

29th Dublin Blackrock Scout Troop



13th March 2012

Dear Parents,

Just a quick note about the **Group Shield Campcraft Competition** that will take place this weekend from Friday March 16th to Sunday March 18th in our own den in Blackrock - please note the dates as there was an error in a previous letter which suggested that the competition would run until Monday. It will finish at lunchtime on Sunday.

The agenda for the weekend is:

**Friday 16th March – Arrival at 1830hrs – full uniform to be worn for arrival
Pitch camp**

Saturday 17th March – Finish campsite

Attend 1030 mass in Blackrock church – This is a traditional activity of the troop where the Scouts present the Parish of Blackrock with Shamrock on St Patricks Day. Full Uniform necessary for Mass Parade. Scouts not camping are also invited along with all families – The Venture and Cub sections will attend as well.

Competition activities will resume after mass

Dinner to be cooked over an open fire

Campfire

Sunday 18th March – Strike camp after breakfast and tidy up

Midday - Prize Giving

1pm Go Home

We would like to thank Emma McMullin and the Venture Scout section for organising the camp which is a dry run to select our team for the County Campcraft Competition which will be held in April.

Emma is Camp Chief for the weekend and her phone number is 085 147 1992 in case you need to contact your scout. Our own Kevin Baker (085 7429158) who organised the group shield last year will be there for the weekend and I will be there most of the weekend. Feel free to contact any of us should the need arise. Do remember that the signal at the den is poor so if calling over the weekend you may not get through – do leave a message including the number to call you back on and we will return your call as soon as we get the message.

There is an equipment list on the reverse of this letter.

Please note that penknives may only be carried by leaders and qualified, authorised scouts and under no circumstances should hunting knives of any kind be brought. Believe me when I say that catapults are not needed either !

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours in Scouting,

Paul O'Loughlin Kennedy 086 2438556

29th Dublin Scouts

Group Shield Weekend Equipment List

- Rucksack (with two straps)
- Sleeping Bag
- Karri mat (sleeping mat)
- 1 change of old shoes/runners
- 2 full change of clothes
 - Tracksuit bottoms or Trousers,
 - Shorts
 - T-shirts
 - Jumpers
 - Underwear
 - Socks (4pairs)

- Raingear
- Plate/bowl/cup/knife/fork/spoon
- Personal wash gear – Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, facecloth, towel
- 1 tea towel
- Pyjamas (warm or tracksuit and socks)
- Torch (with extra batteries)
- Sun Cream (here's hoping)
- Plastic bags (for dirty and wet clothes)

No games consoles or phones to be brought.

If you want to bring a camera it must be a disposable one – the leaders will not be responsible for it.

No pocket money is to be given, but some sweets can be brought.