



January 2016

Regional Camp - Centurions 10th – 12th June 2016 Black Isle Show Ground

I hope you all had an enjoyable and peaceful festive season and are looking forward to another year of fun and adventure in Scouting.

2016 is going to be a very special year for Cubs particularly; with the celebration of 100 years of Cub Scouts, this is a fantastic opportunity to get out in the communities and promote and expand Scouting across the Highlands and Islands.

Switching focus now to our Regional Camp in June, planning for the weekend continues and **I'd like to ask all Districts and Groups** to ensure that completed forms and camp fees are returned well in advance of the 30th April deadline so that we can ensure that the planning for the weekend can be completed well in advance.

If you don't already have the information and forms that were issued in October they can be accessed in the following ways:

- (1) Regional Website http://www.hiscouts.org.uk/event-regional_camp_2016.html
- (2) Camp Dropbox
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/gx7porkesml7i88/AAD_6d4Zo45Bi_gx1_6EoCE1a?dl=0
- (3) email regionalcamp2016@gmail.com
- (4) Contact Craig (07764 250000) or Keith (or 01847 895278) **via telephone if you don't have online access and they'll arrange for some to be posted out to you.**

Please do not put completed forms into the Dropbox file. From a Data Protection and Security perspective we cannot store information relating to youth members in Dropbox **and we can't fully guarantee confidentiality of personal information relating to adult members.**

We've had a few queries relating to the arrangements and equipment for camping this year, as we're planning that the youth members will camp in Section areas rather than previously in districts/groups. For clarity there are no plans to mix youth members from different groups in tents, unless this is a district arrangement. This arrangements is aimed at ensuring that each section from the districts/groups camp in the same area so they are amongst their immediate friends and can mix specifically with others of their same age from across the Region over the weekend.

Districts/groups will still need to take all camping equipment for the numbers of youth and adult members attending, ensuring that there is sufficient to enable the different sections to camp separately i.e. if there are 15 Cubs attending from a group, then they will need to have tents and general equipment for 15.

In terms of larger mess tents, if we can ask that you still take these with you. These will be spread across the camp to ensure that each area has sufficient facilities as breakfast, lunch and snacks will again be centrally provided for catering within camping areas with dinner catered and provided centrally.

Adults attending from districts/groups will camp in an adult camping area close to each section area, however there will still need to be a wider camp responsibility taken by everyone. We hope to be able to have leaders looking after their section i.e. a Cub Leader looking after Cubs etc. We would hope to be able to have leaders from groups/districts in each section camp area wherever possible. It will be important that adults clearly indicate their role/section on their booking form as this will be used to work out these arrangements in advance.

Can I also remind you that all travel arrangements for the camp need to be co-ordinated with Calum Swanson prior to making any **confirmed bookings**. **Calum's contact details** are calum.swanson@gmail.com or 07912 365464. Travel is our biggest expense for the camp and we need to ensure that we keep this cost under control and make as efficient use of transport as we can.

I'll send a further update out in May with confirmed arrangements for the weekend once we have confirmed numbers and travel arrangements. I look forward to seeing you at the camp and to having another fantastic weekend.

Jenny Steven
Camp Chief