



# District Bulletin Board

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**Pontefract &  
Castleford District**

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Dear Scouter,

Welcome to the 1st edition of the District Bulletin Board. We hope that this bulletin will be supported by everyone to help communicate events and share the success stories of scouting that is already taking place within our District.

Keep Scouting moving !!

***Darrell***

## **District Camp - Bradley Woods 23-25th June**

This year, the District Team have planned an all section district camp at Bradley Woods

Each Group (Cubs and Scouts) will cater and camp in their own groups and a Beaver Scout sleepover will be coordinated at a District Level by Julie Williamson.

During the weekend the District 5 a side football competition will take place, together with a renewal of Promises for all sections (Instead of a St Georges Day Parade). The weekend may operate under 2 programs (Cubs and Scouts) with a Disco on the Friday Evening. All bookings will be coordinated via the District Team.

Closing date for bookings is Friday 26th May.

Cost estimated at £15 + Food & Travel - Subject to the activity program

Contact your ADC for further information and to have your input.

### **Diary Dates**

Membership fees due by 31st March

Directory Amendments 12th May

District Exec 24th May

District Camp Closing Date 26th May

District AGM 7th June

District Camp 23-25 June

### **Cub Dates for 2006**

Giant Sleepover - 17<sup>th</sup> June

Time to Celebrate (Hesley Woods) 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> July

### **Pontefract & Castleford Scout Fellowship**

Pontefract and Castleford Scout Fellowship exists to support Scouting throughout the district and we also enjoy monthly social activities on a wide range of themes.

Membership costs just £10 per year and is open to all adults over the age of 18 who support the aims of Scouting; both warranted and non-warranted members are welcome.

An outline of our future programme is given below. The beauty of the fellowship is that the activities are there for whoever is available at that time, it is very flexible! If the activities are not to your taste, why not join us and change them?

**March:** An illustrated talk about Knottingley Scout Group's Kanderstag visit and a 2007 briefing.

**April:** The County Quiz arranged by our fellowship.

**May:** A local evening walk.

**June:** A mystery trip for an evening meal.

**July:** A BBQ

### **Scout Groups**

Share your success stories.  
Publish them on the District Bulletin

### **You Are you CRB checked ?**

If you are over 18 years old and involved with the youth sections, you must be CRB cleared in scouting. Please complete a CRB form and submit to Brenda Graham, District Secretary.

### **District Telephone Directory**

A new version will be available at the AGM. Please send all updates / amendments to Andy Weissenborn by Friday 12th May.

### **District Pages on the County Web Site**

Is your group information on the County Website?  
Send your information to Andy Weissenborn

### **Bulletin Submissions**

Please send / email any information for the District Bulletin to Andy Weissenborn email: andy.weissenborn@btinternet.com

### Changes to Adventurous Activity Authorisations

The Adventurous Activity Authorisations have been reviewed by Headquarters and will be replaced with a permit scheme similar to that of the Nights Away system.

Summary of Changes:

- Applicants may apply direct to "Approved Assessors" for assessments rather than chase around for signatures of approval at this stage.
- Formal training, although recommended, is not compulsory since it is recognised that people can gain skills and experience from a number of sources. Training does not always imply competence.
- The introduction of the term "Approved Assessor" and the requirement that they keep up to date and have the soft skills required to assess effectively.
- The introduction of the term "Permit" to enforce the fact that there is a defined process of assessment, rather than casual authorisations.
- All permits will be recorded on the Membership Services Database held by Headquarters and will be accessible to Districts.
- The need for first aid cover applies to the activity not to the person's permit.
- Air activities have now been removed from the list of adventurous activities due to external legislation required.
- The granting of a permit still rests with the responsible Commissioner with a recommendation from the Approved Assessor.

More information to follow . . .

### World Jamboree Update

36 young people and 4 leaders have now been selected to represent Central Yorkshire at the 21st World Jamboree in July 2007. Pontefract and Castleford are pleased that 4 Scouts and 2 Explorers together with 2 of our leaders have made it onto the contingent.

Helena Sykes from 1<sup>st</sup> Pontefract, Emily Slavin from 1<sup>st</sup> Normanton, Matthew Ely and Joshua Barraclough from Castleford Central, Daniel Slavin and Christopher Sykes from the Explorer Unit

Leaders - Andy Weissenborn and Adrian Barraclough

### Team Central Yorkshire

Our county are currently undergoing a restructure to improve the support structure for the Districts and to share information more effectively.

"Team Central Yorkshire" consists of :

County Commissioner	- Ian Chappel
DCC Program	- Ivor Drake
DCC Development	- John Smallwood
ACC (6 - 10½)	- Barbara Beck
ACC (10½ - 18)	- Carol Milburn
ACC Network	- Catherine Reid
ACC Activities	- Jenny Varley
County Training Manager	- Margaret Bye
County Media Manager	- Matt Tullett
All DC's, DDC's and ADC's	

### The District Team

DC	- Darrell Giles
DDC	- Andy Weissenborn
ADC Beavers	- Julie Williamson
ADC Cubs	- Vacant
ADC Scouts	- Sarah Atkinson
ADC Explorers	- Vacant
ADC Activities	- John Fisher
ADC Fellowship	- David Owen
LTM (Training)	- Jonathan Wadey

Are you interested in being part  
of the District Team?

Contact Darrell to find out more.

### Lotherton Hall

The Explorers need your help on 23rd July at Lotherton Hall to help with carpark marshalling for the Vintage Japanese Motor Cycles Show.

Refreshments and Lunch are provided

Please contact David Allsopp

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