

SouWester

Newsletter for the Leicester South West Scouts

From the DC

WOW what a great start to 2014! We have seen our membership increase to 1045 breaking our 1000 target which was a fantastic achievement by everyone in the District. Makes you wonder what next year will bring in terms of total membership - very exciting times. Our District is a great place to be so who knows!

Lots have been going on in the District as you will read in the various reports. I cannot thank enough the organisers and those that encourage our young people to take part it is fantastic to meet so many young people at such a variety of events.

You will have many who help make your group what it is and so please look out for the information regarding this years awards evening which takes place in October. We are welcoming Matt Hyde the Chief Executive of the Scout Association to the District on that evening to show him what a fantastic group of Adult Volunteers we have in our District to enable so many young people have the every day adventure of Scouting.

As I am late writing my report (My apologies) I am able to say a brief word about our St Georges Day parade and Service, a big change but a great event and my thanks go to all that supported the event and for the really nice phone calls and emails I have received. If you have any feedback you would like me to share with the organising team please drop me an email.

Look forward to seeing most of you at Camp!

YIS

Steve

Leicester South West District Scout Council

Cheese and Wine Evening & Annual Meeting

Monday, 2nd, June 2014 - 7.30pm

The New County Headquarters

All Leaders, Helpers, Active Support members and other interested people are invited to attend the above Evening and Annual Meeting at our New County Headquarters, see the new facilities and celebrate achieving our 1000plus target.

Each Group in the District is invited to nominate lay members or uniformed members for election to the District Executive Committee. Nominations for District Secretary and District Treasurer are also invited. Please use the form below. Please return immediately.

*Nominations should be sent to the District Secretary, by 23rd May. 2014.
Mrs Christine Hay, 6 Grays Court, Enderby. Leicester. LE19 5QN.*

The Agenda for the meeting will be:-

1. Welcome by the Chairman
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Adoption of the minutes for the Annual Meeting 2013.
4. Presentation and adoption of the Financial Report
5. Commissioners Report
6. Approval of Commissioners nomination for District Chairman

7. Election of District Secretary
 District Treasurer
 Executive Committee
 - a. Commissioners Nominations
 - b. Election of members
8. Appointment of District Account Examiners.
 Approval of nominations for County Scout Council

The meeting is closed by Chairman after which will be a Cheese and Wine evening

Please do come and join us.

Nomination Form. Please return to the District Secretary by the 26th. May. 2014.
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Nominations for Secretary / Treasurer / Executive Committee

Name _____ Acceptance on nomination confirmed _____

Address _____ Signature of nominee _____

_____ Nominated by _____

_____ Address _____

Tel. No. _____ Group _____

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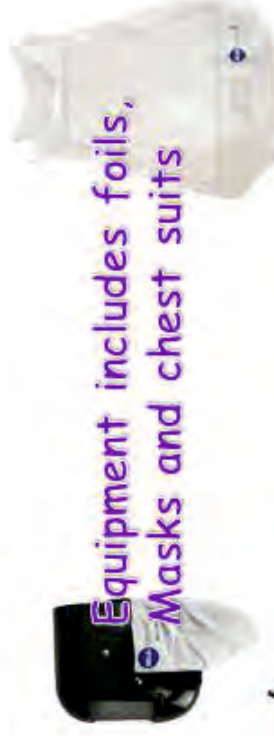
We currently have foam and plastic foils



Midi fencing is a great way to introduce any section into the world of fencing

Costing £2 per child plus £10 for instructor. Payment can be made on the day/night

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FENCING FOR HIRE

Beaver & Cub freindly fencing equipment
is now available to hire from your district

South West District have taken delivery of Mini Fencing equipment. This Beaver and cub friendly fencing equipment is a great introduction to fencing.

This equipment can be hired by any group in our district for a small cost of £2 per Beaver/Cub.

Training has been offered and the following groups attend 2nd 60th, 42nd, 44th, 84th, 15th & 92nd. Any others will need to Hire a trained leader at £10.



For more details please contact Chris Wedd (ADC Beavers) - swladcbeavers@gmail.com

BOOKING



Fencing Equipment Booking Details:

Please enquire via swladcbeavers@gmail.com to see if the equipment is free for the date you required. This will then be provisionally booked in the diary and a confirmation emailed to you.

Payment and booking form is required to complete the booking. Please pay for the beavers /cubs expected and send form and a cheque made payable to "Leicester south west district scout council" to 21 Barley Close, Glenfield, Leicester, LE3 8SB.

Costs:

Cost is £2 per Beaver/Cubs.

Pickup can be arranged nearer the date. Currently from Glenfield Scouts HQ this will change soon, or for £8 we can pick up and drop off.

