

Clevedon Scouts Out and About... We Went to V04!!!

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What an amazing adventure our Unit had for 10 days in early January. 350 Venturer Scouts from all over New Zealand and Australia traveled to Canterbury for the 9th New Zealand Venture.

It was a very early departure on 02 January when they caught the first flight to Christchurch.

After a long wait at Christchurch airport, they were collected and delivered to Rimu Park for the registration, opening ceremony and departure to their off-site bases.

The Clevedon Unit members had chosen activities like Blobbing at the Beach Base, Shooting at Lock Stock and Four Smoking Barrels, Sightseeing in Viva West Coast and tramping the Southern Traverse. Other Venturers went off to enjoy Wet and Wild Water Activities, Movin' Hooves on a five day horse trek, 4 Wheel Driving the back country, Ambling the Alps and the Aviation Station. And so, they departed for five days at their chosen destinations of discovery.

Once the first phase was over, they reunited at Staverley Camp Site near Methven. Here the atmosphere, was one of Unity as 350 teenagers had become one team.



They went on to enjoy day trips of White Water Rafting, Jet Boating, 4 Wheel Driving,



day trips to Christchurch, Timaru and a picturesque lake with sunshine and sand. Some, of course, hung out at the campsite where they could change their hair colour, sculpt Oamaru Stone, swim in the River, ride a Bucking Bronco, Big Mit Boxing, Jelly Wrestling or Chill and listen to music (or sleep).



Each day the socializing continued well into the night with movies in the Theatre marquee, Disco's

every night and a late night café where they could play pool and hang out. It would be truthful to say that most did not get enough sleep – some even missing buses when they slept in!

One of the evening highlights was the magnificent 70's party. Everyone dressed up and danced to 1970's music.

The Canterbury weather was amazing throughout the Venture, and apart from the heat and dryness there was cold, wet and windy to diversify their experience. The Fire

Risk was high which meant that cold showers were often on the menu as they were unable to light the diesel hot water chuffers.

So what an awesome experience! And did they make new friends – OF COURSE THEY DID!

The sadness of the good-byes on the last day will surely last long in the memories of the 10 from Clevedon that attended. No doubt though that the joy of taking part will be forever in their hearts!



The Clevedon Venturer Unit were financially supported by **NZ Community Trust** for V04, for which they are very grateful.

Our Mission Statement: Clevedon Scout Group will provide youth, adults and our community a challenging and positive experience within a safe environment

We're Back!

Keas, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers all started back in full force last week with a Beach Barbecue for the young people and their families at Duders Beach.

This annual social evening is an ideal way of getting back to Scouting and we were able to enjoy a warm summers evening with a full tide, swimming and lots of yummy food.

Oh my, didn't everyone get tall during the holidays!!!



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What did Santa bring?

On 02 December 2003 the Clevedon Scout Group celebrated their Annual Christmas party with games, food, music and of course Santa!

This year Santa had a special treat in store as each Kea, Cub, Scout, Venturer and Leader received a day pack bearing the insignia of the Clevedon Scout Group.



Good work Santa - we'll get lots of use out of those!

Did we miss your call last year?
Please try us again...

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or email

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Join the
Scouting Adventure Today!

Keas:

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

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