

CESAN

DON'T MISS
Scout and Guide Gang Show
Kings Theatre
14th – 19th November 2005



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AREA CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Sun 2 nd	Managing Adults (24) and Supporting Adults (26)	Scottish Headquarters
Tue 4 th	Annual General Meeting	St Thomas of Aquin's
Wed 5 th	District Explorer Scout Commissioner, Administrator & ESL Meeting	
8 th – 9 th	Scout Hill Walking Weekend	Bonaly
	Terrain One Weekend	Bonaly
Fri 14 th	School Ends	
Mon 17 th	Module One part 1	
Sun 23 rd	First Response Refresher	10.00 – 2.00
Tue 25 th	School Resumes	
Wed 26 th	Area Scout Network Committee	
	Module One part 2	
Thur 27 th	Scout Post Registration	
	Adult Training Edinburgh	tba
28 th – 29 th	Scout Halloween Camp	Bonaly
29 th -30 th	Blair Atholl Selection	Bonaly
29 th - 30 th	Scottish Conference	Inchyra Grange Hotel, Falkirk

NOVEMBER

Tue 1 st	Bonaly Committee	Bonaly
Thur 3 rd	Assistant Area Commissioners Meeting	
Mon 7 th	Business Committee	

CONTACT WITH EDINBURGH SCOUTING

Contact can be made with Edinburgh Area Scout Council, Bonaly, Longcraig and the Scout Network by using any of the following methods.

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Bonaly **Telephone** 0131 441 1878
Email Bonaly.campsite@btinternet.com
Fax 0131 441 6169
Web Page www.bonaly.org.uk

Longcraig **Telephone** 0131 319 1036 (Answer machine operating when the Centre is closed)

Scout Network for all the latest news information <http://www.edinburghscoutnetwork.org.uk/>

admin@edinburghscoutnetwork.org.uk

The closing date for the November issue of CESAN is October 14th. All material for inclusion should be sent to the Area Secretary at 15 Valleyfield Street, EH3 9LP prior to this date.

CITY OF EDINBURGH SCOUT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2005

A N N U A L G E N E R A L M E E T I N G
T U E S D A Y 4th O C T O B E R

The Annual General Meeting of the Edinburgh Area Scout Council will take place on Tuesday 4th October at St Thomas of Aquin's High School, 2-20 Chalmers Street, Edinburgh at 7.30pm.

A warm invitation to attend is extended to all Leaders, Instructors and Supporters.

The guest speaker this year is Mrs Eleanor Lyall MBE; Chief Commissioner of Scotland.

B L A I R A T H O L L 2 0 0 6

Scottish International Patrol Jamborette
Monday 17th July – Friday 28th July 2006

Scouts and Explorer Scouts aged 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 on 28th July 2006 are invited to apply to join the Edinburgh contingent attending Blair Atholl next year.

This is a fantastic opportunity to attend a Scottish Jamborette which has a full A – Z of activities and some specialist activities for Explorers.

After the camp all Scottish Scouts will offer Home Hospitality to an overseas Scout for up to 5 days.

A promotional flier and a copy of the application form were enclosed last month for leaders to encourage Scouts and Explorer Scouts to apply.

Further application forms are available from Area Headquarters or you can photocopy the one enclosed last month to SLs and ESLs. More information is available on www.jamborette.org.uk

The total cost to Edinburgh Scouts and Explorer Scouts is £215 which includes training camps and transport to and from Blair Atholl.

The selection weekend will be 29th – 30th October 2005

F I R S T R E S P O N S E
R E F R E S H E R

There are many people who completed their First Response Course about 3 years ago and now need to undertake a shortened course as a refresher.

This will be held at the Valleyfield Street Scout Centre on Sunday 23rd October from 10am until 2pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

Please apply in writing to EASC, 15 Valleyfield Street, EH3 9LP enclosing a cheque made payable to Edinburgh Area Scout Council for £8.00

BONALY CAMPING & TRAINING CENTRE

Bonaly Events	Halloween Camp		
Who for?	Scouts aged 10 to 12½		
When?	Friday 28 th October until 9.30 am on Saturday 29 th October		
Where?	Bonaly Outdoor Centre	How much?	£10

The Halloween Camp is for younger scouts aged up to 12½ (those not old enough for the hill walking weekend). The evening will include Halloween themed entertainment and wide games. The camp is for one night and Scouts will be expected to camp at Bonaly overnight on the Friday. They will be provided with a snack for supper on the Friday night and breakfast before they leave on the Saturday. (Scouts should have their evening meal before arriving at Bonaly).