Training is required so if your group did not attend the training a £10 charge is required on top of the hire charge for a trained leader to attend your meeting.

Trained groups are 2nd 60th, 42nd, 44th, 84th, 15th & 92nd.

NAME OF GROUP/ORG:

NAME OF LEADER:

ADDRESS OF LEADER:

..... POST CODE:

TEL: MOB TEL:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

DATE AND TIME EQUIPMENT IS REQUIRED:

BEAVERS/CUBS TAKING PART:

TRAINED LEADERS NAME:

WE REQUIRE A TRAINED LEADER AT £10 YES / NO

WE WOULD LIKE THE DELIVERY SERVICES @ £8 YES / NO

WE ENCLOSE A CHEQUE FOR:

SIGNED:

NAME:

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Cubs

The Cubs have been busy since the New Year in January we went to see the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk at Guthlaxton College and there was lots of shouting and booing but in the end Jack got his girl. The costumes were great and everybody enjoyed it.

At the beginning of February the Sixers of the District went to camp at Ullesthorpe where we were blessed with cold sunny weather. The theme of the camp was Circus and the Cubs made their own juggling balls and learnt how to juggle with them. They also learnt to spin plates and use a Diablo with the help of a group who came and showed us their circus skills. They also did some map reading, first aid, and learnt what to pack for a hike and at the end of the weekend they had gained their Outdoor Plus Challenge.

At the beginning of March we took six coaches to the County Outing to the Natural History museum in London and the Cubs had a great time looking at the dinosaurs and creepy crawlies some alive and crawling and some in glass cases. There were lots of fossils and precious stones. In one area there were many exhibits of the human body that they could press buttons to make things work.

We arrived home happy and tired after a great day.

In April over 50 Cubs went to Saffron Lane Stadium to have a go at the long jump, high jump, shuttle run, throwing the cricket ball, 50 metre sprint and the sergeant jump. They all enjoyed it and went home knowing that they have earned a badge to wear on their uniform. Thanks to all the District Active Support members for coming and running the bases for us.

Beavers

In January the Beavers from South West took over the Wacky Warehouse for two nights of fun. 5 groups from around the District enjoyed the play equipment followed by a buffet. With over 60 beavers enjoying the after Christmas parties, thanks must go to Elaine Dexter for organising and putting up with all our noise!

Bookings for this years Funday taking place at our district camp has now closed; With the majority of groups attending its going to be a day to look forward to! Joining instructions will be sent out soon to those booked on.

District Challenge Day 2014

Well we were lucky with the weather that's for sure. March 15th was like a fine spring day which went along way to making the district's first challenge day a roaring success. Over 80 young people and their leaders took a chance and came to John's Lee Wood not really knowing what to expect.

What they did find was a series of simple and not so simple scout skills based incidents to complete using team work and ingenuity. The challenges included making a flag pole, lighting a fire and making pop corn, sending messages using semaphore and let's not forget the dry water challenge. We were all impressed with the enthusiasm and hard work shown by all the teams.

There were some sights to see including a 7 metre flag pole and fires being spun with gusto.

We were all fed thanks to a catering team with lots of pasta sauce and most importantly cake.

After a full day there had to be a winning team. The results were very close but in the end a team from the 92nd came out on top. A team of very loud explores from the 2nd60th also did very well and both teams deserved their prizes of a head torch each. I hope everybody who came enjoyed themselves. I certainly did even with the sleepless nights before.

Next years challenge day will be 18th April 2015 so book it in your diaries and lets make it another special day.

Thanks to you all.

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Leicester South West has gone Social...

To keep updated on what is going on we are now on Twitter and Facebook



@leicsSWscouts



**Southwest Leicester
District Scouting**

If you would like something to appear in a future issue of the SouWester,
please get in touch with Steve - souwestereditor@gmail.com

District Scout Quiz

This year's Scout quiz took place in March at the Littlethorpe Scout Headquarters.

6 teams from 84th, 62nd, 42nd and 2nd60th took part, answering rounds on Scouting, Company Logos and more, as well as having time for a break for hot dogs and a drink. The evening was a great success and all who took part enjoyed it.

The result was very close with only few points in it and it was eventually won by the team from 42nd Glenfield Scouts.

Congratulations to Glenfield and well done to all the teams which entered.

Chris Wedd

District Fencing Team

This month marks the 25th Group to have completed a fencing session ran by our District Fencing Team.

This popular sport is fun for all sections and comes with leaders to run your evening.

For more information please contact

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The money raised has allowed the district to buy circus skills equipment for our groups to borrow. This also is available via

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Chris Wedd

