



NOTES and NEWS

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Your ZONE LEADER writes:

Happy New Year to all!!

I hope you all had a happy, safe and relaxing break with your families, and Santa was good to you all.

The weather was a bit mixed up, but any break is a good break.

A new Scouting year is about to begin, and I have already been fielding enquiries during the holidays for new members. Things are looking good for the new year, our exposure was guaranteed with appearances by various groups at their local Xmas parades, the Christmas festival in Whangarei, and ongoing exposure during the Endless Summer Festival.

Preparations are well under way for the 21st Jamboree being held in the South Island at the end of the year - I know for a fact that many Scouts, Leaders (me included) and Groups, are buzzing with excitement. Fundraising is in full swing and camps are being organised to assist Scouts to get to the required minimum skill standard to be eligible to attend.

I am looking forward to meeting up with various groups during the year to catch up on developments.

A couple of members of the Northland Zone have recently attended the Australian Jamboree, so I am looking forward to hearing all about their experiences from a scout's and a leader's point of view - should be very interesting!

FOUNDERS DAY 2016

Make this a BIG event whether you attend at Whangarei or the Bay of Islands

Founders Day will be celebrated in **Whangarei** on **Sunday, 21st February.**

Otaika Park has been booked and a programme of Scouting activities is being finalised.

Remember that this is part of the Whangarei "Endless Summer Festival" and suitable publicity will be included in local newspaper advertising. All youth will be encouraged to attend and may be able to join in the day's fun. This is a recruiting chance too good to miss up on, so come prepared to invite new members for your Group.

It is expected that Bay of Islands will organise its usual Raft Race/Sand Sculpture events, but as these are dependent on tides the date may vary a little from the above 21st February.

Whangarei Programme

10.30ish	Groups arrive and set up own area.
11.15	Fall in, prayer, flag break.
11.20	Welcome
11.25	Talk
11.35	Presentation of Awards
11.40	Renewal of Promises
	Keas Claire/Ann
	Cubs Wayne
	All others Des
11.45	Briefing on activities
11.50	Break off for lunch
12.30	Activities start Section Leaders
2.30	Activities end - tidy up
2.45	Parade for presentation of trophies
	Final comments Wayne
3.00	Flag down Des

Founders Day is the first big event on our Calendar. It is scheduled for Sunday 21st February, at blue Goose, SH1, just south of Whangarei.

The public is being invited to attend in a spectator capacity, and it is hoped that the simple act of seeing activities being performed by all sections, and youth of all ages, and also being able to ask questions of leaders and youth, may encourage more enquiries for membership both for youth and leaders. Either way, more good exposure is worth it.

With that in mind, I encourage all groups to attend with as many members as they can muster, and let's show the public of Northland, how strong and positive the Scouting movement is up here!! (Scout Law 3 "Be Positive")

As we are coming off a holiday break, and term has not yet begun, I am a little short on things to say (some would say that's a nice change), so I will leave now so you can enjoy the last couple of weeks of your break (if you are on one) and I look forward to seeing you all in Term 1 Bright eyed and bushy tailed.

Yours in Scouting,

Wayne

THANKS

It has been announced that **Brian Corney** has resigned from the position of UNI Regional Manager.

We offer thanks to Brian for the efforts he has made on behalf of Northland while he was Regional Manager.

BRAVO



We extend our congratulations to
Jeff Percival
who was awarded the Queen's Service Medal (QSM)
in the New Year's Honours.

Jeff was the GL of Motu Moana Group and also Asst Regional Manager. He had also been the judge of our Northland Campcraft Competition

2016 Northland Regatta



Where: Kai Iwi Lakes

When: Friday 11th to Sunday 13th March 2016

Who: All Sea Scout and Young Mariner groups in the UNI area, and any other Scout groups with an interest in water activity competition.

Activities to include Camping Standard, Seamanship, Rowing, Cutter and Sunburst Sailing, Kayaking and Ironman.