Activities will start at 8pm and Scouts should therefore arrive prior to this to pitch tents ensuring that they are ready to start the activities on time.

Numbers will be strictly limited for this camp. Applications and full payment should be sent to Barry Johnston, Manager, Bonaly Camping and Training Centre by Monday 17th October. Places on the camp will only be confirmed once full payment has been received. Late applications will not be accepted.

Application forms available from Barry at Bonaly or on the Bonaly website.

EDINBURGH SCOUT AND GUIDE GANG SHOW 2005

GANG SHOW 2005 - SHARE THE ADVENTURE

Gang Show 2005 is continuing to progress well in rehearsals and the various departments are all working hard to ensure that the Show lives up to its usual high standards. Ticket sales have a long way to go yet before we reach the goal achieved in 2004 when the Gang proudly said, at more than one performance, 'House Full'. We can do it with your support!

Scouting today is about offering adventure opportunities for young people. For many Scouts and Guides, especially those involved for the first time, going on stage in front of an audience is an adventure. Come and share that adventure with them.

If you have never been to a Gang Show before, make a Promise to go this year. If you have not seen Edinburgh's Gang Show in recent years, please do come and experience the new style Show. If you have already booked your tickets, THANK YOU - we are sure you will enjoy the Gang Show, showcasing our young people at their best.

Tickets on Sale from King's & Festival Theatres. 0131 529 6000 or online at www.eft.co.uk

Remember one free for every 10 paid for at all performances!

CO-EDUCATIONAL SCOUTING

As you will hopefully know from the literature circulated with April's Scouting Magazine, and perhaps from discussions at District and other meetings, the Scout Association has decided that all Groups should provide co-educational scouting in all Sections from 1 January 2007. Scouting has been co-educational for many years (albeit with Groups being able to decide whether to become co-educational or not) and it has been concluded, from consultation and feedback in the recent Programme Review, that it is now time for **all** Groups to make provision for **all** young people to be accepted into **all** Sections.

The Area Programme & Training Committee recently discussed what Edinburgh Area might do to support Districts, Groups and Sections in implementing this policy. Members took a positive approach to the change and the main points to come from the discussion included:

- Groups and Sections should be encouraged to move towards being co-educational before January 2007.
- There are already many mixed Groups and Sections in the Area and we need to look at ways of sharing their experiences.
- There are many successes in Scouting that are co-educational, including Gang Show and international activities with co-educational associations from overseas, and again we need to look to these experiences to help learn about and promote co-education more generally.
- Appointment Sub-committees will play a crucial role in the change (all leaders, new and existing, will need to be aware of the policy, and the need to follow it) and will need to be supported with guidance on the implementation of the new policy and the implications for adult recruitment and retention.
- Co-education may increase the number of adults looking to become leaders.
- Girlguiding Edinburgh should be kept fully informed as we move towards full implementation of this policy. There is no reason for this new policy to adversely impact on the good relationship we have with Girlguiding in Edinburgh and the initial reaction of the Guide County Commissioner is supportive.
- For some leaders and groups this will be a cultural change, and like any change there will inevitably be some apprehension and opposition. Adult training will have a role in helping to support this change.
- Experience suggests that there may not be a long queue of girls forming, as many girls and young women keen to be in Scouting are members already.
- Some leaders may not feel comfortable with co-education and they will require support and guidance in the change.

There will be a whole range of challenges arising from the implementation of this new policy, and I plan to produce some guidance for Sections, Groups and Districts in Edinburgh to supplement and expand on National guidance.

To assist with the preparation of this Guidance, it would be helpful to receive input from anyone who has comment to make – perhaps your Group or Section is already co-educational and you can share ideas and experience with others, or perhaps you see particular challenges ahead that guidance should address. Co-education will be part of discussions at District meetings over the next few months, and any individual comments can also be sent to me at Area Headquarters.

It would be great if Edinburgh groups could make real progress towards full co-education provision during 2006, so we are ready for 2007, and I hope local guidance can be produced and circulated early in 2006.

John Kennedy, Area Commissioner

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24th – 26th February 2006

Hawkhirst Adventure Camp, Kielder Water, Northumberland

To register an interest for this winter activity camp please contact Northumberland Scouts County Office either by email – nrthlnd-scouts@btconnect.com or Tel. 0191 2668822.

The cost will be £20.00 per participant, £5.00 Leaders. The camp is open to Scouts, Guides, Explorers, Rangers and the Scout Network.

