

Report for AGM November 2011

Scout section

Scout activities 2011

- Highlights included: fun stuff!! Cycling (Rimutaka Incline to Saywells), tramping, ski trip, trip to Waikaremoana; hall activities including ropes, knots, navigation (maps and compasses purchased); SAR trip to Police Station; visit from Bivouac; Sandford
- Badge focus: still struggling to get traction on badge progression
- Patrol leaders Council has been held – important in getting the Scouts to take more responsibility, and to drive activities (we need to listen to them)

Thoughts and challenges

- National programme activities are useful if we gear up to use them on a term by term basis
- Boredom factor – need to watch the balance between “fun and games” and “learning” stuff
- Competing commitments – everyone, Scouts included, is very busy. Everyone is a volunteer, so need to avoid it feeling like a burden for Scouts, leaders and parents. Has to be fun and worth doing.
- Critical mass – need to focus on recruitment and the pipeline from Cubs to Scouts
- Leaders – need some younger ones, ideally, and some new leaders developing
- Fundraising – how to find real value adding activities that Scouts can drive

Significant activities and questions for 2012

- *Vision: an active, engaged and growing group of young people having a lot of fun and learning a lot, making the most of what scouting offers for themselves and their community.*
- 2 scouts leaving – need to recruit; ideally, enough for 3 patrols – wider help needed with recruitment; Plus more leaders – see above;
- Possibly final year of Scouts for the oldest scouts (bridge to Venturers)
- 2012 calendar needed
- Need advance plan for Group camps, and some well organised activities to link Cubs with Scouts and create “aspirations”
- Possible Abel Tasman trip in second week of School holidays April 2012
- Lower Hutt/ Wellington Gang Show: auditions to be held second weekend in May, Show is end September. Age 10 and above
- Sandford programme at Brookfield last weekend in May 2012
- Wellington Cossgrove programme will run – when???
- Ski trip: will need to follow Gang Show if we have significant numbers involved in Gang Show
- Australian Jamboree at Brisbane, January 2013. Brooklyn interest?
- National Schools and other activities – need to get our scouts involved in wider zone and national activities