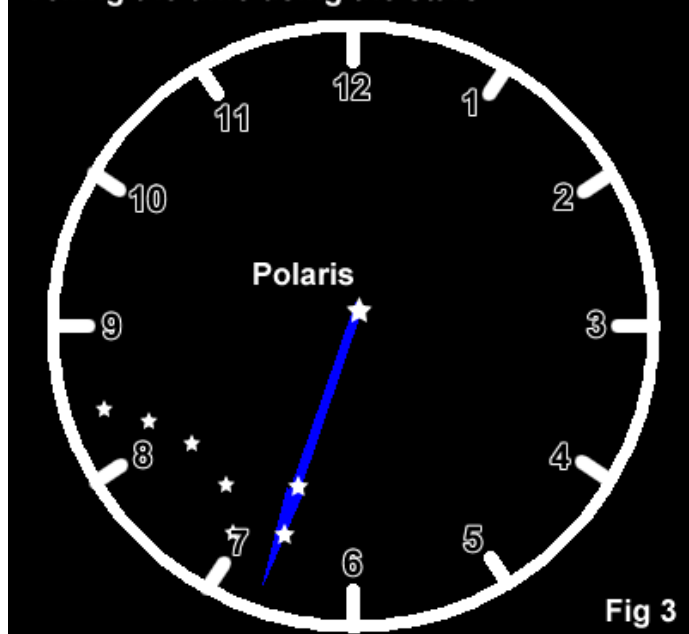
The first step is to identify Polaris: the Pole Star and imagine that this is the centre of an analogue clock face (see fig 2).



Secondly, use the pointer stars of The Plough as if they were the hour hand of the clock and read off the time (see fig 3). Do not simply read the hour but be as accurate as you can possibly be eg quarter past, half past etc. The more accurate you are the better. To assist accuracy you could draw a clock face on to acetate or a transparent sheet! Using fig 3 as an example the time shows approximately 6.45 which we will convert to the value 6¾.



Telling the time using the stars



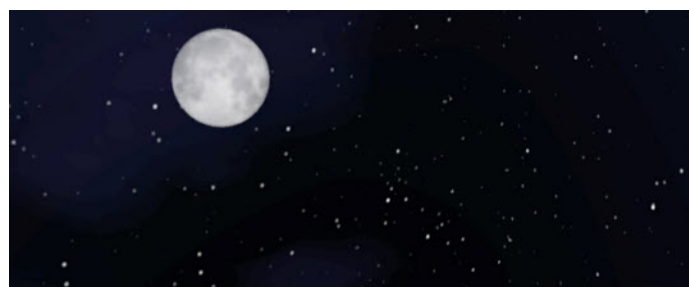
Next we must apply a little bit of basic arithmetic. To do this we must calculate how many months after March 7th it is eg on November 7th it would be 8 months after; on December 22nd it would be 9½ months after. Again be accurate, at least to quarters or halves. This value must be added to the 'time' you read using the pointer stars. For example, if the time you read was 6.45 (ie 6¾) and the date is November 20th (approximately 8½ months after March 7th) you would add these two values together ie 6¾ + 8½ = 15¼.

At this point we double the number, so in this example 15¼ would become 30½. Now this is

fine if we are on Greenwich Mean Time (or any country's time zone equivalent) but if we are using British Summer Time (or daylight saving) we must add 1 to our number to take that extra hour in to account. Since, as I write, GMT ensures that the dark nights are drawing in incredibly early I do not need to add anything on. But do not forget the point: add an hour on if it's BST.

The final thing to do is to deduct the number we have calculated from 24 (or 48 if the calculated number is over 24). In this case we cannot deduct 30½ from 24 so we instead deduct from 48: $48 - 30\frac{1}{2} = 17\frac{1}{2}$ and 17½ in the 24 hour clock system is 5.30pm.

We now have the theory but as many educational experts such as Kolb and Piaget – not that most of us need their expertise to confirm what we already know - have said that we learn most by doing. In other words: it would be most helpful, if to adorn one's mind with the knowledge and expertise to enable one to deduce the time to a somewhat reliable level of accuracy, get the 'dirt time' in! Practice and check against your watch. Keep practicing at different times and throughout the year until you don't need to look at your watch!



