

Group Leader Calendar - February

Founders Day is on 22nd February and is celebrated by Scout and Guides worldwide, Guides refer to Founders Day as Thinking Day. It is a celebration of the birthdays of Lord Robert Baden Powell and his wife Olave. This is a time for special occasions and events and an ideal opportunity to get out in the community and showcase Scouting. Millions of Scouts and Guides the world over renew their promise and take part in events at local, national and international level.

Some activities you might consider:

- Get the Programme Sections / Scout Group to organise a Founders Day event locally. Use it to recognise the contribution of individuals and businesses that have assisted you over the years; present Scouting Ireland Community Awards. Publicise your event, get local media involved. Send out press releases to local and national media before the event and invite them to send a photographer.
- You could also consider presenting awards and badges to youth members and to adult members of your Scout Group.
- Organise a special Investiture or a Sunrise Hike or better still combine both activities.
- Attend Scout County, Provincial or National celebrations as appropriate.

Other items for February

Meet with the Parents and Friends Support Group to discuss any fund raising events which are imminent.

- Ensure all equipment is ready for the camping/sailing season, check that all repairs have been carried out and new that equipment which may have been purchased is delivered and fit for purpose.
- Review the waiting lists and take in new members if possible. It would be a good idea to contact parents of those on the waiting list to let them know how things are progressing and approximately when they can expect to get their child into the

**Reminder: Deadline for applying for Adult Awards is
31st March**