



National Youth Programme Committee

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Programme Commissioner (National Events)

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Dear Scouter,

Please find enclosed your copy of the National Events (Youth Programme) Wall Planner for January – December 2009. This wall planner reflects the dates published on www.scouts.ie website back on the 01.09.2008.

This planner details the dates of all National Events, the Section(s) they are open to and the relevant closing dates for bookings. Instead of sorting the calendar by section as in previous years, this year the events are listed in chronological order with a grid included at the base to give each individual youth member an idea of what events are typically available to them. This planner should prove to be a useful planning resource for your Group / Section – please ensure that there is a copy of the planner on display in your meeting place for all Youth Members to reference.

The support information and booking forms for all National Events will be made available during the year via our website www.scouts.ie/events. If you do not have access to the internet please contact National Office [during office hours 9am – 5pm] for the relevant information pack(s) to be put in the post as they become available.

You will also notice that at the bottom of the enclosed planner a logo “2009 striving to be carbon neutral” – printed on recycled material. At present a conscious effort is being made by the National Events Team to reduce the carbon footprint of National Events during 2009. Over the course of the year I will be reporting our progress on the website. As a programme resource in the coming weeks a guide will be made available to all national event participants giving details on “How to reduce your carbon footprint in preparing and getting to National Events”. The Carbon Neutral project is being headed up by Hugh Gallagher a volunteer member of the National Events Team, if you have any suggestions or if you would like to get involved in the Carbon Neutral initiative again please contact me as per the details below.

As with everything in Scouting, National Events being no exception, we need the assistance of Adult Scouters. We need help to run everything you see on the planner; from programme brainstorming, arts ‘n’ crafts, hike planning, logistics, administration, life guards, first aid, to staffing on the day... The roles are endless and it’s a great way to meet other Scouters from around the country. In particular we currently need people to assist in the following events: Beaver Animal Awareness Day, The Elements Challenge, Scout Challenge Day, The Phoenix Challenge, National Raft Races, VMOOT, Tri-zone &



Cub Scout / Macaoimh Camp:

Fri 29 May – Mon 1 Jun 2009

Beaver Sleep Over & Scouting Day:

Sun 31 May - Mon 1 Jun 2009

If you are interested in giving us a dig out in any shape or form, or if you simply have any questions regarding any of the National Events listed on the planner please do not hesitate to email events@scouts.ie with your query or ring us in National Office on Wednesday Nights between 20:00 and 21:00 on 01 – 495 6300

Yours in Scouting

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