Further information may also be found at www.northumberlandscouts.org

DISTRICT DIARIES

BLACKFORD

Nov 16 th	Beaver Scout Leaders Meeting	Miller Hall	8.00pm
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INVERLEITH

Nov 10 th	Beaver Scout Leaders Midwinter Party	Thea's	8.00pm
Nov 18 th	Beaver Scout Football Competition		

MORNINGSIDE

Nov 16 th	Beaver Scout Leaders Meeting	Miller Hall	8.00pm
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SCOUT POST 2005

The 22nd Christmas card collection and delivery scheme – **SCOUT POST** – will operate again in December

It is hoped that a sorting office will be found, once again, in the South Gyle area, as has been the case in the past three years, where the extra space and ease of access has been invaluable.

All Groups who take part are invited to a registration evening on 27th October and contacts will by now have received their updated delivery lists for checking.

There are still a number of areas in the city where there is no collection – do you know of Groups that might like to participate? Similarly there is a need to recruit to fill vacancies in a number of delivery areas. Could your Group (or a non Scout charity you know) take on one of these to raise funds - either for Scouting or another charity.?

The scheme this year will collect until 7th December and delivery will be 10th – 19th December.

The cost will be 17 pence per card.

If you can help or would like further details of Scout Post opportunities please contact Alan Willoughby on 0131 229 3756.

Caring Christmas Trees and Scout Badges

Last month you all received a flier about the project being run by Bethany Christian Trust a charity helping homeless people in Edinburgh. They were setting up a scheme called Caring Christmas Trees and were inviting groups to take part in this and by doing so help keep the Care Shelter open for longer this year.

The member of Bethany involved in this is a Scouter in the city and has been delighted with the initial support from sections and looks forward to receiving many more enquiries following the forms in this issue.

She has also researched the Cub Scout and Scout badge requirements, and found that involvement with **Bethany and the Caring Christmas Trees Project** could bring a number of benefits to groups and sections and help their programme

Group Faith Badge

“working with an agency of your own faith community” *See note E*

Scout Badges

Community Badge – Alternative A

- Find out about a range of community services provided within the local community. Bethany could be one “service” investigated, *see note A and B*.
- Give valuable voluntary service to the community for an agreed period of time. *See note C*.

Community Challenge

- Area 1 – Explore one aspect of how the local community works and is organised to the benefits of its members. *See note A and B*
- Area 2 – Take an active part in some form of local community service totalling at least 6 hours. *See note C*

Cub Scout Badges

The Caring Challenge

- Organise a fund raising evening/event for a charity of their choice. *See note D*
- Find out about the people who help the local community *See note A and B*

A - Bethany would be happy to organise a visit to your scout group. Whilst making it fun, we'll also explore what it means to be homeless, who the homeless are, and how we can help. We will play a run-around quiz, as well as providing materials to reconstruct a care shelter.

B - Bethany can also supply more detailed information in the form of literature for the members

C – On our distribution days Fri 9th Sat 10th, Fri 16th, Sat 17th we need volunteers to help. One job suitable for Cubs/Scouts/Explorers would be the ‘netting’ of the trees and assisting the customers to their car. Our shifts are 4 hrs, therefore 2 shifts would be required to cover the badge requirement.

D – Cub Scouts could investigate ways to promote the sale of Caring Christmas trees whether it be local notice boards, in church newsletters, flyer distribution within the area. Promoting the trees and generating 50 sales will result in the group becoming Care Shelter Sponsors for one night. There is also the possibility of helping to distribute flyers in both the Gyle and Ocean Terminal on Thur/Fri/Sats in November and early December.

E – Were the whole group to be involved in obtaining Care Shelter Sponsor Status and also receive a visit (note A) this is I believe is sufficient for the badge. So, Care Shelter sponsor and Group Faith Badge would be the minimum the group could get out of it!

B E A V E R S C O U T E V E N T S

Each Beaver Scout Leader known to the Area will receive with this CESAN an invitation to the Beaver Scout Christingle Service on December 3rd at St Anne's Church in Corstorphine.

Please follow the instructions regarding the return to your ADC and copy as many as are needed for the parental consent forms. Any questions can be directed to your ADC or via Area HQ to the organisers.

A D U L T T R A I N I N G N E W S

With this issue of CESAN is an Adult Training supplement which carries details of the course planned for the year and dates where known.

Please note that there is a module one course (a requirement for all new leaders) on 17th October and 26th October and applications are invited as soon as possible and remember you do not need to have a Training Adviser, just apply with the fee of £10 to area Scout Centre at 15 Valleyfield Street.

Other dates will be publicised as they become known and will be updated in CESAN on a regular, monthly basis.