



## 2nd Nene Scout Group - Apollo Scout Troop Programme

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009

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

Dear Friends

It has been good to see the troop has grow in numbers this year with Cubs coming up and friends being brought along taking us to 42. Hopefully this is as a result of our troop night programme and special events.

All those who have recently joined the troop are working through the requirements for the Scout Membership Award so that they can be invested – **please remember to complete the work that you have been set to do at home.**

Just as a reminder the timing of troop meetings as follows

6:55	Scout HQ opens Scouts register and pay subscriptions PLs /APLs fill out inspection sheet Duty PL. prepares flag for Flag Break
7:15	Flag Break and Inspection Late comers to wait during Flag Break
7:25	Games / Training / Activities
09:05	Closing Parade Prayers (arranged and read by duty patrol)
09:15	Flag Down Duty patrol to help sweep up and tidy up.

The standard of uniform worn by the troop is very good, which is encouraged by the inspection system with prizes awarded for the best turned out patrol every half term. Unless otherwise notified please wear full smart uniform for inspection and parades and bring along a change of clothes suitable for indoors and outdoors.

Our winter local day-evening hike started in Bainton and (as tradition dictates) ended at a chip shop – this time at Bretton Centre. The deep snow was an added bonus with snowball fights along the way and most Scouts finishing successfully.

The Gliding at Hertfordshire Scouts at Cambridge Gliding Centre was very popular and a new experience for the Scouts.

Heavy rain was forecast for the Long Mynd walking weekend. However we were very lucky with the rain staying away but we did have to cope with high winds whilst hiking on the Long Mynd on the Saturday. On the Sunday we visited the Perkins Level of Snailbeach mine and paddled through the water in our Wellies. We had a 2 hour guided tour (mostly underground), which was enjoyed by all.

Zatego – the Nene District annual themed night exercise was held on March 21st. Apollo troop only had a small contingent (16) this year and 2 of Scouts forgot on the night. However those who did attend enjoyed the activity late into the night.

At Easter, 7 Scouts from Apollo Troop were part of the party of 22 Scouts, Explorers, Leaders and Instructors from Nene District who took part in the 59th SWAN Sailing Expedition to The Norfolk Broads. The week was spent learning to sail 24ft – 28ft Cabin Yachts on The Broads and exploring the rivers and broads with Scouts from across the UK.

Attached is a list of future **Events**.

**Don't forget this Sunday is the annual City St. George's Day Parade and Service where we will all renew our Scout Promise. Please refer to previously issued notice for times and details.**

If you have any questions or queries please ask one of the leaders.

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### Websites


Apollo Troop: [www.2ndnenescouts.uk.com](http://www.2ndnenescouts.uk.com) all the news and events of Apollo Troop and the 2nd Nene Group

Cambridgeshire Scouts: [www.cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk](http://www.cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk) - Useful for details of what's on in the county

The Scout Association: [www.scoutbase.org.uk](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk) – All the requirements for badges and awards can be found here

## EVENTS LIST

**\*\* Details for these events have already been issued. Please see the WHAT'S ON section of our website <http://www.2ndnenescouts.uk.com/> or ask a Leader for more information.**

Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> April	St Georges Day Service and Parade 2009 **
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday, No troop meeting
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Scout & Guide Canoe Club – weekly. **.
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> May	MEPAL. Cambridgeshire Scouts County Activity Weekend (fully booked) **
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term, no Troop meeting
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> June	DUXFORD - This is the Scout Groups 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. **
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Cycling Evening
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Canoeing Milton Ferry. The troop will be split into 2 groups, 1 canoeing & 1 walking. The groups will swap round for 15 <sup>th</sup> June.
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Cardington White Water Canoeing (Booking made) **
Mon 15 June	Canoeing Milton Ferry. See 8 <sup>th</sup> June. Those who do not wish to canoe can walk on both 8 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> .
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Triathlon - A walking, cycling and canoeing challenge. <b>DEFERRED</b>
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Survival Camp - Date confirmed. Originally planned for the following weekend. Building Shelters, back woods cooking, target shooting, and maybe a swim in the sea, Toll's Hill - Overstrand - Near Cromer
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Canoe Camp - Date to be confirmed
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last troop meeting of the term
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	First Troop meeting of the Autumn Term.
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 11 Oct	<p>Autumn Camp – Fineshades near Duddington</p>  <p>Provisional details are to go on a 10km walk to Fineshades, cook an evening meal and sleep overnight in the Norwegian Shelters. After breakfast on Sunday we'll be walking to our pick up point. Finishing about 3pm.</p>
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2010	SWAN 60 – Easter Sailing on the Norfolk Broads