

142 Sheffield (Fulwood) Scout Group

Notes from meeting of Sections Leaders held on 4th June 2015

Present: Stuart Barfield, Victoria Dugdale (Executive) Rob Shelton, Sarah Turner, Keith Pitchforth

- Keys
 - A new Key for cupboard 10 purchased
 - Current fobs to be replaced with 150mm long ones to reduce loss
 - New keys required for Rob Shelton & Matt Bowden.
- Store Cupboard redesign.
 - Stuart proposed that the layout of all our cupboard space should be reviewed with a view to reducing the number of doors.
 - Jim Breakey will meet any interested leaders on site to discuss options
- Tents and Camping Equipment
 - There was a possibility that there would not be enough tents for both the cubs and the scouts to hold camps at the same time in May this year. The Exec agreed the purchase of 4 new 3 or 4 person tents. By 'cobbling together the existing tents, poles etc., the immediate need had not materialised
 - Stuart said that they should be able to use different weekends next year
 - There is an accumulation of equipment, much of which is beyond its useful life. Stuart and Scouts will look at the kit they take to camp in July and sort out those items that should be disposed of, leading to a requirements list if necessary.
- Fundraising on behalf of others
 - We had a discussion about the Group's fundraising for others. We noted that Cubs had had sessions for Water Aid in the recent past.
 - We agreed that the Group would adopt Group 'Toilet Twinning' as a charity for this year. www.toilettwinning.org/
 - Sections will hold events in their weekly programme during October 2015. Suggest week beginning **19th October** which is the last week of the half term. This a change from that discussed so that it isn't in the same month as the Bonfire and Remembrance. Please include this in your programme for next term. Each section will plan an event to raise money.
 - Stuart said we didn't raise much on behalf of the Royal British Legion. We agreed that our Remembrance Day event will include coffee and cakes afterwards to raise some money. Victoria said Exec will co-ordinate this but contributions from families welcome.
- Fun Day 19th September.
 - Stuart offered to do an assault course with the scouts subject to him being available with his shifts. Other involvement from leaders on this event would be very welcome. Please talk to Victoria with offers
- Leaders

- Keith said we have 2 new leaders, one for each Colony
- Rob said that some of his 6th Form students in Doncaster were planning to come to Sheffield Uni. He will suggest they should make contact with the Group when they arrive
- Church Parade
 - Rob said we should make more effort to get to young people to attend. We had a long and thoughtful discussion about why few attend and whether we would be successful in raising the numbers attending whatever approach was taken. The consensus was that we would not see much change this was for a variety of reasons
 - We discussed the idea of holding a Christingle type event at the Church for the whole Group on **8th December**. This event would be the replace the normal section meetings. Please include this in your programme for next term
 - Rob to chat to Gareth about this idea
- Parental Permission
 - Keith said that he had had advice from Neil (DC) that signed permission was not essential for weekly meetings. This is certainly true of 'indoor' activities and probably for outdoor activities (i.e. not at hut)
 - Neil wrote :”I think it is a sound approach to apply the principles in activity permission to programmes so that parents are provided with clear information and they are in no doubt about what is being planned and the arrangements that are in place.”
 - Leaders can work on the principle that by delivering their child to an outdoor event, parents have provided permission.
 - If you provide a bit more detail on the calendar programme in the description This will suffice for an outdoor meeting. E.g. for the Alphabet Hike (Beavers) *'Meet at the OAC on Common Lane. We'll walk back through the Valley to the Hut looking for items for each letter. We'll walk in Lodges each with a leader and helper. Collect from Hut at 7pm'*
 - Nights Away will need permissions of course
 - Activities such as Shooting require consent
- Leader's List
 - Cath asked that a list of leaders be made available. This has been done via google docs.