

Forest News

November 2011

Dear All,

*"Guiding is a movement, not just an organisation.
It liberates the creativity of the young and educates
the imagination. For many it is an opportunity to discover
new roles, talent and capabilities in themselves."*

(Tom Wylie, Chief Executive of the National Youth Organisation)

As we head towards the end of another year and the start of 2012, the above quote reminds us that we should make the most of the many opportunities Girlguiding offers. Please see inside for more details on how you can get involved in new roles.

Finally, as always, thank you for your continued support in providing quality guiding across the County.

Yours in Guiding,

Catriona



Cheshire Forest Team

Meet the County Team...

1st Response Co-Ordinator

Steph Kemp - kempsteph@cheshireforest.org.uk

The 1st Response co-ordinator organises first response trainings for leaders in the County. The training provides important knowledge we all need to ensure we provide good, safe practice. If you have not yet completed your first response training, or are due for renewal, please get in touch to find out when the next training is. Visit the 1st Response area on the County's website for resources and course information.



Indoor Residential Adviser

Karen Nash - karen.nash@cheshireforest.org.uk

The Indoor Residential Adviser helps any leader who wishes to plan or organise indoor residential or overnights trips, and ensures the Leader has the correct qualifications to safely run them. Also, organises training sessions and taster holidays for leaders to learn all there is to know to take their girls on holiday or overnight adventure.



Vacancies

The following roles are presently vacant within the County Team. If you are interested in any of the roles below or would like to get more involved in the development of the County please contact Catriona Skinner for further information: catrionaskinner@cheshireforest.org.uk

Outdoor Activities Co-ordinator

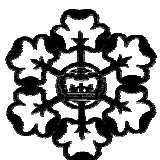
The outdoor activities co-ordinator chairs the outdoor team, which is responsible for co-ordinating the outdoor programme for the County. The outdoor team is made up of division outdoor advisers and specialist advisers e.g. water, walking, camps etc. She acts as an ambassador for the outdoors and is a point of contact for Leaders for any outdoor matters within the County.

Chair of Finance

The Chair of Finance provides sound financial advice to the County Commissioner, Division Commissioners and Adviser/Co-ordinators. They chair the Finance Committee meetings; ensuring decisions are recorded and reported to the County executive meeting for agreement. They work closely with the County Treasurer and between them they do the financial planning for the County and keep everything afloat.

Outdoor Residential Adviser

The outdoor residential adviser helps any Leader who wishes to plan or organise outdoor residential events. They ensure that leaders have the correct qualifications to run events safely. Also, they organise training sessions and taster holidays for leaders to learn all there is to know to take their girls away.



Queen's Guide Congratulations

Wendy Silvester - 1st Caldley Valley
Guides, Grosvenor Division



Thank you

Kingsley & Norley Guides (Weaver Division) would like to say thank you to Frodsham Brewery, for their very generous donation towards buying a new trailer for transporting camping equipment.

1st Response Training 2012 information...

FULL DAY courses for those working on their Leadership Qualification or Leaders who have NOT attended a course for more than three years. And **RENEWAL EVENING** courses for Leaders to renew every three years will be advertised on Cheshire Forest Website **EVERY MONTH** and be located at different venues around Cheshire Forest County. Keep checking the web site for information.





GACHS and Resource Training 28th & 29th Jan

2 days training for Guiders considering a residential licence covering all modules, plus a 1 day Refresher, Update and resource training for both GACHS Guiders and Guiders who already hold a licence.

Booking will be on first come first serve basis, Fee to cover the resource 'Going Away with Guiding' and Refreshments. Please bring a GACHS training book (to be signed).

Cost: Sat 28th Jan £10.00/£17.50 (inc. Guiding Resource)

Sun 29th Jan £10.00 (incl. all printed Resources)

Please complete the form below if you wish to attend.

Please bring a packed lunch for each day

BOOKING FORM GACHS & Resource Training

YOUR DETAILS

Name of Unit _____

Division _____

Name of leader / main contact _____

Address _____

_____ Post Code _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate which day/days you wish to attend (tick):-

- Sat 28th Jan - GACHS Training, 9.00am–6.00pm
- £10.00 - Training NOT including the Going Away with Guiding Resource
- £17.50 - Training INCLUDING the Going Away with Guiding Resource
- Sun 29th Jan - Resource Training, 10.00am–4.00pm
- £10.00 - Training including printed resources

For Sunday 29th please choose up to 3 trainings, indicate your choices below (tick)

- New Forms/How GO can help with your holiday
- Outdoor Catering (Campfire)
- First Aid for Camps & Holidays
- Themes & Resources
- Pettypool Resources

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please make cheques payable to: Girlguiding Cheshire Forest

Please return the completed booking form and payment via post to:
Karen Nash, 6 Croft Heath Gardens, Croft, Warrington, WA37EL

Email: karen.nash@cheshireforest.org.uk with any queries

Closing date: 13th Jan 2012

SENIOR SECTION DEMYSTIFIED

What is Senior Section?

