



2nd Nene Scout Group - Apollo Scout Troop

Monday 21st^h July 2008

To Scouts, Leaders, Parents, Carers, Helpers and Supporters

Dear Friends

Tonight's cycle exercise is our last troop meeting of the Scouting year. We hope that all Scouts have enjoyed this evening and the programme of weekly troop meetings and other events and wish you all well for the summer.

Thank You

I would like to thank the exceedingly committed team of leaders and helpers that run Apollo Troop, the building and the stores who again have done an excellent job planning, organising and putting on Monday night troop meetings, activities and events; the parents and carers for supporting their children and charges; and the Scouts themselves for their regular commitment and (most of the time) good behaviour and cooperation.

Membership

We have been pleased to welcome so many new members this year and look forward to several years of Scouting together.

Last week we had a going up ceremony for 8 14 – 15 year olds to mark their move up to Explorer Scouts. We will miss them, but wish them well in their future Scouting and look forward to seeing them on joint activities where the troop may benefit from their additional skills and wider experience.

With the older Scouts moving on we will be looking for new PLs and APLs in the autumn.

Next Troop Meeting

We look forward to seeing all you all again at our next troop meeting on Monday 8th September. Remember, Scouts are asked to:

- Arrive for troop meeting in time to register and pay subscriptions before opening parade, inspection and flag break.
- Notify their Patrol Leader if they will not be attending (Only Patrol Leaders should contact leaders directly).
- Be on parade (standing quietly at their place in "the horseshoe" at 7:15pm wearing full smart uniform (or dressed appropriately for a special activity when notified).
- Bring along a change of clothes for inside and outside activities (including coat and footwear). We will try to give notice of outside activities but sometimes we have to take advantage of favourable conditions at short notice.
- Get changed after Flag Break, pack uniform away tidily into a bag and store it in the fixtures provided for each patrol.
- Get changes back into uniform for flag down and prayers at the end of the meeting.
- Take note of notices and pass on notices to the appropriate person at home.



Autumn Programme

Some Activities are already planned for next year (see list below). Leaders and helpers will be meeting during the summer to prepare for the new Scouting year. Anyone interested in contributing to the troop organisation or programme in anyway is welcome to attend the meeting. Please let one of the leaders know (preferably by e-mail) if you would like to attend so that we can notify you of arrangements. All contributions and offers of help are welcome. We appreciate that some people like to attend on a regular weekly basis but others are not available every week and prefer to be booked for specific events.

CRB clearance

Please note that all over 18's taking part in any Scout activity involving under 18's must be CRB cleared by the Scout Association. Please advise CRB clearance status when offering to help.

Parents and supporters who would like to be CRB cleared for future activities please speak to one of the leaders or contact the Assistant Group Scout Leader (Tim Burgess, 9 Whitewater, Orton Wistow, tel: 01733 708796 or e-mail tim.burgess100@ntlworld.com)

Help! Building and Equipment maintenance

The summer break is our opportunity to catch up with building and equipment maintenance.

Graham Sharman the Group Quarter Master and Steve Pearce the Building Maintenance Manager have a list of tasks (attached) that require attention and would very much appreciate any help you or your parents can offer. Please get in touch with either of them (see details below) if you can offer any help.

Activities Planned so far for 2008/2009

Mon 8th September	Apollo Troop Meeting – First of Autumn Term
Mon 15th Sept	Cyclist Badge Bike Check 4– See Separate Notice
Sat 20th September	Troop Cycle Marathon Further Details to be issued. A firm commitment and deposit will be required nearer the event.
September (TBA)	Apollo Troop HQ Cleaning Rota Turn - all help appreciated
Fri 24th Oct - Sun 26th Oct	Weekend Camp – Beaudesert Park Staffordshire – Provisional Cost £40 Indoor Accommodation) See: http://www.beaudesert.org/new/indexframes.html?Home.html Further details to be issued. A firm commitment and deposit will be required nearer the event.
Mon 3rd – Sat 8th Nov	Peterborough Gang Show - watch out for details in local press. See also get together for cast 29th April
Wed 5th Nov	Troop Visit to Gang Show Further Details to be issued.
Sun 9th Nov - Morning	Remembrance Sunday Church Service – Please keep this date clear Further Details to be issued.
March (TBA)	Apollo Troop HQ Cleaning Rota Turn - all help appreciated
Fri 10th – Sat 18th Apr 2009	SWAN 59 Norfolk Broads Sailing Expedition Further Details to be issued.

For a comprehensive list of future and past events - See <http://www.2ndnencescouts.ik.com/> [News].

If anyone would like to add news, comments or pictures please contact Steve Pearce (see address list below).

Yours in Scouting
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(SL 2nd Nene Apollo Troop),



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Websites

Apollo Troop: www.2ndnenescouts.uk.com all the news and events of Apollo Troop and the 2nd Nene Group

Cambridgeshire Scouts: www.cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk - Useful for details of what's on in the county

The Scout Association: www.scoutbase.org.uk – All the requirements for badges and awards can be found here.



SUMMER BREAK WORK PROGRAMME

IF you are able to take on a job (or more than one) PLEASE will you sign beside the item you wish to undertake, or are willing to assist with. Please complete your contact details & pass this to Graham (Quartermaster) Many thanks. (e.mail g.sharman@ntlworld.com)
Items in blue already covered and volunteered for – Thank you – some of those jobs will need additional labour – in green

- Dig away earth bank by front door (lessens flooding risk), move soil to outside store container. Concrete 'path ... _____
- Install handrail by steps at front door – Steel for sockets, timber for handrail in stores..... _____
- Connect cold water feed for outside tap. Backfill trench in compound, install weed membrane..... _____
- Complete electrics to container, erect lights, sockets, ready for connection to supply Graham Sharman + others
- Tidy attic, clear accumulated 'stock rubbish' Mick Pummell / Explorers
- Paint gents WC..... Lynn Sharman
- Deep clean corridor & kitchen _____
- Carry out minor tiling & grout repairs in ladies / gents / disabled WC..... _____
- Prepare & paint kitchen floor. – paint in stock..... _____
- Install angle iron & concrete anti-flood strip in outer stores area..... _____
- Strip out outer stores area, erect new racking, replace stores Graham Sharman + Dean Irons + others
- General 'blitz' in stores area..... Graham Sharman + Dean Irons + others
- Erect Icelandic tents, check, IF Serviceable – waterproof & re-pack. If u/s await decision Mick Pummell / Explorers
- Make up Icelandic poles into complete sets. Colour code, repack Mick Pummell / Explorers
- Maintenance to roof Steve Pearce (Bldg Maint)
- Clean out gutters, downspouts, drains, grids Steve Pearce (Bldg Maint)
- Erect roller blind 'projection screen'..... _____
- Outside painting..... _____
- Name _____ Phone _____ email _____