

SUTTON DISTRICT SCOUT CANOE CLUB



NEWSLETTER - MAY, 2006

RIVER TRIPS

Now is the time of year to try real paddling! Put into practice the skills learnt in a warm pool and gain the BCU One, Two or Three Star Awards which are only tested on open water.

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.

Note the dates and book with the person indicated:

Sunday 7 May (9 am - 1 pm River Wey) Howard

Sunday 18 June (River Wey for BCU One and Two Star testing) Pete

Sunday 23 July (9 am - 1 pm) Howard

SYMONDS YAT WEEKEND

Camping and paddling on the River Wye **1/2 July 2006** (possibly starting on Friday 30 June) for all with minimum of BCU 2*. Contact Pete or Howard before 14 June to find out more. The River Wye is clean and clear and set in stunning scenery.

FIX A TASTER OR INVITE A COACH

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 overleaf or mobile 07793 552477 or treagustpt@aol.com

www.suttonscouts.org.uk/canoe-club

PADDLING PROGRAMME - POOL

Autumn and Winter pool sessions have already been booked (mostly on 3rd Sunday of month). Please note in diaries now. Sundays 17 September, 15 October, 19 November, 17 December then, in 2007, 21 January, 25 February, 18 March. The Club will continue to meet at Wimbledon College which is on the east side of Edge Hill. Enter through the Church car park then left and right along two sides of a football field. The pool is in a building at the far end. All Club coaches are fully qualified and most are already volunteer leaders in the Scout Movement.

Pool sessions are for training and fun for members of the Scout and Guide Movements. Adults are welcome to apply to join in. 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. All pool bookings must be made to Keith several days beforehand.

Sessions at 2 - 3 pm are for paddlers of all ages and abilities. Cost is £5/head.

Sessions at 3 - 4 pm are for groups or units who book the pool in advance @ £70 for the hour. This covers use of pool and boats. Instructors make no charge.

Occasionally a session 1 - 2 p.m. may be arranged.

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.

LOGO

The Club needs a bright new logo. Prize for the best submitted. Fax below.

TOWING

Assistance with towing the canoe trailer between store and pool or river is urgently required. Please offer to Pete or Keith if you are a parent of a youngster who enjoys our sessions and you could tow the trailer occasionally.

LONGRIDGE

Remember, BCU training and testing are available at the Scout water activities centre, Longridge, Marlow. For details www.longridge.org.uk or tel. 01628 483252 for brochure.

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