In a nutshell

- Work out the clockface time
- Add 1 on for each month after March 7th (including quarters etc)
- Add the clockface time to the month addition figure
- Double it
- Add 1 if it is BST
- Deduct the total from 24 or 48
- Convert to a time using 24 hour clock method



REMEMBRANCE PARADES

B-PSA Groups from around the country remembered the fallen of the World Wars and other conflicts by participating in Remembrance Services and joining in parades as part of the commemoration in their local communities.

A very small selection of these are shown below:



1st Pointon had a fantastic turnout and were joined by a piper on Remembrance Day



1st Whittingham attended St Bartholomew's Remembrance Day Service, including reading the younger person's part of the Remembering, the Intercession Prayers and laying our own home made wreath with prayers on the poppies. We then hosted a reception in the village Memorial Service with tea, coffee and sherry! The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts were all very smart and very well behaved, and we had lots of compliments on how well the Scouts read. Well done all.



Photo by Ian Burt, courtesy of Fakenham and Wells Times.



45 members of Fakenham Lancaster attended the Fakenham Remembrance Day Parade and outdoor service at the Memorial. By far the largest Group on parade our members were a credit to the Association, the Movement and the town as they paid their respects. For the first time we also paraded with a Beaver flag bearer, who did a sterling job keeping up with the "larger" bearers and following the orders given by the RBL.



1st Trimsaran paraded at Burry Port, Carmarthenshire



1st Flodden paraded in the extreme north of England at Cornhill-on-Tweed.

Whittingham's inspirational Lesotho expedition

An incredible link was made between the B-PSA and Ken Dunn of Trees4Africa last year which resulted in the first of hopefully many expeditions by our Groups to one of the world's poorest countries! 1st Whittingham were the first with their inspirational expedition to Lesotho during the summer, with 1st Flodden to follow suit in 2014.

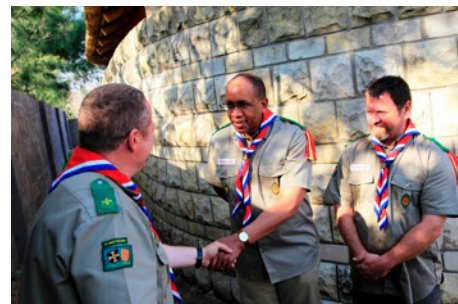
A group of 17 Scouts, senior Scouts and leaders flew out to Cape Town on 19th August, on an emotional and exciting journey of two halves.

On arrival in Cape Town, the group took the ferry out to Robben Island to visit Nelson Mandela's home behind bars. We were shown around by a former political prisoner who was incarcerated at the prison, and it was an incredibly humbling experience. We went on to visit Bethuile where we saw, from Signal Hill, how the town was split into areas for black, coloured and white

people. The people still live separately today, but it is clear that they now live peacefully side by side, and many black people are rebuilding their homes now that they are earning better wages. The Scouts were invited into a home in the township to meet a family, and into the school to talk and sing to the children.

The main part of our expedition was spent in Lesotho. On our first day, we went for a walk around the village. It was incredibly windy, reminding us of our visit to Doddington with Prince Seeiso, where we planted a hedge with Cheviot Futures to protect a field from soil erosion due to the wind. In the mountainous kingdom of Lesotho we were to do the same thing, and being sandblasted that first day really showed us how important it was.

We saw the huge erosion scars also, where rain was tearing apart the landscape, and most importantly the agricultural



Prince Seeiso and Ken Dunn

fields. The top soil ends up downstream in South Africa.

In the afternoon, we joined in with a community football festival. Hundreds of children welcomed us, and we played getting to know you games, catch with the little ones, and football. We also handed out some old Blyth Football Strips and football boots that we had brought out. It was a lovely afternoon, and we had great fun with the wonderful children. Then, back to reality, when the Director of the Malealea Development Trust who had organised the event whispered to us: 'You do know that all these children are orphans, don't you?'



