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Introduction

Welcome. This newsletter is sent to those with activities appointments and summarises recent communications sent to those with activities roles. It will also be available at scouts.org.uk/activitiescommunications

Team changes

After nearly 12 years working for The Scout Association and the UK Activities Team we have said farewell to Barney Poulton (Programme & Development Adviser). Barney has moved onto a new challenge in Cumbria where he will be getting back to enjoying the outdoor life and plenty of activities.

At the same time we have also said goodbye to Emma Saunders who has moved onto a new role elsewhere at UK HQ. Recruitment is underway to fill the vacancies that Barney and Emma leave but in the mean time please bear with us and we will try to deal with your enquiries as quickly as possible.

Volunteer vacancies

Looking to extend your passion by taking on a national volunteer role? Our current volunteer opportunities within the UK Activities team are:

- [UK Technical Advisers \(UKTAs\) for various activities](#)
- [NSGSO Manager](#)
- [National DofE Training SASU Manager](#)

Full details of all national volunteer vacancies, including these, can be found at scouts.org.uk/volunteervacancies.

Recent updates

Full details of these previously communicated updates can be found at scouts.org.uk/activitiesupdates:

- Activities Abroad (Sept 2013)
- Rowing and Sculling (Nov 2013)
- Activity Permit Scheme (Nov 2013)
- Moderation of the Activity Permit Scheme (Nov 2013)
- Powered water activities (Dec 2013)



Events

All activities events can be found at scouts.org.uk/events. This could include any of the following event types:

- Activities for young people
- Activities workshops
- Permit assessments
- Activities training
- Other training
- Shows and concerts
- DofE expedition opportunities
- DofE training – expedition assessor
- DofE training – expedition supervisor
- DofE training – intro
- DofE residentials

If you would like us to include an event, please send details to activities@scouts.org.uk. Include the name, venue, date and web link.

Contact us

activities@scouts.org.uk

0845 300 1818

POR Pre launch checks

In the 6 December ScoutingPlus a communication about POR pre launch checks requested a final sense check of the changes to rules which have been approved by the Operations Sub Committee for implementation in 2014. This also included a member's announcement about paintball, check out the [full details](#).

Moderation

Don't forget that Counties have until the end of January to complete their moderation of the activity permit scheme. This process should be straight forward for the MAP's to complete and then have approved by the County Commissioner. Full details of the process can be found at scouts.org.uk/activitiesmoderation. If you need any help with developing action plans please [contact us](#) and we will try and offer you support.

Rolling review

There is an ongoing rolling review of the governance of all activities in Scouting. Details of the review process, and progress on current reviews can be found at scouts.org.uk/activitiesreview.

Gift your gear

Gift Your Gear is an independent nationwide initiative that provides outdoor clothing and equipment to UK community organisations, youth groups and charities working with young people in the outdoors.

Already Scouting has benefitted by receiving kit to help them make the most of the outdoor opportunities on offer to them.

Adrian Smith, Explorer Scout Leader applied for some waterproofs for his young people, 'Within a couple of weeks, I received a large box of very good quality waterproofs. There were a variety of recognised makes of clothing, including Berghaus, North Face & Rohan. I had to cover carriage costs of £20 which I found entirely reasonable. I was told not to send payment until I was happy with the kit we were sent. The cost of the kit we received as new would have well exceeded £2000. I can thoroughly recommend the project as a very good idea.'

Check out what they can offer your group or what you can offer them at giftyourgear.com.

Programme, Training and Event Guide 2014

You should have all received a copy of the programme, training and event guide from the Scout Activity Centers with your Dec/ Jan Scouting magazine. There are loads of great opportunities for both young people and adults, so check it out and encourage others to make the most of these packages which are on offer.