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Events:

Operation Red Flare

Dragnet

Duke of Edinburgh /
Queens Scout Awards

Special Request for help

Saturday June 11th we
have been asked to help
out at the Beaver and Cub
fun day at Walton Firs
any offers of help
gratefully received!



Catapults

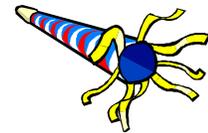


Happy New Year to everyone!

We hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year despite the snow and chilly weather - hopefully we've seen the last of the white stuff for this year.

Firstly apologies for having to postpone the planned evening out. Whilst the

snow and ice was on its way out some people were still having difficulties including us and it seemed the right thing to do at the time!



Census and Subs

Firstly to get the financial bit out of the way, our annual census is due and this year the fee is £32 per person.

If you are currently attached to another unit as a leader etc and they are paying your census fee could you please let us know so that we can pass this information on and save Network being charged!

It is a requirement for everyone to pay this fee and it does enable you to take part in all of the activities, opportunities and weekends away.

On top of census, subs for this term is also due which is £15 for those that are not at uni and £5 for those that are. This money is used to pay for our rent of

the hall and to provide items such as the string etc for the catapult night, and the food nights that we do and is essential to enable us to continue meeting. There are some people who haven't paid their subs for last term and we would ask that you do so as soon as possible please.

We appreciate that straight after Christmas everyone is a little short of money and so whilst the census payment is the priority, subs money can be paid in February to try and make things a little easier.

If you have any issues with the payment of subs or census please do let us know!

Cheques should be made payable to CDSC Network and sent to 320a Holmesdale Road, South Norwood, London, SE25 6PP

New Members

It is important for us to focus on recruiting some new members, to increase our numbers and to enable us to take part in more events and opportunities.

There are a number of potential Network members within the county so if anyone has any good ideas or a suggestion for an evening that we can run to encourage those to join us please let us know.

We are also intending to go into some of the explorer units this term to try and introduce ourselves to units, if you would be interested in helping let us know what evenings are best for you - thanks!

International Camp

Paris D'Avenir is being organized for Rover Scouts by Scouts et Guides de France in Paris over the Easter weekend this year, and is open to Network members.

The cost is 130 euros (£110 approx.) If you book in advance you may well get special deals on Eurostar.

If you are interested let us know and we can get an application form passed onto you as soon as they are available.

Our email:
croydon.network@blueyonder.co.uk

Duke of Edinburgh Award

County is arranging a Gold DofE / Queens Scout Award ractice/qualifying expedition in the Derbyshire Peak District from April 9th - 15th at a cost of £100. The expedition itself is April 11th-14th, but 2 days have been allowed for travel and a further day for acclimatisation as required by the DofE.

Participants will need to be aged between 16th and 25th birthday, and should have completed the required level of expedition training. Further information is posted on the County website.

A meeting for all those participating will take place on Sunday 9th January

Overnight Opportunities

Operation Red Flare - Saturday 5th March 2011

We would like to enter a team this year and as usual the requirements for a team are 4 - 7 participants.

The route is approx. 10 - 12 miles, and will take place somewhere in Surrey.

The cost is £7 per person, please let either us or James know if you are interested in taking part.

We have the option of asking for an early or late start time so please consider this if you are working.

Invitation!

We are pleased to invite you to 'The Reality of Climbing Everest Today' - a fundraising lecture in aid of Combat Stress.

Former Rugby world champion Josh Lewsey MBE and war hero Major Keith Reesby AAC share their experiences of their ambitious bid to climb Mount Everest.

at St Paul's Church Hall, Croham Park Avenue, South Croydon, CR2 7HF at 2pm prompt.

What? DofE London Expo

When? Saturday 5th Feb, 10am-3pm

Where? Grey Coat Hospital School, St. Michael's Building, Westminster

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award London EXPO will be an exciting event bringing together DofE Managers, Leaders and Volunteers from across London. The event will share good practice and impart as much information as possible via: information stands, commercial and corporate stands, workshops, speeches and resource points.

Free to attend. Please register on the DofE Website.

Dragnet Challenge - 1st - 3rd July 2011

The Dragnet Challenge is to make your way through a narrow corridor of land in the Cumbrian Lake District covering a distance of around 35 miles.

Teams of 4 have to navigate from Friday night until Sunday morning back to the defined base camp from the secret drop off point. On the way you must avoid capture from teams of experienced catchers who can take one of 3 life cards which will reduce your chance of winning the competition.

The winning teams must have the maximum number of lives and run into the base camp closest to 11am on the Sunday.

Join us at this fascinating lecture to hear how these novice mountaineers pushed their physical fitness to the extreme tackling Mallory's North Col route up Mount Everest, whilst raising funds for Veterans mental health charity, Combat Stress.

When: 7pm, Tuesday 18th January 2011
Where: The Royal Geographical Society, 1 Kensington Gore, London, SW7 2AR Tickets: £15