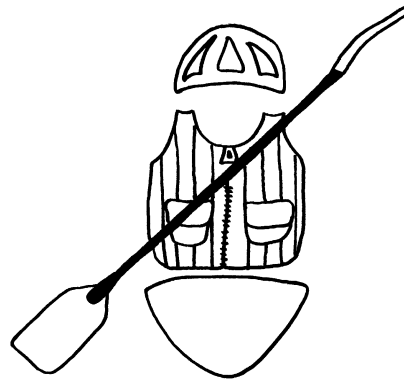


SUTTON DISTRICT SCOUT CANOE CLUB



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Through the cooler months, regular sessions are being held in the pool at Wimbledon College (SW19 4NS) on Sunday afternoons. River trips will begin on **Saturday 22 April** and will continue through the summer term according to demand. The Club was founded as the Wallington, Carshalton District Canoe Club in 1983 and continues to provide training and fun for members of the Scout and Guide Movements from any District. Adults may also apply to join. Annual membership costs only £10/head and gives reduced costs for pool sessions, river trips and BCU Star Award trainings and testing. Ask a leader for a membership form. Is there an artist who can offer us a new logo, please? Prize for the best sent in!

PADDLING PROGRAMME - POOL

On **Sundays 19 February** and **19 March**, paddlers of all ages and abilities are invited to come to the 2 - 3 pm session, at £4 per person. Please inform Keith several days beforehand to be sure of sufficient instructors and boats. All Club coaches are fully qualified and most are already volunteer leaders in the Scout Movement. From 1 April the charge will be £5 per person.

Sessions at 3 - 4 pm are arranged for specific groups or units who pay for the use of pool and boats. Instructors make no charge. The February and March 3 - 4 pm sessions are fully booked. From 1 April the cost will be £70 per hour.

The entrance to Wimbledon College is on the east side of Edge Hill GR 237703. Proceed to the right then left alongside football field to building at far end of field.

TOW BAR

Towing the trailer of the Club's kayaks to the pool has for many months been undertaken by one Scout leader. Offers from families with a tow bar would be greatly appreciated to share this task.

www.suttonscouts.org.uk/canoe-club

RIVER TRIPS

River trips generally start in Grosvenor Road, Wallington, at the junction with Park Lane (B271) GR 286839. It is essential to book a place beforehand to ensure the right number of boats is taken and there is transport for you. Offers of transport by parents could be helpful. You need to take food and a hot drink plus warm and windproof clothing, shoes and the dry clothing for wearing for coming home. Cost will be £5/head, £9 for all day.

Saturday 22 April 9 am until 1 pm. Book with Howard.

River trips are strongly recommended. You can test the skills learnt in the warm pool and gain BCU 1*, 2* or 3* Awards or just enjoy the experience of paddling and fun on open water. BCU Star Awards cannot be gained indoors! Contact a leader to find out day, half day or evening trips being planned or to ask for a trip for your group or unit.

OPPORTUNITIES

Canoeing/kayaking opportunities are extensive. For instance, in addition to paddling on an indoor pool, where you can learn strokes, rescues and rolling, or a local river where you can feel the flow and play games, there are Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and sea trips as well as competitions in slalom, racing and on white water.

Club leaders are willing to arrange pool or outdoor sessions for specific groups. Why not invite a coach to bring a kayak to your weekly meeting to enthuse the young people to try this safe, fun and environmentally friendly activity. Contact Pete to arrange a taster session or river trip, or for a coach to visit your unit, as below or mobile 07793 552477 or treagustpt@aol.com

SYMONDS YAT WEEKEND

For more information about the weekend of camping and paddling on the River Wye on **1/2 July 2006**, contact Pete Treagust. All participants must have at least BCU 2*.

CLUB AGM

The Club will hold its annual general meeting on **Wednesday evening 5 April** at 8 pm. Ask Shirley for the agenda.

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