- > Senior Section is for any member of Girlguiding UK aged 14-25 years
- > Girls **do NOT** have to be a member of a Senior Section or Ranger unit to take part in Senior Section opportunities
- > We have our own uniform
- > When we make the promise we have an extra responsibility - to be of service to the community
- > We follow a programme called LOOK WIDER which covers 8 octants - *fit for life, creativity, international, personal values, leadership, independent living, community action and out of doors*

Did you know that all of these people are actually Senior Section members?

1. A GUIDE aged 14+
2. A YOUNG LEADER aged 14-16 years
3. An ADULT LEADER aged 18-25 years
4. A member of a Ranger unit
5. A member of a Senior Section Unit

GET UP TO SPEED so that you can support your YL's! Look out for Senior Section info sessions aimed at all section leaders and girls 14+, taking place in your Division in 2012

For support or answers to any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch:
seniorsection@cheshireforest.org.uk

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A YOUNG LEADER?

To make refreshments for the Guides?
To clean up after the Brownies?



Young Leaders are our leaders of the future.

They need to be valued and supported to reach their full potential

It is important they take an active part in planning and running the unit, that they are aware of the qualifications they can undertake and the opportunities that they can get involved with as a Senior Section member



GET INFORMED - come to one of our information evenings in 2012



Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Girlguiding UK and The Scout Association have been working together on a resource pack to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. There are metal and cloth badges also available.

For a taster of the pack, visit the Cheshire Forest website to see how you can start to think about celebrating it in your units.

Do YOU have a Young Leader working with your unit?

Can YOU answer YES to each of these questions?

1. Does she take an active part in planning and running the unit?
2. Is she working on the YL or AL qualification?
3. Does she know about Senior Section or Ranger units locally?
4. Does she know about Senior Section events in the County / Region?
5. Does she know about INNOVATE, In4mers & the Queen's Guide Award?
6. Does she know about INTOPS/GOLD & International opportunities?

CHECKLIST

Spokesperson Training - 14th or 15th January

Spokesperson training is intended to be an introduction to speaking publically about guiding. The training session involves exploring Girlguiding UK's key messages, how they relate to people's guiding experiences and how using them challenges the outdated public perception of guiding.

This training will be both theory and practical.

This training is open to Adult or young girl members - aged 14+, who are enthusiastic about guiding, fairly confident, easily contactable and generally available for interviews.

More information on the NWE Region website.

Deadline: Monday 12th December




GO! Training 2012

Sessions over the weekend 13th to 15th January 2012

Cost: Free (light refreshments will be provided at no cost)

Commissioners and all Leaders
(including Assistant Leaders and Leaders in Training)

Comprehensive hands-on training to allow the accurate use of 

You can also take a leisurely walk around Pettypool if you have not been before.

Please bring your *own laptop* (wireless connection is available at Pettypool).

Please make sure you are the administrator for this laptop.
If you are unsure about this please get in touch with Janet Grant

Please book onto one of the sessions and tell us what you are having problems with.
Please enter all the information so that we will be able to tailor the training just for you and your role

For further information contact: Janet Grant
Email: janetgrant@cheshireforest.org.uk

BOOKING FORM FOR GO! JANUARY 2012 TRAINING

Name

Membership Number

Unit

Role Commissioner/Leader/Assistant Leader/Leader in Training
(Please circle all that applies)

Postal Address

Email Address

Dietary requirements



Scheduled session times: (Please put your numbered choices and we will endeavour to slot you into your first choice - an email will confirm your session)

FRIDAY	5pm to 7pm	.....	Saturday	3.30pm to 4.30pm	.....
	7pm to 9pm	.....		5pm to 6pm	.....
SATURDAY	9am to 11am	.....		6pm to 8pm	.....
	11am to 1pm	.....	SUNDAY	9am to 11am	.....
	1.30pm to 2.30pm	.....		11am to 1pm	.....
	2.30pm to 3.30pm	.....		1pm to 3pm	.....



Girlguiding
Cheshire



A MUSIC GIG & CAMPING FOR GUIDES & SENIOR SECTION

BE THERE!

23RD / 24TH JUNE 2012

at the Cheshire Show
Ground, Tabley

BE A PART!

TICKET INFO:

EARLY BIRD tickets only £20.00!
(before Dec 31st 2011)
TICKETS £25.00 | Leaders £7.50
(ticket includes breakfast & badge)

Take part in the FABFEST CHALLENGE and party the evening away with our live bands at the FABFEST gig. BE THERE!



VISIT US ONLINE FOR BOOKING INFO:

www.fabfest.co.uk



FABFEST 2012 BOOKING FORM

Group Leader:

Membership Number:

Group Name:

Guiding County :

Contact address:

Postcode:

Phone Number:

Email address:

Early Bird tickets:
(Before 31/12/11)

@ £20 = £

Tickets
(01/01/12 to 30/04/12)

@ £25 = £

Leaders tickets

@ £7.50 = £

TOTAL

£

Please make cheques payable to 'FABFEST 2012'. Send fully completed booking form along with full cheque payment to FABFEST 2012, Girlguiding Cheshire, PO Box 555 Macclesfield, Cheshire SK10 9EF

Confirmation will be sent by email. All payments are non-refundable. Closing date for tickets is 30/04/12

Any questions or for further information please email enquiries@fabfest.co.uk



International Congratulations!

