

Clevedon Scouts Out and About...

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Clevedon Scout Group

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Venturers in the Waitakere's

A party of Venturers converged on the Waitakere's during October for a weekend's tramping. And what a great experience it was.

Juggling the elements (another wet and cold weekend), damaged packs, knee high mud and challenging tracks this was NOT for the feint hearted. They arrived at their overnight destination, just below the Lower Huia Dam at 5.30 p.m. cold, wet and hungry and after several hot drinks, a hot meal and changes of clothes life seemed a lot better. The next day made a call on the weather and the days itinerary with some helpful assistance from the Water Care Ranger who came upon them first thing in the morning. There was no doubt that at the end of the road when the homebound ride arrived nice and early there was some happy looking trampers desperate for a hot bath and a hot drink. Look out Huia – They'll be back!



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WHAT'S IN A JAMBOREE?

For seven Scouts, four Leaders and one Youth Services Team member all from our very own Clevedon Scout Group, it was 10 days of overwhelming experiences, lack of sleep, hot days, new friends and more fun than it is possible to name.

They can speak of Challenge Valley: a team commando course through mud, streams and down water slides; a flying fox: which extended the width of the Waikato River and back again; Caving; Abseiling; Archery; Mountain Biking; Canoeing; Rafting; Visits to Hamilton; Crafts; Stage shows; to name but a few of the activities!

Four and a half thousand scouts converged on Mystery Creek over the School Holidays from all over New Zealand; the Asia-Pacific Region and beyond to make the 16th National Scout Jamboree their own.

The tent city which was built within the

space of a week was an absolutely awesome sight and it included an Army Field Hospital, shops, internet café, media centre, radio station, administration offices, staff camps and onsite activities.

Gratefully supported by the Clevedon Pub Charities Trust, Thoroughbred Tavern and Papakura Tavern and many hours of fundraising through Sausage Sizzles and a stall at the Car Boot sale last August the Scouts were able to enjoy a most wonderful experience!



Calling all Young People....

Cubs :	Tuesday 6.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.	8 - 10 ½ year olds
Scouts :	Tuesday 6.45 p.m. – 8.45 p.m.	10 ½ - 14 ½ year olds
Venturers :	Tuesday 6.30 p.m. – till finished	14 ½ - 18 ½ year olds

Phone the Group Leader – Sez Corney 09 2987679 – to put Scouting in your life!



Kea's are Coming!

The Clevedon Scout Group plans to open a Kea Section for 6 and 7 year old's at the beginning of Term 2 and are currently accepting names for its waiting list. The Kea Section of Scouts concentrates on learning through the fun of play and craft and is for both Girls and Boys. The section will operate at Camp Sladdin (as do the other sections of the Group) on Tuesday evenings from 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. All enquiries can be made to the Group Leader; Sez Corney 09-2987679.

How Wet Can A Wet Camp Get?

All the Cubs, Scouts and Venturers that attended the Annual Group Camp at Kaueraunga Valley, near Thames, at the end of 2001, know how wet wet can be. The gentle rain which hindered the advanced party's setup on Friday afternoon developed into full blown torrential flood waters as the Group camped away its weekend.



With evening activities on Friday cancelled due to bad weather there was little else to do but sit under the dining shelter and play "mind" games. After a great night's sleep we would go hiking and swimming just as planned. However, not to be. As the weekend went on the Ranger warned of the dangers in attempting the track planned for, with its six stream crossings now rendering it too dangerous even for experienced trampers. Hoffman's Swimming hole was in full flood — too dangerous for swimming! And so it was that we decided to do a short walk usually tame by comparison but requiring effort by all on this occasion. Crossing the ford on the road required the five man river crossing technique and small streams required waist height wading using the same safety measures. The suspension bridge crossed a raging Kaueraunga River, four feet higher than normal. As the weekend wore on, the trenches around the camp, to assist the water flow got deeper and the mud got mushier. What a lot of wet and muddy tents we had to deal with when we got home!

First camp for some though and just what did they think? New Cub, **Declan Morrison** said "my first camp was great through all the wet and mud".

There's no doubt fun is right where you make it.... What an awesome weekend! We have, however, put in a request for better weather next year!



CALENDAR

29 Jan	Tues	Cubs, Scouts and Venturers Start Back
05 Feb	Tues	Going Up Ceremony Janelle McAllister (All)
05 Feb	Tues	Hike to Top O Hill (Venturers)
12 Feb	Tues	Visit Caterers Kitchens (Venturers)
12 Feb	Tues	Den Raid (Cubs)
16 Feb	Sat	White Water Rafting (Venturers)
24 Feb	Sun	Founders Day Celebration BBQ at the Beach (Group/Family Event)
09 Mar	Sat	Fishing Trip (Venturers)
09 Mar	Sat	Cub Camp (Cubs)
12 Mar	Tues	BBQ on Beach (Venturers)
12 Mar	Tues	Shared Pot Luck Dinner / Cub Show (Cubs)
19 Mar	Tues	Visit Fire Department (Venturers)
23 Mar	Fri	Waitakere Tramp (Venturers)
09 Apr	Tues	Pool Party (Cubs)
16 Apr	Tues	Kea Club Opens (Keas)
20 Apr	Sat	4 Wheel Driving (Venturers)
27 Apr	Sat	Rangitoto Tramp (Scouts and Venturers)
03 May	Fri	Sandford Patrol Leaders Training Course (Scouts by Invitation)
07 May	Tues	Investiture Night Kea Club (Keas)
10 May	Fri	Sandford Patrol Leaders Training Course (Scouts by Invitation)
26 Jul	Fri	Group Camp at Camp Maynard (Group Event)
18 Oct	Fri	Jamboree on the Internet (Group Event)
12 Nov	Tues	Parents Evening (Group Event)
29 Nov	Fri	Group Camp at Kaueraunga Valley (Group Event)

Some events may be subject to change — check for up to date Calendar Issue Dates

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Girls
YOU'D BE RIGHT



It's Also For Boys
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