

SUTTON DISTRICT SCOUT CANOE CLUB



NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY, 2007

SUMMER PADDLING

The Club is running river trips on the following dates:
for BCU One and Two Star training:

Saturday 21 April River Wey near Wisley

for BCU One and Two Star testing:

Sunday 20 May River Thames at Reading

Sunday 17 June River Thames at Shepperton

for paddlers of minimum BCU Two Star standard:

Friday - Sunday 31 August - 2 September River Wye

All trips will leave from Grosvenor Road, Wallington, at the junction with Park Lane (B271) GR 286839 at 9 am. On some, it will be possible to meet at 10 am beside the river. For all trips, it is essential to book a place beforehand with Peter Treagust 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.

SYMONDS YAT WEEKEND

The River Wye is clean and clear and set in stunning scenery. There are suitable camp sites in the area.

LONGRIDGE

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

PADDLING PROGRAMME - POOL

The last two spring sessions at Wimbledon College are on Sunday afternoons 25 February and 18 March.

It is anticipated pool sessions will continue on Sunday afternoons in the autumn and winter. Dates for your diaries:

Sundays 16 September, 21 October, 18 November, 16 December.

The Club coaches are all fully qualified and most are already volunteer leaders in the Scout Movement. All pool sessions are for training and fun for members of the Scout and Guide Movements. Adults are welcome to apply to join in. Keith Axbey will accept bookings, several days beforehand, when pool arrangements have been confirmed.

CANOEING/KAYAKING OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to learning strokes, rescues and rolling on an indoor pool, experience and fun can be extended on a 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.

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 a day or evening river trip, or for a coach to visit your unit, as below or mobile 07793 552477 or treagustpt@aol.com

LOGO

The Club needs a bright new logo. Prize for the best submitted. Bring your design to a session or fax to the number below.

TOWING

Families with a tow ball are asked to offer to assist from time to time with towing the canoe trailer between store and pool or river. Please offer to Pete or Keith as soon as possible.

CONTACTS FOR INFORMATION

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