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Group Scout Master
1st Whittingham B-P
Scout Group*



Prince Seeiso is invested into the B-PSA

In a community no bigger than ours in Whittingham, there were a couple of hundred orphans. They had lost their parents through AIDS, accidents and illnesses relating to smoke-inhalation. There are no orphanages. The average life expectancy is 43, so there are few grandparents to look after the children. The orphans are cared for by elder brothers and sisters, usually 12 or 13 years old, and by extended families.

Over the next few days, the Scouts worked with this community to plant trees that will bind the soil to protect it from wind erosion. The trees also provide fire wood and fruit. Hundreds of local children from the schools were let out of lessons to help us plant, and to learn how to do this properly, and how to care for the trees. The Scouts also took out 50



Planting trees with local children

stoves that burn wood at such high temperatures that the smoke is combusted, so that they burn cleanly and efficiently, causing fewer smoke-related diseases. Much of the funding for the stoves, and for our activities in Lesotho was secured from Northumberland Uplands Local Action Group. The group is hosted by Northumberland National Park and uses the Leader approach to make funding decisions. The funding is being made available through the Rural Development Programme for England, which is jointly funded by Defra and the European Union.

The Scouts demonstrated the stoves in three different communities in the area, and attracted a lot of interest and orders. The stoves are hugely subsidised, but following charity research, the people have to pay a small amount, which makes them value them more.

On our final work day, the Scouts headed across the valley to a High School, who would also like to develop a garden and plant trees, but who have no water supply. It is impossible to imagine a school

in our area which has no water supply, but with drop toilets, no sanitation and simple catering, they cope, and walk to collect water. A garden could not survive without water though. The Scouts spent a grueling day working with the High School kids to dig a trench, with pick axes and shovels, to lay a water pipe to the school.

The Scouts, Senior Scouts and leaders have come home with a huge understanding of apartheid, global environmental issues and poverty, and an enormous appreciation of their families and economic situations.



Digging the trench

After discussions with the Malealea Development Trust, we have found a way that we can help the orphans. Shoes are like gold dust in Lesotho. Despite the sharp rocks and broken glass under foot, children only wear shoes in school. They will walk to school in bare feet, with shoes in a bag. There are more groups going out to Lesotho this year. They have a huge baggage allowance, and will take out sacks of second hand shoes (flat-soled). We are collecting shoes in Whittingham to take out, and also money to feed those in need.

For more information, contact Group Scout Master, Ninette Gray on 01665 574733.

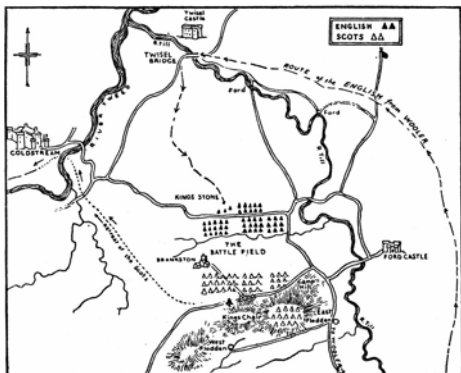
B-PSA commemorates Battle of Flodden



The 9th September 2013 marks the 500th anniversary of the Battle of Flodden. The battle was a national tragedy that led to the death of 15,000 Scots and English soldiers, 100 noblemen and James IV, the Scottish King. Yet these catastrophic events are largely unknown throughout England despite their influence in shaping British and European politics for the next 100 years, eventually leading to the union of the English and Scottish crowns in 1603.

The battle took place in what is now strong B-PSA country, with three groups within 25 miles of the battle site: 1st Flodden, 1st Wooler and 1st Whittingham, and therefore provides an excellent base to have a B-PSA camp.

During the reign of Henry VIII, England was at war with France who's Queen persuaded King James IV of Scotland to renew the 'auld alliance' by invading northern England to distract Henry from his campaign in France.



The battle area

1st Flodden will be hosting two camps during the year to



Living History

commemorate the battle: one for Beavers and Wolf Cubs and one for Scouts and Seniors. The 'memory' of the battle still lingers especially in Scotland as it had such a devastating effect on the nation with the country's nobility being decimated.

