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Phil's Points

Dear Parents and Explorers,

Welcome back after the Summer vacation. I am pleased to hear that all the International visits and Summer Camps that we attended over the break went exceptionally well. I hope you will all swap stories when you get back to the units.

Subs is Due.

I hate to go straight to financials but the terms subs are due at the start of term. Subs is currently £18 per term. We have a new bank account so could cheques be made payable to 'Eastleigh District Explorer Scouts'.

Please could you make sure that your subs are in to us during the first two or three weeks of term. It is hard and unnecessary work tracking down all those that haven't paid throughout the term.

Autumn Camp - Foxlease - Date: 18 – 20 September 2009

Autumn camp is very nearly upon us. You must get your applications in to Brian O'Neill **by this weekend**. The camp is at Foxlease Campsite near Lyndhurst and costs £20. Dave Kinloch has already emailed you the details however if you haven't read them then get a 'Passport Application' form from www.jollyboys.4theastleigh.co.uk

Summer Camp 2010 - 7th – 14th August 2010

Summer Camp 2010 will be in the Brecon Beacons where Eastleigh District Explorers will join Gloucestershire County Scouts and Explorers (along with other invited guests). There will be a packed program of activities including Cycling, rock climbing, caving, mountain walking, Dof E Hikes - take a look at the website - gloucestershirescouts.web.officelive.com/default.aspx
The permission to camp forms will be issued in the next couple of weeks so talk to your parents and find out whether you can go.

New Year Canal Trip -

This year we will be going back to the Grand Union canal for the New Year. Explorers from Wyre (Blackpool) and Tetbury (Gloucestershire) will be invited. The details will be sent to all Explorers in each of the areas at the same time as this seems to be the fairest method of filling the places. The cost will be £80 and the dates 30 Dec – 2nd Jan. Places cannot be booked in advance so make sure you keep your eyes on your email and get the form back to me as soon as you can.

County Kudu

The county team run a night incident hike on 17th October – I currently do not have any more information however it would be great to have a number of teams in from Eastleigh so please put a booking in your diary. Explorer Leader James Blackburn is also going to run a practise hike on Friday 2nd October. All Eastleigh Explorers will be welcome to the practise hike even if you can't make the main event.

District Explorer Meetings

A key difference between Explorers and the Scout and Cub sections is that we are all part of one entity [Eastleigh District](#). This means that you are welcome to go along to any of the units that meet in the district - it would be nice to let the unit leaders know you are coming before you just turn up but you will be made welcome. Along with this the Explorer Leaders are looking to run regular District get togethers where all the Explorers from Eastleigh have a massive fun evening. The first evening will be Monday 21 September which will be a Explorer Wide Game in Stoke Park Woods; during half term (27 Oct) we will go to the cinema as a group; and for Xmas we will have the Explorer Christmas party on 15 Dec.

World Scout Jamboree

Dave Kinloch the District Explorer Scout Administrator emailed you all over the Summer about the World Scout Jamboree. This is the Scout Association main international event and is only run every four years. It costs but you will get lots of support if you are willing to make an effort yourself - If you would like to go and have questions or are uncertain about things come and have a word with me. Selection for the 2011 WSJ is this autumn so you need to decide to commit yourself soon

For those of you who cannot go my thinking is to go to Holland at about the same time but for a lot less money - Details will come out next year.

DESA Email

Finally Dave is sending out lots of emails to everyone on the Explorer database. To do this he uses his email address d_kinloch@hotmail.com Please could you make sure this isn't in your SPAM filter or you will miss out on info.

Phil