

Clevedon Scouts Out and About...

WE ARE ZORBANAUTS!

You might have heard of it ... you might have even seen it ... but there aren't many who have actually sampled this awesome thrill-seekers passion ... Zorbing – it's just the best fun!

The Clevedon Venturer Unit, parents and leaders recently took the three-hour drive to Rotorua for a quick overnight stay, a trip up the Gondola, some Lugging and the highlight of the trip – Zorbing.

Nestled in the valley just west of Ngongataha along with the Agrodome, Agrojet, Freefall and Vertical Bungy activities, Rotorua Zorbing has become one of the all time favourites for activities of the Clevedon Venturer Unit.

The Venturers started their Zorb-experience with a weigh-in, sign-in and a change into

clothes for getting wet in!

After a swift and exhilarating 4-wheeled van ride to the top of the hill, the guide explained how to "dive" through the very small hole on the side of the giant plastic ball. Once inside the Zorb and comfortably seated the pairs of Venturers were doused with several bucket loads of water. Then it was time for the guide to push them over the edge. Screams, laughter and shouts of delight came from inside the Zorbs as one by one they tumbled over and down the long grassy slope to the landing point approx 200 metres later.

The adrenaline rush, the fun and the excitement was beyond belief as each pair of *Scouts* rolled their way to the extreme.

At the bottom they were greeted with



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warm towels and cameras. This is the second time the Venturers have visited Rotorua and taken part in this awesome experience.

And their final words to the team at Zorbing Rotorua? We'll be back!

Calling all Young People.... Phone the Group Leader Sez Corney 09 2987679 to put Scouting in your life!

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



Campfire Fun



One might have been forgiven for thinking that the Clevedon Cub Pack had had an explosion in numbers last week as the 50 or so Cubs, Parents and Leaders settled in for a Campfire against the chilly Clevedon evening.

The 1st Papakura Cub Pack joined Clevedon Cubs for a fun filled evening with games, campfire and a supper afterwards. "It was awesome fun" said Bishop after the evening was all over, "one of those special campfires that you can only share with Scouting people".

Campfires are a time for songs, skits, laughter, yells and reflection and are treated with reverence among Scouting folk. The *Scout* Campfire is not for cooking or toasting marshmallows (which is contrary to popular belief) but more a very special programme of enjoyment following a predefined pattern from highs and lows to a quiet time as the campfire draws to a close.

All *Scouts* remember their first campfire as well as the many hundreds that they will have along the way.

Training our Leaders

Four Clevedon Scout Group leaders completed their Stage 3 Kea leader training over a chilly August weekend at Camp Sladdin.

Linda Roberts, Vicki King, Mary Brady and Brent McKee recently gave up a whole weekend of their time to take part in a Scouting Experienced course. They were able to sample new crafts, learn about planning a programme, learn risk management skills, the theory of Keas; their needs and aims, and to share through networking a whole host of Kea programme ideas.

The weekend was a huge success and was topped off with the presentation of Warrants to be leaders in the Scout Movement to our four Clevedon Volunteers. Well done team!



Group Leader, Sez Corney presents Warrants to four of our new Kea Leaders; Left to Right: Vicki King, Sez Corney, Brent McKee, Mary Brady and Linda Roberts.

FIRE RESCUE CENTRE

For the third time this year the Clevedon Scouts have been visiting a Fire Station. However the Scout Troop visit was just a little bit different from that experienced by the Venturer Unit and Cub Packs earlier in the year.

On a frosty 20th August evening the troop were at the Auckland International Airport visiting the Airport Rescue Centre for a tour taking in the huge requirements of a major rescue centre and all its state of the art equipment and vehicles.

The centre has the largest fire fighting vehicle in the Southern Hemisphere, costing \$1.6M and holding 60,000L which it can pump out in under 2 minutes. There are four pump units on call at any one time, a hovercraft and three rescue boats, as well as the incident command post bus, a water tanker, and a rapid response unit vehicle for responding to any medical emergencies in and around the airport.

The Scouts were treated to a simulated demonstration of one of rescue fire appliances using its water cannon. The crew of 10 emergency personnel made the troop feel really at home and the Scouts climbed in and out of the rescue vehicles overawed with the sheer power and sophistication of these modern appliances.

Kea Introductory Evening

Next term all families in Clevedon are invited to bring along their 6 and 7 year old girls and boys to an Introductory Evening of Keas. There will be an explanation about Kea Scouts and their activities, what expectations there are of parents or caregivers as their children become involved in Keas, some crafts, some games and of course a story about a special Kea. This is a perfect opportunity for those who have perhaps not yet taken that first step in joining in the fun of Keas to come along and have a try for themselves and see what it is that we have been talking about.

We would love to see you on 09 October 2002, 6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Scouts is...

**Hard-out, tough fun...
Any questions???**



... then phone 09 2987679
and join Scouts today!



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