The camps aim to give an insight into the history of the battle and will enable section specific Flodden activity badges to be achieved.

The different sections will learn about the background and tactics of the battle as well as developing heritage skills through activities such as archaeological tasks and traditional crafts, hikes along some of the routes to battle, as well as learning about the general lifestyle at the time through practical tasks. We are currently in discussion with Living History Scotland to arrange historical reenactment from experts to take place at one of the camps. There will be the opportunity to learn about and participate in archery, canoe down the River Tweed and/or Till to

see some of the fortifications that were captured and used during the campaign.

There are various associated places to visit eg Norham, Ford and Etal castles, most of which are part of the Flodden Eco Museum.

However, you do not have to attend the camps to achieve the Flodden badge. There are a range of activities that can be carried out from the comfort of your own Scout Hut, a visit to the library or a museum or internet search etc to learn more. However a visit to the area is really a requirement but does not have to be carried out in 2013. Examples of places away from the Flodden area that could be visited are Edinburgh, to see the Flodden Wall, or Leeds Armoury to find out about the weapons and armour of the period.

If you would like to join in the camps or would like a list of activity requirements, or to order badges, please contact 1stfloddenbpscouts@gmail.com



Canoeing the Tweed by Norham Castle

FLODDEN 1513 CAMPS

Beavers/Wolf Cubs: 6-7 July 2013

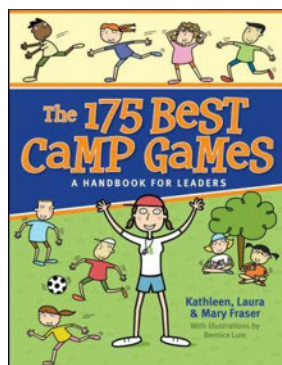
Scouts/Seniors: 13-14 July 2013

Location: North Northumberland

Email 1stfloddenbpscouts@gmail.com for further details

For lots of other activities taking place, visit:
www.flodden1513.com

BOOK REVIEWS



Book: The 175 Best Camp Games: A handbook for leaders

Author: Kathleen, Laura & Mary Fraser

Publisher: The Boston Mills Press

Reviewer: Nick Allen

Available from: Amazon, various bookshops

Price: £14.95 RRP

Getting youngsters to play games is not really my thing. I tend to leave that to others but I am aware that games have their place in Scouting, especially for the younger sections. I found this book while

looking for games to play with the various Scouting sections. What is good about it is that games are arranged by category, a recommended group size is stated for each game so it is easy to find something appropriate for your own section whether large or small. There are plenty of games described, including 'Break the Ice' games, gentle games and very active ones, from 'My name is Aaron and I like Aardvarks' to 'Capture the Flag', 'Werewolf Tag' to 'Zany Food'.

If you're looking for a variety of different games, or new games, to play then this could be the book for you! It's likely to be great if you're new to the Scouting world or are looking for something different to the games that you've perhaps stuck to over the years!



Book: The Dutch Oven Cookery Book Vol 1

Author: Jason Ingamells & Kevan Palmer

Publisher: Woodland Ways

Reviewer: Nick Allen

Available from: www.woodland-ways.com

Price: currently on special offer at £10

As an advocate of dutch oven cooking I was extremely happy to set my eyes on this book. What's more, it's written by Jason Ingamells and Kevan Palmer of Woodland Ways which is one of the country's leading provider in all types of bushcraft courses. In other words, they know what

they're talking about!

This is a great little ring-bound book especially for those new to Dutch Oven cooking or those more experienced who are looking for some inspiration and one that you'd be happy to take to camp with you. The book contains guidance on caring for the oven and is then split into sections on 'Soups, Snacks, Starters and Side Dishes' which includes such delights as Mediterranean Dutch Oven breakfast and Mussels in Cider and Cream Sauce; 'Main Dishes' ranging from Cheese Enchiladas to Wilspottje; 'Breads' such as Damper and Native American Fried Bread and finally 'Desserts' which includes such recipes as Norwegian Apple Cake and American Peach Cobbler. Though not exhaustive, there are plenty of recipes to try out that will keep you busy for a considerable time. Furthermore, it is the kind of book that could give you the confidence to experiment with your own recipes once you've had a bit of practice.

