



Welcome back, we hope you all had a good break.

Activity Day - A message

"A weekend visit to Scout events in the East Midlands by Chief Scout Bear Grylls has sadly had to be postponed due to a change in Bear's overseas professional commitments. He and his team have been trying to organise his filming schedule to accommodate a special return-trip back to the UK from the depth of the African jungle for the weekend, but this has just proved impossible.

Bear has said: *"Despite all my best, best efforts it is apparent that the production team just can't get me back to the UK for this November Scout weekend. Filming and permits have shifted to clash with this date in a way I cannot influence. I have tried so hard to find a way around this, and I so appreciate the work that goes into making these weekends happen – this is the first event that I have failed to make & I feel truly awful."*

The filming producer has also offered his own apologies, writing to Bear that *"I am so sorry. I have done all I can to juggle permits and personnel but ultimately as a production we have certain parameters. I am just not able to get you back for that week. I know this will be so disappointing to you, and that your Scouting position means so much to you. Often we work to help you make all your Scouting events but this one is immovable."*

We are on-the-case with looking at also how best we can alternatively support events over this November's weekend in order to minimise disappointment. We are also looking for a revised date for Bear to visit the Region in 2012. More details will be available as soon as possible, both regarding the November events and for 2012."

A message from Nottinghamshire County Scouts - Activity Day

This fantastic event at Harvey Hadden will continue as planned. Activities for Cub Scouts and Scouts to include climbing, an obstacle course, laser tag, high ropes and biking. Beaver Scouts can enjoy go carting, a climbing wall, a winter wonderland and many other activities.

The application forms for both Cub Scout/ Scout and Beaver Scout Groups who have applied will be sent out next week.

The County Flag Application Forms were sent out during August, this event will also take place as part of this Day.

The Big Weekend - 4th May to 7th May 2012

The interest forms for this camp will be sent out next week. This will be a celebration weekend, packed full of new exciting activities. Places will be limited so get your forms back as soon as possible.

Winter Walking Weekends - £35 per person

13th/15th January 2012, 10th/12th February 2012 & 9th/11th March 2012.

These weekends are intended for both Scouts and Explorer Scouts and are for mixed ability groups. The cost includes all food, accommodation and supervision. Please contact the County Office for further information.

Mountain Biking - £12 per person - 17th September 2011

There are 6 places on this activity. This is for Scouts, Explorer Scouts and Network members and is a full day in Sherwood Forest with instruction and bikes provided. Please contact the County Office for further information.

ACC Cub Scouts

We are pleased to announce Hilary Frost has taken the role of ACC Cub Scouts. I'm sure you will join with us to wish her all the best in this role. Email Hilary on hilary.frost@notts-scouts.org.uk or telephone 0115 933 4736.

County Activity Team Meeting - 11th October 2011

There will be a meeting for the County Activity Team on the above date. Please try and make it. If any other Leader would like to either be part of this team or help at the County Activity Day in November, email Steve Hind (ACC Activities) on steve@madcats.org.uk.

Disney on Ice

Disney on Ice is coming to the Capital FM arena on Thursday 17th November, a special price has been negotiated for Scouts (all ages) and their families. Tickets are £14 (with a £5 booking fee for Groups over 10 and £2 per ticket for Groups of less than 10). Call DB Promotions on 01213 084511.

Sportivate

Sportivate – a nationwide campaign that will provide opportunities for teenagers and young adults (aged 14-25) to receive no less than 6 – 8 hours of coaching in any of the following activities to encourage into regular participation within their community, Climbing, Kayaking, Sailing, Canoeing and Mountain Biking. For further information contact Charles Hall on 01623 550110 or email adventure.ypd@nottscc.gov.uk