

Scouting

Salendine Baptist Scout Group



November 2017

Welcome to the first edition of the newsletter for Salendine Nook Baptist Scout Group.

There is so much happening in the four sections of the Group (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers) that we thought that we should produce a regular publication highlighting what your children are doing, what is happening in the management of the Group, and what we are planning to do.

We will be distributing this through e-mail, and Facebook, but also sending hard-copies home with the children. We feel that this is the best way to ensure that everyone is kept up-to-date. We will also be having copies available in the Church, and possibly some other local public areas.

Photographs, names etc. will only be included with the consent of the parents.

We also aim to give reports from camps, events, awards, etc.

Sainsbury's Bag Pack

Dave would like to thank everyone who helped at the bag pack on Saturday 18th. We made an amazing £445 despite it being Children in Need weekend as well. We have been offered the opportunity to have another bag-pack before Christmas, so your help will be appreciated again

Thanks

Sainsbury's



Sainsbury's
Active Kids 2017
Eat well • Move well • Live well

Sainsbury's Active Kids

Thanks to everyone who collected the tokens this year and donated them to the Scout Group. With the tokens we have obtained a Trangia stove, some

flags for games, footballs for camp and some dodgeballs. We will be collecting again in 2018.

Thanks

Elland Bonfire

Another thank you to all that helped at the Elland Bonfire. We are fortunate to be invited again by Elland Roundtable to help. This can raise between £300-400 for about 2 hours work - just for collecting the admission money. For those that help - I bet you haven't seen so much money.

Again Thanks



Dates for Your Diary

Sainsbury's Christmas BagPack

One day on the weekend of 16-17th December - details to follow.

Sunday 17th December 2017

Church Parade - All Age Carol Service - 3pm

Monday 8th January 2018

Group Executive Meeting - Dusty Miller - 7:45pm for 8pm start.

All more than welcome.

15-17th February 2018

West Yorkshire Scout Gangshow at Halifax Victoria Theatre.

Saturday 24th March 2018

Quiz Night at the Longwood Mechanics - questions for the family - including supper and bar. Details to follow.

Weekend - 8th - 10th June 2018

Group Activity Weekend - details to follow

Information on Sleeping Bag offer under GO Outdoors overleaf.

What are you spending all that money on that we have helped collect in 2017?

A really valid point! With the money from the Sainsbury's Charity of the Year, the Elland Bonfire and the Bag Pack last weekend we have managed to raise about £6000 for the Group.

What are we spending this on?

We are using this for the good of the children.

- In September 2017 we had a great weekend at Blackhills, this event was subsidised from some of the money.
- We are also needing to undertake some repair works to the wall by the road at the Scout Hut (this will take a big chunk).
- We are also planning an Activity Weekend at Bradley Woods in June 2018 which will be partly subsidised.
- Plus, plus, plus
- If you have any questions, contact me at the e-mail address below.

We also pay subs - what is that spent on?

- We are fortunate that the Church do not charge the youth organisations a fee for the use of the building - we make an annual donation - so some of the subs goes towards that.
- We are fortunate to have a Scout Hut - which requires utilities and maintenance.
- Every year the Group have to pay the Scout Association capitation for each youth member. This includes insurance, but this is approximately £60 per child per year. So a large proportion of the subs you pay is already spent.
- The balance is used to fund items required for the running of meeting, badges etc.
- There is no payment to any adult leader, helper etc. Infact a lot of the leaders pay their own subs as well.

So hopefully you will understand why we need to continually fund-raise for the group, if we didn't the subscriptions would have to increase.

CALL FOR HELP!

As a voluntary organisation we always welcome help and support.

- At the moment we are particularly in need of support in our Beaver and Cub Sections. Contact any of the leaders if you are interested. This doesn't have to be every week - just ask.
- We have just become aware of a parent who has a cricket coaching qualification - they have volunteered to lead a couple of meetings - have you got a skill that could be used in this way?
- Do you have a job which may be interesting to take any of the sections around (especially if we have any astronauts).
- Have you a hobby or interest that you could share?
- Does your employer support charities.
- Can you attend the Group Executive Meetings (Parents support is needed). We meet no more than 6 times a year. We organise activities, social events etc. It would be great to have a parents perspective on the committee.
- Please support our social events.
- Any help would be gratefully accepted.

Did you know that as members of the Scout Association you can get discount at some of the camping/ outdoor equipment shops. Leaders sometimes get a little more (perk of the job!). I hope that the information is still current - it's worth a try - update me if you have a problem.

- **Cotswold Outdoors** – 20% discount for Leaders, 10% discount for members. To get the discount, simply show your appointment card or necker.
- **Blacks/Millets** – Offer a 10% discount for Leaders, show your appointment card/necker to get the offer!
- **GO Outdoors** – If your group uses Online Scout Manager, leaders can get an additional 15% discount and scout parents a 10% discount. Further details at <http://scouts.ritdns.co.uk/gooutdoors>
- GO Outdoors have a good offer on Vango Nitestar 375 Sleeping Bags at the moment - down from £47 to £29 - Father Christmas may want to know! <http://www.gooutdoors.co.uk/vango-nitestar-375-sleeping-bag-p398682>
- **Mountain Warehouse** – Offer a 10% discount to Leaders and Scouts show your appointment card or necker, ask for the website discount code over the phone.

Interesting Links

I have just found a link to a short video that one of the Explorers produced for the 2014-15 AGM. It is interesting to see what some of the sections of the Group are doing - <https://vimeo.com/131250215>

**Any comments/suggestions for items to be included please contact
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