Would I recommend it? Definitely! A great addition to any Scout Group's camp cook inventory. I will certainly be trying out the various recipes with my Scouts and I look forward to Volume 2.



CARD GAMES

Game: Pirate Snap

Reviewer: Nick Allen

Pirate Snap is a very simple game to play yet confusing enough to be a huge amount of fun!

Basically it is a game of snap with the following differences:

- Snap on cards that have a value difference of 1 eg a 6 and a 7, Ace and 2, King and Ace, 8 and 9 etc.
- Snap on any Queen, no matter what card was laid previously.
- Everyone has to 'snap' and ut their hand down.
- Last person to 'snap' and put their hand down is the loser and picks up the cards.
- Even if you have got rid of all your cards in a round, you can not win until 'snap' has taken place. In fact, you might lose this and have to pick up all the cards!

The fun is that people mistakenly try to 'snap' on cards that are the same value, forget to 'snap' on a Queen or forget that it is the last person to put their hand down in a 'snap' that is the loser. Players really have to concentrate and it becomes fast and furious so, be warned, it can result in hurt fingers if allowed to become too boisterous.

I have watched Scouts and Seniors play Pirate Snap and they love it! A great camp game.

If you would like to review or share any books, card games or anything else, please contact us using the details on p2.

Fundraising to Success!

Having just raised £30,000 in less than a year to take our Scouts to Africa, and previously been successful in raising thousands of pounds for equipment and adventurous activities, many of you have approached me for advice in getting grants. I don't claim to be an expert in fundraising, just persistent, and when told by some 'I doubt you'll get anything from there', I reply 'There's no harm in trying'. DYB DYB DYB DYB!

So, here are my five steps to fundraising success:

- Don't give up before you've started!
- Register on www.fundraisingcentral.org.uk to receive weekly e-mails on upcoming deadlines for funding opportunities. Perfect for finding corporate and government grants. I recently got £1000 from Tesco for our B-PSA membership fees (insurance, leader training etc), Scout skills training and badges.
- Apply to Awards for All (The Big Lottery) for £10,000 www.awardsforall.org.uk/ for all your equipment, travel expenses and activities. You can get this grant every 3 years! New tents, stoves, Go-pak tables – what do you need?
- Approach your local Community Foundation – they have access to loads of small, private and corporate funds, usually on a generic application form, so you can tell them what you're after and they match you to the best fund. Visit this website to find your local community foundation:

www.communityfoundations.org.uk
and click on 'Community Foundations in your Area'. These small

grants are great for summer activities, or equipment. We get £500/year from the

Northumberland High Sheriff Award, and got £800 from Comic Relief for canoeing, horse-riding and other exciting summer activities.

- Speak to the local council – you can get small grants from your parish council, and Community Chest grants from your District or County Council. Our Parish Council gives us anything from £30 – £100 per year, and the County £1,000.

When applying for grants, you'll need a copy of PAR for the Constitution, the B-PSA Child Protection Policy, B-PSA Charity Number (278525) and a shopping list!

If you need any more funding advice, remember the B-PSA has a new funding advisor, Maria from Kidwelly B-P Scout Group. Maria is able to read over and advise you with your project applications, maybe point you to grant sources, help you develop your ideas, but sadly due to her own job and family commitments she can't write your applications for you! contact Maria at mariamcgerty@hotmail.com

Good luck!

Ninette Gray
Group Scout Master
1st Whittingham B-P
Scout Group



Escape and evasion



Nick Allen
Senior Scout Master
1st Flodden B-P Scout Group

Teenagers from the north of England and Scotland gave up the chance of a warm, relaxed and comfortable weekend to travel to Twizel, near Belford to take part in a cold and frosty November escape and evasion exercise. Groups travelled from as far afield as Manchester to join in with Northumbria Area's Survival Badge part 2 weekend.

