

## Future Events

Colonel Woods Camp  
15th—17th June 2012

Camp as a Patrol  
Cook your own food  
Large wide game  
Axe and saw skills  
Archery  
All Scouts welcome. Help will be on hand if needed.

District Scout Adventure Day  
7th July 2012

An opportunity to take part in a selection of adventurous activities at Fairlands:

Sailing  
Canoeing  
Shooting  
Climbing

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Details of District Scout events are on the District website. Click on 'Scout Information' in the bottom left hand corner of the home page.

Herts Scouts Website [www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk](http://www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk)

Official Scouting Websites [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk)



# STEVENAGE DISTRICT SCOUTS

SCOUTS

Scout Events  
Winter/Spring 2012



Hike & Overall Winners



## District Night Hike

Eighteen teams of Scouts and Explorers hiked around Datchworth, Bramfield, Tewin and Harmer Green for the annual Scout Night Hike. The weather was kind to us this year, staying dry and not too cold.

Teams walked about 9 miles, with incident bases providing a rest from the walking. Activities included First Aid, cooking pancakes, challenges from 'The Cube' TV game show, knotting and a variety of other small challenges.

The trophies were awarded as follows:

Scout Hike Winners: First Stevenage  
Scout Base Winners: Pin Green A  
Scout Overall Winners: First Stevenage  
Scout First Aid Winners: Chells Tigers

Explorer Hike Winners: Stags Alfred  
Explorer Base Winners: Knebworth Ninjas  
Explorer First Aid Winners: Stags Boris

Just completing the route is a challenge, congratulations to you all. Continued on page 4.

See inside for details of some of this year's events.



Enter a team, have a fun day and maybe get a trophy in to the bargain!

## Around Town Challenge Saturday 24th March 2012

The fourth Around Town Challenge will soon be with us. A day of fun activities at 4 of the Scout HQs in town.

Scouts travel in small teams between the HQs, by foot and public bus taking part in the activities.



The following are likely to be included:

**Shooting**

**Archery**

**Fire lighting**

**Games of skill**

**Scouting challenges**



Entry forms will be out at the end of January.



Lunch is provided halfway around the route, and a dinner of sausage and chips when you get back!

Patrols can walk or use the bus pass provided to catch the bus. An adult will travel with each Patrol.

All scouts will receive an Around Town Challenge souvenir event badge in addition to a good fun day!

Cost is £14 per Scout.



## Colonel Woods at Boyd Field Henlow 15th—17th June 2012

Colonel Woods is the District Patrol camping challenge. A chance to set up camp and cook your own food as well as taking part in loads of fun activities.



A large scale wide game, axe & saw work, backwoods cooking (on fires) and archery will be among the activities available.



Some elements of the weekend are judged for the camping and camp cooking trophies.



## Scout Archery Day Sun 18th March 1:00pm or 2:30pm 5th Stevenage Air Scout HQ



An opportunity to take part in an archery session with other Scouts from around the District. Leaders running the session are GNAS qualified archery instructors. Sessions last about 1 hour 15mins and use an indoor archery range.

5th Stevenage Air Scout HQ, Shephall View, Stevenage SG1 1RL

Cost will be £2 per session

To book your place contact Andy by e-mail or phone:

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The Mayor's presentation is open to all achievers of the Top Award (Beavers through to Explorers). These are held at the Mayors Chamber in town, about twice a year.

Let your leaders know what activities you would like and we will try and organise them!

## Chief Scout Gold Award



Congratulations to the following Scouts who gained the highest award of the Scout Section last term:

Tom Davies	First Stevenage
Jordan Derrick	First Stevenage
Aaron Stott	Seventh Stevenage
David Scales	Seventh Stevenage
Alex Barr	Seventh Stevenage
Rowan Watts	Seventh Stevenage
Jamie Charters	Seventh Stevenage
Kirsty Shackell	Chells
Sam Hall	Chells

A total of 12 Chief scout Gold awards were presented during 2011. Well done to you all.

As well as the badge (which can be worn on your Explorer uniform), you will receive a certificate from District, a card signed by the County Commissioner and an invitation to attend the Mayor's Chief Scout presentation evening.

## District Camp at Well End 20th to 22nd July

We are organising an Olympic themed camp open to all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers as well as Network & leaders of course! We would like to see lots of Scouts & Explorers camping, so please let us know **what activities you would like there** and we will try and organise them. **Ideas to your Scout Leader or email Neil using [scouts@stevenagescouting.org.uk](mailto:scouts@stevenagescouting.org.uk)** Please let us have your ideas by the end of February latest.

## District & County Event Dates for 2012

- Sun 19th February County Cooking Competition. Stevenage District HQ.
- Sun 11th March County Triathlon (shooting, biking, running) - Lees Wood
- Sun 18th March Scout Archery Session at 5th HQ. See page 7
- Sat 24th March District Around Town Challenge. Inter Patrol challenge travelling between Scout HQs around Stevenage by foot and bus. Lunch and dinner included More information on page 2.
- Sun 22nd April St Georges Day Parade. Southgate car park (opposite the Fire Station) at 2pm in uniform.
- 4th—7th May County Patrol Activity Weekend at Tolmers. Including inflatables, quad bikes, shooting and games. Leaflet on County website (see back page)
- 15th—17th June District Colonel Woods camping weekend at Boyd Field. More information on page 7.
- Sun 1st July County Push Kart race. A joint Cub & Scout event held at Oaklands College, St Albans.
- Sat 7th July District Scout Adventure Day, Fairlands Valley. Water activities, shooting & climbing. See page 5.
- 20th—22nd July District camp at Well End. Olympic theme, loads of fun activities. See page 6
- 28th—30th Sept Born 2B Challenged. County camping competition at Harmer Green.
- Sat 20th October Jamboree On The Air (JOTA). Radio communications and electronics at Poplars HQ
- 16th - 18th Nov Green Beret, County activity weekend. Assault course, orienteering & skill bases.
- Sat 1st December District Scout & Explorer Night Hike. Nine mile walk & a few short challenging activities. See page 4.



## District Scout Night Hike 2011

Are you up to the challenge?

Well join us on Saturday 1st December for the 2012 Night Hike!



Base Winners



Overall Winners

The bases at the night hike consisted of:

- First Aid scenario for the team to deal with
- Knotting challenge
- Activities from 'The Cube' TV game show, such as beam balancing and ball throwing
- Cooking pancakes on a small tin can and methylated spirit burner.
- Eating beef burgers (ok, so not really an activity and no points were up for grabs, but much appreciated none the less!)
- Soduko puzzle to solve

Each participant received a badge and a certificate was awarded to each team. Our District Commissioner and Chairman walked some of the route and enjoyed chatting to the Scouts and Explorers they bumped into on route.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 1st December 2012 for the next Night Hike and First Aid competition.



'The Cube' Network base



First Aid Base!



## District Scout Adventure Day



All Scouts and Explorers are invited to join us for a day of adventurous activities at Fairlands Valley Park.

The following activities will be on offer:

**Sailing**

**Canoeing**

**Shooting**

**Climbing**



We are also looking at including the new 'High Ropes' activity if this is possible and there maybe some other activities on offer. Make sure you keep the day free, one thing is for sure, it will be fun day!

You will be able to take part in enough activities for the adventure challenge, however you will need to complete a small amount of work at home before achieving the badge.

This involves finding out the safety rules, environmental impact and places where you can continue the activities that you have chosen. Leaflets will be handed out explaining this in more detail.

