

# LONSDALE DISTRICT SCOUT LEADERS' MEETING



Notes of Scout Leaders' Meeting held on 6 June 2011 DHQ, Moor Street, Lancaster.

**Present:**

**Caton:** Sylvia Myall, **Forton:** Geoff Trimnell, **53 Lcr:** Andrew Buckley, Don Hartley, **16 More:** Alan Hague, **Overton:** Bridget Worsnop,.

**District:** Mark Walker (ADC), John Buckley (DSL)

**Apologies:** Velma Keating, Mark Worsnop, Kim Worthington.

**1. Review Minutes of 9 May 2011 Meeting**

There was nothing additional to report that was not on the agenda for this meeting.

**2. Chief Scout's Gold Award**

The next presentation of certificates was to take place on 20 July at the VILLAGE Hotel Herons' Reach, Blackpool. Any nominations need to be sent to Mark by 10 June.

Have you received and handed out the County's CSG Route Map? More are available from Mark if you need them. These were felt to be a useful aid in promoting the award.

Mark would be circulating details regarding the proposed County Go 4 Gold camps shortly.

**3. Competitions Review:**

**a. Camping Competition, 17-19 June 2011**

Entry forms had been circulated and were available on the website. John stated that he had received only 3 definite entries as at the closing date. This number was disappointing but the competition would go ahead nevertheless.

Discussion took place on whether the event in this form was now outmoded and whether an alternative format was now called for that might be better supported. Whilst there was a view that this situation was regrettable, the competition having had a long history of promoting standards in camping, there was a need to provide an activity that today's Scouts would support. The matter would be reviewed for 2012 with one proposal being to hold a District Scout Section activity based camp.

**b. Hiking Competition 2011**

This was scheduled for the weekend of 1/2 October. John would circulate entry forms at the July meeting. Successful completion of the event would go a long way towards Scouts gaining the Expedition Challenge badge.

**c. Swimming Gala, 8 October 2011**

This year's gala was to be held at Lancaster University on the above date. All sections events would take place on the same day.

**d. Night Activity 19 November 2011**

John would circulate entry forms at the September meeting.

**4. Patrol Leaders' Training Camp, 15- 17 July 2011**

This camp for PL's, APL's and prospective PL's was to be held at Littledale campsite. A draft programme had been circulated. Please send any nominations to Mark as soon as possible (a form will be circulated). The cost of the camp would be £5.00. A PL's forum would form part of the programme.

**5. Leader Training & Support (Leaders meetings)**

Please let Mark know any items that you would like discussed. Troop admin matters had been suggested previously.

**6. County Events:**

**a. Go Alpine**

The closing date for applications had been 31 May. The leaders had been chosen for this event which was to take place at Kandersteg, Switzerland in 2013 based around snow sports.

**b. Crew Challenge**

This popular event would take place on Beacon Fell on 12 November.

**c. Go 4 Gold Camps**

See item 2 above.

**7. Feedback from County Rally, 14/15 May 2011**

147 members of Lonsdale had attended the Rally. Comments had been invited. There was a general consensus that fees and forms needed to be collected much earlier; it was proposed that deposits would be done away with for 2012 and the fee returned in one sum. Whilst walking campers in had been relatively successful there had been some issues and transport options would be reviewed for 2012. It was felt that the menu would benefit from being refreshed. The bases mounted by the District would also be reviewed. The County PL's forum held at the rally had been felt to be very good.

Lost property: Nordic Alpine black rucksack with clothes and make up bag. Contact Mark for return.

**8. Any Other Business**

**a. Littledale Open Day, 25 June 2011**

Flyers for this open day had been widely circulated. Bring your Troop along and see Littledale and the attractions it has to offer.

**b. Shooting & Archery Competition October 2011**

Mark would provide details of this proposed event at Littledale in due course.

**9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was arranged for 4 July at 7.30 pm at DHQ.