

Scouting

OPPORTUNITIES NEWSLETTER



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Pioneer Explorer Scout Unit



Issue 1 - Summer 2015

With a view to reducing the number of emails sent out, this is the first of a series of opportunities newsletters which will be sent out for Pioneer.

It includes brief information on a range of activities and opportunities which may be of interest.

Full details / more information can be obtained from Matt Styles (matthew.styles@bcs.org).

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter!

Diary dates

June

- 1 Mini Sports Day @ HQ
- 8 Wide Games @ Hemlock
- 15 Ready Steady Cook @ HQ
- 20 Race Night @ 6th Beeston
- 22 Bowling @ Ten Pin Dunkirk
- 26 Casualtying @ Gotham
- 27 Carnival @ College House
- 29 Geocaching @ HQ

July

- 6 Cake Decorating @ HQ
- 10-12 Gilwell 24
- 13 'Point to Point' - Location TBC
- 20 End of Term Party @ HQ
- 25 Leave for Rotterdam!

August

- 1 Return from Rotterdam
- 1 World Scarf Day

Race Night Fundraiser

Explorer Scouts heading off to Rotterdam this summer are holding a race night fundraiser on 20th June 6:30pm at 6th Beeston Scout HQ. In addition to the races there will be a BBQ, cake stall, and licensed bar. Come and have a flutter! Tickets from matthew.styles@bcs.org.

Casualties Needed!

6th Beeston Scouts are running an incident hike on Friday 26th June in the Gotham area. They are looking for Explorers to act as casualties needing treatment (some loud and some quiet!) A good chance to experience first aid from a casualty's perspective to refresh first aid training. **Deadline 8th June.**

Badges and Awards

<http://tiny.cc/explorerbadges>

Don't forget that if you undertake activities outside of Scouting you may already be earning badges (<http://tiny.cc/explorerbadges>). Speak to a Leader for more info.

College House Junior School Carnival

Volunteering opportunities at an annual carnival event at the school in Chilwell 11:30am-3pm Saturday 27th June. Jobs available include:

- Stalls (taking money – books, tombolas, win a teddy etc)
- Attractions (taking money e.g. climbing wall, ponies, crazy golf)
- Helping to serve food, drinks, cakes, candyfloss etc.
- Selling prize draw tickets and taking money on the gate

For those fundraising for Rotterdam there would also be chance to have an individual fundraising stall.

Please get in touch ASAP if you are interested in this opportunity.

For more info contact matthew.styles@bcs.org.

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Gilwell 24

<http://www.gilwell24.info>

Can you stay awake for 24 hours? With over 70 activities – from fairground rides to bands and a huge disco, scuba diving, slack-lining to t-shirt upcycling and everything in between! There's interest from Pioneer Explorers already and we need to confirm numbers for viability. The event takes place between 10-12 July 2015 at Gilwell Park, £50 per person. **Deadline 15 June.**



Duke of Edinburgh's Award

DofE meetings happen on Tuesdays 7:30-9pm at 2nd Beeston Scout HQ, Lilac Grove. These meetings are to come together to form Expedition teams, plan route, go through expedition training and get any support needed for other Sections of the Award (Physical, Skill, Service). You will need to register for the Award - if this is your first DofE Award then there is no registration fee!



District Explorers' Backwoods Cooking Event

On Sunday 14th June 2-7pm Trent Scout Network (for 18-25s) are organising an Explorer Scouts' Backwoods Cooking event in a 'Ready, Steady, Cook' style format. During this event, you will learn/practise different ways of lighting fires, new techniques for cooking on open fires and how to use knives and axes safely. Team sizes are ideally 4-6 but if you feel you could fare well with a smaller team then feel free to come as a smaller group! The cost is just £2 per person including food and equipment. Please see the flyer/registration slip overleaf. **Deadline 1st June.**

ScoutLink

You can chat to Scouts and Guides from around the world 24/7/365 online at <http://www.scoutlink.net> (click Get Connected->Ways to Connect->ScoutLink Webchat.

This is a great way to work towards some of the global challenge areas which count towards a variety of Explorer Scouts badges and awards!

Pre-Driving Courses

Nottinghamshire County Council would like to offer you an exciting opportunity to take part in our pre driver training event.

This course is designed to give 15-17 year olds their first experience of driving in a safe and controlled environment with fully qualified driving instructors. The day also includes workshops about learning to drive and safe driving.

The days training will cost £45 and is open to all 15-17year olds. Spaces are limited, so bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis. You do not need a provisional licence to attend this event.

Dates for the courses:

- 24th July
- 21st August
- 24th August
- 28th August

For more information contact:T 0300 500 80 80E pam.shaw@nottscc.gov.uk

Finally...

Please remember that you can shape your own Explorer Scout experience. If there are events that you would like to see or attend, or you want support organising your own activities please do let a Leader know and we can make it happen.

The only activities banned in Scouting are bungee jumping, banana boating, hitch-hiking, and shooting at things which resemble humans/animals. Pretty much anything else is good to go!

There's a good list of ideas for activities and areas on the Scouts website at <http://tiny.cc/explorerareas>.

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RACE NIGHT!



EXPLORERS

COME AND HAVE A FLUTTER
ON SOME HORSES!

South West Notts Explorers would like to welcome you to a night at the races to raise funds for the Rotterdam Expedition.

WHERE

6th Beeston Scout HQ,
Middle Street, Beeston
Nottingham, NG9 1AE

WHEN

20th June 2015
From 6.30pm 'til late

WHAT TO EXPECT

Live-Action Horse Racing
Live Pulley-Horse Race
Barbeque & Cake Stall
Licensed Bar
50p Bets



TICKETS

Include one item from the barbeque and one 50p bet
Adults and 11yrs+: £5 Children up to 10yrs: £3

For more information,
please contact matthew.styles@bcs.org