Several Cheshire Forest members have been selected to take part in various international events in 2012.

International Team

GOLD 2012 projects:

Alison Boag-Munroe - Tanzania
Emma McLaughlin (Copnall) - Cambodia
Rebecca Smith - Malawi
Lucy Hargreaves - Malawi

NWE Region trips:

Amber Burrows - Leader - Madagascar
Lynsey Hamlett - Assistant Leader - Madagascar
Rachel Fielding - Leader - Eastern Europe
Jessica Vale - Assistant Leader - Eastern Europe
Laura Watkin - Assistant Leader - Eastern Europe
Charlette De Toms-Scott - Participant, Eastern Europe
Clare McKay - Participant, Madagascar

County Diary for 2011/2012

December 2011

- Saturday 3rd Happy Helpers Day @ Pettypool (9:30am - 12pm)
Saturday 10th Sunday 11th - Father Christmas @ Pettypool

January 2012

- Sunday 8th County Team Lunch and Meeting
Friday 13th Sunday 15th - Go! Training Weekend @ Pettypool
Tuesday 24th Outdoor Team Meeting (7pm for 7:15pm)
Saturday 28th Sunday 29th - GACHS Training @ Pettypool

February 2012

- Tuesday 7th County Executive Meeting (7pm for 7:15pm)

March 2012

- Saturday 3rd Region Adviser's Day
Tuesday 13th Leaders Get Together @ Pettypool (6pm onwards)
Saturday 24th International Day (stories, dance etc) Rainbows
Saturday 24th Region GAINING Training
Saturday 31st March - County Day
Saturday 31st Region Growing Guiding
Saturday 31st Sunday 1st April - Cheshire Hike

April 2012

- Saturday 21 Brownie Day @ Pettypool

May 2012

- Thursday 3rd Outdoor Team Meeting (7pm for 7:15pm)
Tuesday 22nd County Executive Meeting (7pm for 7:15pm)
Saturday 26th Brownie Adventurous Activity Day

June 2012

- Sunday 17th Region - Reaching our Highest Point Event - All sections
Tuesday 19th Wednesday 20th - Cheshire Show
Friday 22nd FABFEST 2012 (pm) - Brownies
Saturday 23rd Sunday 24th J- FABFEST 2012 - Guides and Senior Section
Tuesday 26 Finance Committee Meeting (7pm for 7:15pm)
Friday 29th June - Sunday 1st July - Rainbow 25th Celebration/Sleepover @ Pettypool
Friday 29th June - Sunday 1st July - International Selection
Saturday 30th Region Forward Focus - Senior Section

July 2012

- Friday 6th - Sunday 8th - Carol Thorley Weekend
Saturday 7th Guide Challenge Day
Saturday 7th Region Prospective Trainers & Tutors Day
Sunday 8th Region Adult INTOPS
Tuesday 10th County Executive Meeting (7pm for 7:15pm)

September 2012

- Saturday 22nd - Sunday 23rd - Guide/Senior Section Transition Event @ Pettypool
Saturday 29th Region Commissioner's Conference

October 2012

November 2012

- Tuesday 6th - Finance Committee Meeting (7pm for 7:15pm)
Friday 16th - Sunday 18th November - Rainbow Sleepover @ Pettypool
Tuesday 20th County Executive Meeting (7pm for 7:15pm)
Tuesday 27th County Celebration Evening (to be confirmed)

Also

- BP Weekends - dates to be confirmed
Survival/Back to Basics Weekend - date to be confirmed

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Join the mailing list to receive information about news and events direct to your inbox. During the sign-up process you can select which sections you want to receive information about, allowing us to send you relevant information.

Please note that this service is not replacing Forest News, but it will be used to send reminders and last minute updates from across the County.

Please encourage Senior Section members and Leaders to join.

You can unsubscribe at any time. Visit the website at www.cheshireforest.org.uk for details, or alternatively, the direct address to sign-up is: <http://eepurl.com/bNVh1>

Anything to be included in the eUpdates should be emailed to Chris Champion at the following address: mailing@cheshireforest.org.uk



Olympic and Paralympic Challenge



On Your Marks... takes units on a journey through three aspects of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games: their values, sports and cultural opportunities. Each of the three sections has a badge that can be made into a complete circle. The badges all have the official 2012 inspire Mark logo on them.



A badge is available for any member to buy as a memento of this special year. It fits in the middle of the three On Your Marks... badges, or can be worn separately. There is a downloadable toolkit On Your Marks... Celebrate! This

will be on the National website at Members' area > What's happening? > Olympic and Paralympic Games from 4th January 2012.