

Group Leader Calendar - January

The start of a New Year is a good time to review all that's taken place over the past few months and to tighten up on plans for the coming months. Here is a list of some of the tasks you should look at during January.

- Host a Group Council Meeting and use it as an opportunity to update your Group Development Plan as appropriate.
- Discuss National Council and prepare any motions, suggested rule changes, etc. for submission. Submit nominations in plenty of time and watch out for National Mailings in relation to deadlines.
- Check with all the Programme Sections that they have their programme in place and that plans for camps and expeditions are well underway.
- Highlight the Code of Good Practice and Scouter responsibility, check vetting is up to date for all Scouters and complete any outstanding Mutual Agreements.
- Revisit Scouter training needs and get bookings to National Office in plenty of time.
- Complete an audit of all equipment especially adventure activity gear (tents, boats, safety equipment, etc.) - arrange to repair and replace as necessary. It would also be a good time to review the Scout Group's insurance policies to cover new equipment which was purchased since last year. Don't forget travel insurance if your Scout Group is planning to travel abroad for their Annual Camp.
- If not already done you must complete your census and submit it and your membership fees to National Office.
- Complete applications for any grant aid which is available in your area, Scouting Ireland Support Staff should be able to assist with this.
- Finally, Founders Day is only a few short weeks away, if you haven't already got plans for an event now is the time to do develop them. Make it something memorable and worthwhile.