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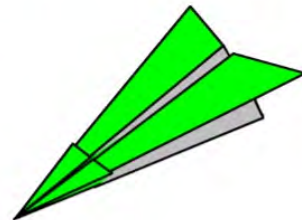
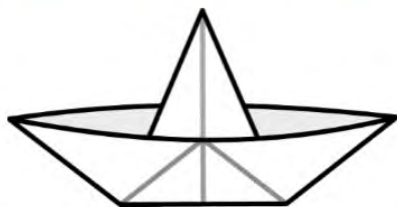
Founder's Day 2016

Konstruktion Keas



Sunday 21st February

Water Slide - to be confirmed



NEXT ISSUE

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SUNDRY BADGES

for swapping or putting on camp-fire blankets will be available at Whangarei Founders Day.
\$1 each



SHACKLETON CUBS END-OF-YEAR CAMP

In November, Shackleton Cubs went to the Tangihua Lions Lodge for the final camp of the year. We were fortunate to have good weather for the two days, and our Cubs enjoyed all the activities we threw at them. The Confidence Course and Burma Trail were a challenge to some, but the support from leaders and parents allowed Cubs to achieve much more than they thought possible. Other popular activities were the hikes, the compass course, and building bivouacs. The camp went so well, planning for our next camp in early 2016 began the following week! We thank all the parents who helped to make the camp such a success.



What's been happening?

Kaiwaka / Mangawhai

Scouts - Rangitoto Bach

Shackleton Sea Scouts

Scouts, & Venturers - Airsoft Game
- Te Araroa Tramp

Kamo

Group - Onerahi Xmas Parade
- Waipu Xmas Parade
Scouts - CSA Expedition

Kerikeri

Cubs - Lake Manuwai

ESTIMATION HINTS

One of the tests of the 1st Class Scout Award (now Chief Scout's Award) was to be able to estimate time, heights and distances. To do this every Scout was expected to know certain personal measurements that could be of use for this. Do your Scouts know their own measurements (or do you know yours)? Why not get your Scouts to compile a personal measurement chart and, since Scouts grow, to update the list at least annually.

These are all useful measurements to know:
Height, Height to tip of hand extended above head, Length of arm from armpit to tip of finger, Extended arms – from fingertip to fingertip, Length of thumb, Breadth of hand below thumb, Span of hand - thumb to small finger, Length of bare foot, Length of shoe, Wrist to elbow, Elbow to finger tip (Cubit).

Outdoor First Aid



Where Motu Moana Scout Den
90 Connaught Street, Blockhouse Bay

When Saturday 12th March, 0830 to 1700
and Sunday 13th March, 0830 to 1700

NZQA Unit Standards 424, 6400, 6401,
6402 (Total 9 Credits)

This course will cover both a full course (Saturday and Sunday) for those needing a first aid qualification, and a refresher (Saturday Only) for those wishing to revalidate their Outdoor First Aid qualification.

There is a pre-course assignment to complete for those on the full course.

Registrations to:

Regional Administrator Ph 09 827 5519

GREAT ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES

Shackleton participated in Term 4 in the Annual **Northland Campcraft Competition** with two patrols. "Quest" came away with third place, inspiring both patrols to have a go again next year.

Term 4 also saw 9 of our Kea, Cub, Scout & Venturer leaders along with 2 Venturers attend a two day **Outdoor First Aid course** in Auckland. We stayed at Mayfield Scout Den in Glenfield, using their bush area for the scenarios and den for the theory sessions and our accommodation. It was a great weekend of training and team building, bring leaders from all our groups together to learn and get to know each other better, with quite a few laughs along the way.

The end of term brought Kea, Cub, Scout & Venturer families together for a **fun day** at Parua Bay. A slightly damp start to the day didn't deter our families getting together for a sausage sizzle and some fun at the beach.

Our Venturers and a couple of senior Scouts participated in a **two night adventure** - a day sail and hike over the weekend of 15th - 17th January 2016, sailing from Shackleton Den to Urquharts Bay



then starting their hike incorporating some of the Te Araroa trail starting at Ocean Beach, over Kauri Mountain stopping at Taiharuru, crossing the estuary and finishing at Pataua North. We saw some tired youth returning with lots to tell of their adventure.



Currently the Shackleton Group is planning a **3 night camp** at Whananaki over Northland Anniversary weekend. Activities include a tramp from the Camp at Whananaki North to the Capitaine Bougainville Memorial taking the Whananaki track to get there, sailing and rowing training, a kayak up the Whananaki Estuary and some tasks and competitions to get some badge work completed. With 9 leaders and a group of 22 youth including Cubs, Scouts & Venturers it should be a fun weekend filled with lots of exploration and learning.



JAMBOREE SPECIAL

A new supply of Zone badges is due shortly .

A special offer of Zone Badges for the purpose of providing Jamboree swaps will be sold to Groups at the special price of \$1 each (payment with the order).

Note that badges for normal Group use remain at \$1.50 each.

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