

Group Leader Calendar - May

After all the excitement of the past few months, St. Patrick's Day, National Council and Easter, it is now time to prepare for the Summer in earnest. Here are a few things to consider during the month.

- Have another look at your Group Development Plan; you can never spend too much time on it. Are there any targets or milestones which you want to achieve over the summer months?
- If there are any repairs to be carried out on the Scout Den or your grounds now is a good time to plan these with the good weather approaching (we all hope).
- Make sure you have copies of every Programme Section's forms for their Overnights and Camps (SIF 26/11 Overnight & International Approval Forms), ensure all adults are vetted and have completed the required training.
- Ensure the forms reach National Office or the County Programme Co-Ordinator (CPC) as required in plenty of time.
- Complete final checks for camps/expeditions, equipment, budgets, travel arrangements, Scouters, etc.
- Why not have an open day for parents and the local community? You could even throw in a recruitment drive while you are at it. Invite local radio and newspapers to come along.
- Parents always like to know what is happening in their children's lives and with all the camps/expeditions, events and activities that will be happening over the summer you should consider putting together a Group Newsletter. Get all the youth members involved, they could do interviews, drawings, take photographs and even write some of the articles. Include a calendar of events for all Programme Sections over the summer months.
- Make the most of good weather and encourage all Programme Sections to use the outdoors as much as possible.