The criteria of this part of the badge requirements is that participants carry out a journey of at least 15km in an escape style exercise in 'difficult' country without equipment other than light survival packs over at least two days and one night.



Seniors prepare to move

Seniors, with a minimum of equipment, were therefore taken to a drop off point on the Saturday morning from where they were to use their skills in navigation, camouflage and concealment to avoid being captured and reach a defined yet 'insecure' area in which they had to remain overnight.

Teams of searchers were deployed to track down and pursue patrols of 3 or 4 Senior Scouts who would lose one of their allocated five lives whenever they were caught. If all 'lives' were lost then the patrol would have to return to base.

The overnight rain and cloud cover had dissipated leaving a crisp and clear November day graced with glorious sunshine: wonderful for a day of relaxed walking in the country with incredible views of moorland and the Cheviots to the west and the breathtaking Northumberland coastline with Holy Island



Northumberland moor and woodland provides a great natural landscape for escape and evasion



and Bamburgh Castle and the Farne Islands to the east. However, this was not the time to savour the wonderful countryside but to avoid capture. Patrols varied in their approach; careful use of dead ground or hedges and woodland to give cover, selecting routes away from those expected to be followed, breaking up 'unnatural' shapes by use of camouflage and irregular spacing while moving etc.

Night time was somewhat different. All the patrols were somewhere within a defined area consisting of woodland and fields, meandering burns and undulating terrain. It was also pitch black. To avoid capture, patrols needed to remain silent and avoid the use of fire or torchlight. Buckets of goodies were positioned to entice the Seniors out of their hiding places. Meanwhile, searchers could be noisy and use torches while they worked their ways throughout the night scouring the area listening and looking for any giveaway signs. One patrol was even found fast asleep in their survival bags!

The following day, each patrol had to reach a specific location within a given time range so it was back to daylight evasion techniques again. All patrols were caught at least twice with others on their last lives on the final day. Mistakes were made and lessons learned but all participants said they had a thoroughly good time.



Caught napping

Nick Allen
Senior Scout Master
1st Flodden B-P Scout Group

Have a go at:

Dutch Oven Cooking

One of the best things, in my opinion, that we do in Scouting is camp cooking. I may of course be biased in my view because I enjoy food so much! However, it is easy to make a mess of what is being cooked as there is no control switch on a campfire and the fire needs continuous attention too. Yet there is no excuse for camp cooking to be bad; there is no excuse for the food you cook on a campfire not being as good as what you could cook at home. I recall the first Scout Camp that I helped organise quite a few years back now in which, amongst other things, the Scouts had to meet the practical element of the Camp Cook badge (we were SA at the time) and produced the most fabulous kebabs I have ever tasted and which I would have been happy paying for in a restaurant!



A great way of camp cooking is with a Dutch Oven. They are very versatile allowing all sorts of cooking types eg baking, roasting, stewing etc so why not have a go?

Dutch Ovens are cast iron pots usually with three legs and a rimmed lid enabling hot coals to be piled on top to make the perfect Dutch camp oven. Dutch Ovens are perfect for stews, casserole and can be used for baking and roasting over camp fires or placed in the hot ashes. They are also great for use on BBQ's or at home on the hob or in a conventional oven. The Dutch Oven lid can be turned upside down sat in hot ashes or supported over the fire or BBQ and used as a frying pan/skillet.

How to make Pan Haggerty

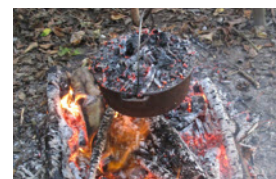
Pan Haggerty is a traditional Northumbrian dish which, as well as being very tasty, lends itself extremely well to camp cooking especially with a Dutch Oven.

Ingredients: about 5 good sized potatoes, about 5 good sized onions, a large lump of cheese, oil or butter (for a 4 litre Dutch Oven)

Method:

- Peel and thinly slice potatoes; peel and chop onions; grate cheese.
- Lightly oil/grease Dutch Oven.
- Add layer of sliced potatoes to Dutch Oven.
- Add layer of chopped onions on top of layer of potatoes.
- Add layer of grated cheese on top of layer of onion.
- Repeat previous three steps twice, finishing off with a good cheesy topping.
- Place lid on the Dutch Oven and position for cooking. Cook for about an hour - but keep checking from time to time. Use a knife or fork etc to 'feel' that the potato is cooked.

