

Clevedon Scouts Out and About... All Around the World!

Up to 100,000 Scouts from all over the world will be meeting and talking with one another in just a few days time. How is this possible?

Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI).

These days the internet plays a big part of most people's lives. Scouting is no different. With the help of an International Organization called *Scoutlink*, Scouts and Guides from all over the world spend hours chatting with each other on the Internet.

Scoutlink has been around for 6 years now and every year the increasing number of Scouts and Guides wanting to "get together" places a huge demand on the 20 or so servers required to make this international event possible.

New Zealand is the first country to start

"Jamboree on the Internet" and during one weekend it is hoped that our Keas, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Leaders will talk with many different countries from all over the world. Some of the connections that have been made in the past have extended into firm friendships. Our own Clevedon Scout Group hosted five Swedish Scouts 3 years ago for the Summer, people whom we met on *Scoutlink*.

JOTI is just one other way of Scouts bringing people together and extending the hand of friendship to all that we know or the friends we haven't met yet.

Picture left to right: Sez, Ambo and Hotwire during JOTI 2001



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PLUNKET IN THE VILLAGE

Residents of Clevedon could be forgiven for assuming that the Clevedon Scout Group had decided to have it's weekly meeting in the heart of the Clevedon Village last week.

The Cubs, Scouts and Venturers were out collecting for Plunket's 2002 Appeal.

The 35 young people didn't take long to knock on all the doors of the Village, so the last hour of the evening was spent playing games on the Village Green and munching on the wonderful thank you "goodies" that the Plunket presented us with.

The Group really enjoyed being out in the community; meeting new people and helping Plunket at the same time. Thanks for your donations!

AN EXPEDITION FOR BRONZE

"I felt really confident in my ability to lead my team on the expedition", says Janelle McAllister, when reporting back on her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition.

15 year old Janelle led a team of four from the Venturer Unit through the Kohukohunui Track during the September School Holidays. The trampers, each carrying 17kg, walked the 29.6 km from the Moumoukai Hill Road Carpark to Waiharau Regional Park.

Janelle's preparation for the activity included designing the route, contacting and discussing the activity with the Ranger for the Hunua's, organising camping and activity permits, listing out personal and team equipment requirements, designing a menu and purchasing the food.

The most important task prior to the activity was completing a Risk Management



Analysis. "I felt that this better prepared us for the journey" states Janelle in her report. "I know that all of the things that could have gone wrong were planned for".

"We are not tramping to increase physical ability", says Sez Corney, the Venturer leader. "We are tramping as a group of friends in fellowship with one another. We are there to see and smell the magnificent bush which is right on our doorstep, capture the views from the mountain ridges and hear the birds call out greetings to us as we pass".

"Our Venturers feel really happy these days about the challenge of over-nighting in the middle of the bush and engaging the environment for what it has to offer. And so with the Kohukohunui Track 'mud and all' conquered - it is on to the next great adventure."

The Venturers are keen for other teenagers to join them in their activities. This term they will be having a dabble at some self defence skills, tour BHP NZ Steel's Waiuku plant, help with some feeding at the Zoo, learn about the Kokako Recovery project, and they have another tramp planned for November.

Committee Comment

It's not easy fundraising for a Scout Group that needs new tents and backpacks one minute, finance for a NZ Jamboree for 12 Scouts, a trip to Windsor Castle in the UK or a World Jamboree in Thailand the next, and still has to pay the rent and insure our assets.

The Clevedon Scout Group Committee Section have had a hard year of it and the Scouts of the Group would like to say "Thanks!"

The small group of six people that support Scouting in our Community have worked all out this year to provide for the ever changing needs of a Group that is experiencing 100% growth in just 8 short months.

There are hundreds of people in the Clevedon Community that know just what this is all about as they have served on the Scout Committee at some time over the last 70 years. You will be pleased to know that our Committees still work just as hard and yield excellent results from their efforts!

They write to different philanthropic trusts and businesses asking for money and product. They administer sales of chocolate and raffle tickets, and organise and run Sausage Sizzles. They account for our funds, write thank you letters and look after our ever-changing member lists. Not to mention providing information and support to our new families as they become involved in the family of Scouting.

To our Committee - thank you from the bottom of our hearts for everything you do for us!



Camping Guidelines

For those of you planning a Camping Experience this summer we have identified 10 simple rules which should assist in making your trip safer and more enjoyable.

1. A hot rock placed in your sleeping bag will keep your feet warm. A hot enchilada works almost as well, but the cheese sticks between your toes.
2. The best backpacks are named for national parks or mountain ranges. Steer clear of those named for landfills.
3. While the Swiss Army Knife has been popular for years, the Swiss Navy Knife has remained largely unheralded. Its single blade functions as a tiny canoe paddle.
4. Modern rain coats made of fabrics that "breathe" enable campers to stay dry in a downpour. Rain coats that sneeze, cough, and belch, however, have been proven to add absolutely nothing to the wilderness experience.
5. You'll never be lost if you remember that moss always grows on the south side of your compass.
6. You can duplicate the warmth of a downfilled sleeping bag by climbing into a plastic rubbish bag with several geese.
7. When camping, always wear a long-sleeved shirt. It gives you something to wipe your nose on.
8. A two-man pup tent does not include two men or a pup.
9. The guitar of the noisy teenager at the next campsite makes excellent kindling.
10. When using a public campground, a tuba placed on your picnic table will keep the campsites on either side vacant.

Medieval Madness at the District Cub Camp



Visit our Website: <http://www.rockhoppers.net/scouts/clevedon/>

Let us know if you are coming along in 2003....

Phone the Group Leader Sez Corney 09 2987679

Keas:

Tuesday 5.15—6.15 p.m.

Tuesday 5.30— 6.30 p.m.

6—7 year olds

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



COUNTING THE KEAS

Recruiting over for another year – our latest Introductory Evening for Kea's helped to introduce 8 new Keas, 3 Cubs and 1 Scout to our Group.

Welcome to all our new families!