

North Face Explorer Scout Unit

Morningside District

www.northfaceexplorers.org.uk

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Dear Explorer,

Please find attached a copy of the Unit programme for the summer term. As you will see we will only meet during alternate weeks in May as during this period all of our older members have exams.

Before discussing the programme I have an important matter to deal with. It was unfortunate that no leader was available for the last meeting of the Unit before Easter, and although we had left a message with the Church cancelling the meeting a number of explorers joined the Scouts for the evening. I understand, from the Janitor, that the behaviour of the explorers was far worse than expected and he had to ask them to leave. I find this very disappointing – you have all promised to do your best to uphold the Scout Laws, two of which: *Self respect and respect for others*, and *care of possessions and property* have not been respected. You must all realise that our continued use of the Briard Halls depends on the good will of the Church of Scotland. Please do your best to ensure this never happens again.

There are opportunities for three camps: Meggernie Midsummer Madness; Explore, Explore, Explore; and the Edge of the Empire Expedition. The Midsummer madness camp is open to everyone with 24 hours of non-stop activities in Glen Lyon. Explore, Explore, Explore is the annual Scottish National Explorer Scout competition and we need a team of 6 to enter, the contest will take place at the Everton Scout Camp, near Inverkip in Greenock District. Finally – we will be organising a summer expedition to walk along part of Hadrian's wall for the explorers in the District who are not going to Denmark or Uganda (or who are and still want another camp). Forms will be available on the website shortly for all these camps but if you are interested in attending any of the please e-mail esl@northfaceexplorers.org.uk by the 1st of May to let us know.

You will see from the rest of the programme that we will be out and about a lot this summer. Please check the website for details and bring the right gear.

May I remind you that if you have subs outstanding for the summer, these should now be paid. For 2008/9, subs are £60 per year or £20 per term. Subs should be paid by cheque made payable to **"Morningside District Scout Council"**.

Best wishes

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Date	Event	Notes
23-Apr	First Meeting: "Deck the Ant's Thursday night takeaway"	Uniform must be worn
30-Apr	Hashing	trainers and outdoor gear for jogging
7-May	No meeting - Exam period	
14-May	Fire lighting	Meet at Bonaly Scout camp
21-May	No meeting - Exam period	
28-May	Hike: Hillend to Swanson	Walking gear needed, meet at Hillend lower Carpark
4-Jun	Extreme String Trail and Extreme Tracking	Meet at Bonaly Country Park
11-Jun	Backwoods cooking	
18-Jun	Navigation	Walking gear needed, Meet at Bonaly Country Park
19-21 Jun	Meggernie Midsummer Madness	24 hours nonstop activities ¹
26-28 Jun	Explore, Explore, Explore Camp	Scottish National Explorer Activity Challenge. Inverkip, ²
25-Jun	Longcraig - water activities	Meet at Longcraig, South Queens Ferry
2-Jul	End of Term BBQ	Meet at Bonaly Scout camp
3-Jul	School Hollidays	
15-23 Jul	25th go to Denmark	Scouts from Braid and Greenbank go to Denmark together with quite a few of our explorers for an international Jamboree.
12-16 Aug	Summer Expedition along the Edge of the Empire	Hike along Hadrian's Wall, starting with a visit to Wallsend and the Roman Baths. Dates approximate, costs to be confirmed. Please let us know by 1st May if you are interested.
18-Aug	Schools go back	
3-Sep	First meeting back	Uniform must be worn
13-Sep	Monroe Hill Climb	Full day activity (boots and walking gear) to climb a Monroe.

¹ see <http://www.theexplorerscouts.org.uk/content/view/91/2> for details. £25 per person camp fee plus food and transport. £25 deposit needed by 14th May.

² see <http://www.theexplorerscouts.org.uk/content/view/72/74/> for details. £18 per person camp fee plus food and transport. £18 deposit needed by 14th May - we need a team of 6 to enter.