

**THINK DIFFERENTLY - ABOUT PROVIDING COUNTY ACTIVITIES:**

***A C T I V I T I E S***

A County plan to provide a wider range of activities within the County.

A new Activities Team Structure:  
called: **THE ACTIVITIES TEAM COMMITTEE**  
a sub committee of the County Executive Committee

Activities Team Manager

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Activities Team Treasurer

Vacant

Activities Team Administrator

Vacant

Activity Team Co-ordinators

All Vacant

*The Teams:*

**Creative    Event Support    Field    Water    Technology    Adventure**

**Creative Activities Team Co-ordinator:    Vacant**

The activities to consist of music, craft, kites, gang shows, circus skills, urban art and could go on to provide activities like bands, drama, street theatre etc.

**Event Support Team Co-ordinator:    Vacant**

The support to consist of lighting, water supply, signage, communications, car parking, sound, drawing on the information that the County already hold from previous County events like the 2000 camp at Nostell Priory.

**Field Activities Team Co-ordinator:    Vacant**

The activities to consist of archery, pioneering, grass karting, backwoods cooking, assault courses, quad biking, and could go on to provide activities like clay pigeon shooting etc. Air rifle shooting is included in this section although it is not technically a field activity.

**Water Activities Team Co-ordinator:    Vacant**

The activities to consist of kayaking, open boating, dinghy sailing, traditional rafting, narrow boating, canoeing, power boating, scuba diving, swimming and could on to provide activities like windsurfing, bellboating, off shore sailing etc.

**Technology Team Co-ordinator: Vacant**

The activities to consist of IT, radio control, radio club, technical LEGO, meccano, websites, photography, video and could go on to provide activities like electronics etc.

**Adventure Activities Team Co-ordinator: Vacant**

The activities to consist of climbing, (walls, bouldering, limestone), caving, hill walking, orienteering, biking, mountaineering, remote camping, gliding, U.K/international expeditions, D of E programme and could go on to provide activities like sledging, ski-ing, paragliding etc.

The activities in all the teams may change and may be added to as they develop i.e. fly casting, motor fun buggies, horse riding, mini golf, laser shooting, aerial runway, grass sledging, some of these activities will develop along with the development of the County activity centres.

*The Teams*

Each team is headed by the Team Co-ordinator. Some of the teams may require team administrators (secretary, equipment manager etc)

The team members would be made up of warranted leaders, non warranted adults, retired people, skills people, adults who have hobbies that they want to pass on, adults with a passion or interest for their sport, instructors, Scout Fellowship, Scout Network, people with NGB instructor qualifications and/or scout authorisations, helpers - people with relevant skills, assessors, advisers, competent persons, or as required to deliver the activities and services of each team.

Each team would be expected to hold sources of information, or advisors, or out source special deals with an outside provider (i.e. horse riding), some teams might like to provide activities in their special field or the technical support for leaders to put on the activity.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

The responsibilities of the Activity Team Manager, Activity Team Treasurer, Activity Team Administrator, the Team Co-ordinators and other co-opted members, this group will be called The Activities Team Committee.

- 1) To provide or facilitate fun and adventure for all ages for the whole County membership.
- 2) To be responsible for the ongoing activities programme for Central Yorkshire Scouts.
- 3) To ensure all activities are undertaken within the rules of the Association and where applicable, the rules of the activities governing body.
- 4) To ensure that adequate resources are available to facilitate training for all adults working within the teams.
- 5) To collate the annual budgets of the activity teams for submission to GP&F and to allocate and account for resources approved. This to be within the financial guidelines set by the GP&F and the County Executive Committee.
- 6) Co-ordinate the functions of all the activity teams.
- 7) Promote the activity teams programme within the County.
- 8) Be responsible for ensuring the continual flow of information.
- 9) Continue to develop the 10 year County Plan for Activities.
- 10) Be responsible for ensuring that all health and safety procedures including risk assessment are in place.

- 11) Produce the 'Activities Providers Directory' and 'Diary Dates List'
- 12) Responsible for providing all the 'activities' information to the County web site, i.e. outline of what each team can provide and how to access it, contacts for advice, recruitment of instructors, helpers and competent people, picture gallery and reports of events.

**Responsibilities of the Team Co-ordinator. The team Co-ordinator is not in charge of yet another committee but a team of people who are 'doers', a group of adults who believe in making activities happen.**

Main functions:

- 1) To provide or facilitate fun and adventure for all ages for the whole County membership.
- 2) Be responsible for delivering the programme of activities relating to their activity team, co-ordinate the functions of their activity team, extend activities that are already on offer in the County.
- 3) Ensure that administration and financial matters relating to their activity team are undertaken according to County policy.
- 4) Liaise with external organisations ( NGB's and other Youth Organisations etc)
- 5) Attend the Activities Team Committee meetings.
- 6) Be responsible for ensuring that all health and safety procedures including risk assessment are in place.
- 7) Constantly developing and recruiting new team members and ensure all team members Activity Authorisations, Appointment Applications and CRB forms are duly processed as appropriate.
- 8) Facilitate personal development and training of team members.
- 9) Facilitate, purchase and maintenance of all equipment relating to their activity team.
- 10) Research young persons ideas - what they would like and respond where possible.

*Development Plan 2004 - Onwards*

December 2004

Team Co-ordinators appointed and discussions taking place on the make up and tasks of the individual teams.

February 2005

The 1st meeting of the Activities Team Committee

March 2005

Where a team has been developed, co-ordinator team meetings begin, starting to put plans together for activities for 2006. Building onto or into the existing 2005 County Diary dates, with come and try it days.

July 2005

Diary dates completed for 2006, even if only adding into the existing district/county camps/events/competitions.

Continue to develop and recruit new team members.

September 2005

Complete budgets for 2006 and submit to GP&F

November 2005

Diary dates confirmed and added to the web site.

2006

Roll out the activities programme, building onto or into existing County/District events.

Continue to develop the team of instructors and helpers to deliver the programme.

Add new activities as opportunities become available and respond to changes in demand.

Look at the provision of activities are they providing opportunities for young people to experience or have a taster of a variety of activities

Repeat the process of putting dates together for 2007 working with Agent 2007 and his team.

October 2006

Review what has taken place upto October 2006 and confirm diary dates for 2007 alongside Agent 2007 and his team.

2007

Year of activities to celebrate 100 years of Scouting.

Roll out the activities programme, building onto or into existing County, District and the 2007 special events.

World Jamboree

2008

Roll out the activities programme, building onto or into existing County, District events.

Central Yorkshire Scouts Expedition to?

**County Activity Assessors** for Hill Walking, Sailing, Power Boating, Kayaking, Canoeing, Caving, Hill Walking, Mountaineering, Climbing, Mountain Biking, Remote Camping.

The present team provide technical support to those over 18 and carry out a valuable role in Scouting by providing training and assessment courses. My thanks to them for the many hours they have spent over the last few years on behalf of the County membership. After the 1.1.05 county assessments will continue to take place for hill walking authorisations at terrain one and two but with the added element of applicants attending a MLTB training course before the assessment procedure can be completed.

Role of the ADC Activities

This role will continue. ADCs will work with their district teams in the support of youngsters and adults, they may be encouraged to join an Activity Team (with a bit of arm twisting!)

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