Please note that the Dutch Oven will get very hot inside and is therefore very easy to burn what you are cooking. Regulate the temperature, for instance, by using a tripod or similar. Place a few embers on top of the lid too!



There are different versions of Pan Haggerty which you may like to try eg adding corned beef or strips of pre-fried bacon etc. You may wish to add salt and pepper too. You could also omit the layers of cheese but add some stock and simmer for about half an hour, finally add a topping of grated cheese and finish cooking by adding a load of embers to the lid to brown the cheese.

Dutch Ovens are readily available from suppliers such as Ronnie Sunshines (www.ronniesunshines.com) and cost from around £30.

Are you tough enough? Upcoming events

for the Endurance Challenge



Rover Scout (and leader) 24 hour endurance challenge.

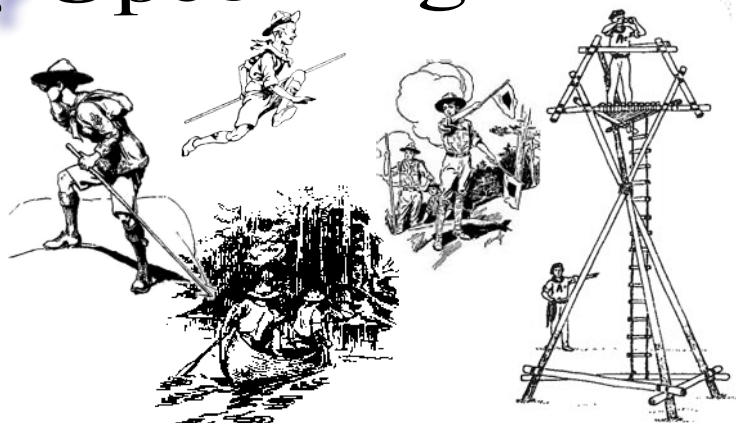
This is a 24 hour nonstop traditional Scouting skills challenge for teams of two Rover Scouts / Leaders.

The challenge will be based on an Army exercise area near Camberley in Surrey, starting at 10.00 on Saturday 13th April.

Camping will be available on site the night before.

This will be tough, and a huge amount of fun, and we are hoping to have some of the originators of the Danish tournament in the UK to help run it.

Email Jay Dodson who will send an information pack.



Date	Event	Contact
18-20 Jan	Rover Scouts Winter weekend - Cairngorms	Clive Gray
22-24 Feb	Safety on the Hills pt 1 - 3rd Wiltshire HQ	Jay Dodson
15-17 Mar	Senior Scout St George's Award weekend - Cheshire	Norman Boxall
22 Mar	St George's Award meeting	Norman Boxall
13-14 Apr	Rovers/Leaders 24 hr endurance challenge - Camberley	Jay Dodson
20-21 Apr	Preiminary Training Course, Warminster	Martyn Dodson
24-28 May	Wood Beads pt 2, Altrincham	Jay Dodson
28-30 June	Patrol Camping Competition	Jay Dodson
6-7 July	Beavers/Cubs Flodden Camp	Joanne Hall 1stfloddenbpscouts@gmail.com
13-14 July	Scouts/Seniors Flodden Camp	
3-10 Aug	Discovery Award	Norman Boxall
27-29 Sept	Scouts/Seniors Badge Bonanza - North Lincolnshire	Jay Dodson/ Norman Boxall



Scout / Senior Scout Badge Bonanza

27th – 29th September

North Lincolnshire

contacts for more information:

Scouts: Jay, Senior Scouts: Norman



St George's Award

The St George's Award meeting will be on the 22nd March at Millbrook.

Norman needs to know who is attending by the end of February.

Training

A Preliminary Training Course will be held in Warminster from 20th - 21st April.

Wood Beads pt 2 training takes place in Altrincham from 25th - 28th May.

All enquiries and bookings to
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