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## TRINITY GROUP GOES TO CAMP



At 5pm on a rapidly cooling Saturday afternoon in mid March, the Group Leader raised her hand and waited for silence. "Do you want a drink of Milo?" she asked. "Yes" they roared back. "Great" she said, and handed each of the six patrol leaders a billy full of ice cubes and a flint and striker. "Go to it" she said.

And so six composite Trinity Group Patrols made up of Keas, Cubs and Scouts set to work to scavenge firewood from under the hedges, build a tripod to suspend the billy from, and try valiantly and eventually successfully to light a fire using a flint and striker. One hour later, all 50 of the Keas, Cubs and Scouts had melted the ice, boiled the water and were drinking hot, sweet, milky Milo.

Shortly after that they were seated at dinner enjoying a spit roast lamb main course followed by a chocolate self saucing desert before trooping down the hill in the fading daylight to hold an enjoyable campfire.

The Keas spent the two nights in the bunk room at Camp Rutherford



A typical Jamboree site is 16 square metres per person or about 21m x 35m per site.

while the Cubs and Scouts camped in tents set out on a Jamboree sized campsite so that they learned how to be ready for the next Jamboree. A great weekend of training and education dressed up as fun by some very keen and enthusiastic leaders and not at all spoilt by rain overnight and Sunday morning.

## FIRST AID SESSIONS PAY



Next time your Scouts or Venturers complain about having to do some dry old First Aid training, just remind them we do it for a reason. We had a PLCamp on Waiheke Island recently and one unfortunate PL managed to fall off

his BMX bike. The fall happened some 120m along a difficult undulating path along a headland and when I arrived on the scene, about 2 minutes after the event, the other Scouts had already made the Scout comfortable, put him in the recovery position and could tell me he had been unconscious for around 45 seconds!

He was conscious but incoherent when I arrived, so an ambulance was summoned immediately. By the time the ambulance officer arrived on the scene the Scout was more coherent but complaining of severe pains to his shoulder and head.

The ambulance officer called the Westpac rescue helicopter and said that the patient needed to be carried out to a spot where the helicopter could pick him up safely as winching was not a viable option.

The Patrol Leaders assembled a stretcher and the patient was carefully carried out to meet the helicopter as it arrived. The patient was flown to hospital for treatment and discharged late that night. *Steve Graham — Cockle Bay*



Howick Sea Scout Keas celebrated their 1st Birthday on Monday! "We certainly have had an awesome year!!"

KEAS

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## LEADERS AND VENTURERS LEND A HELPING HAND...

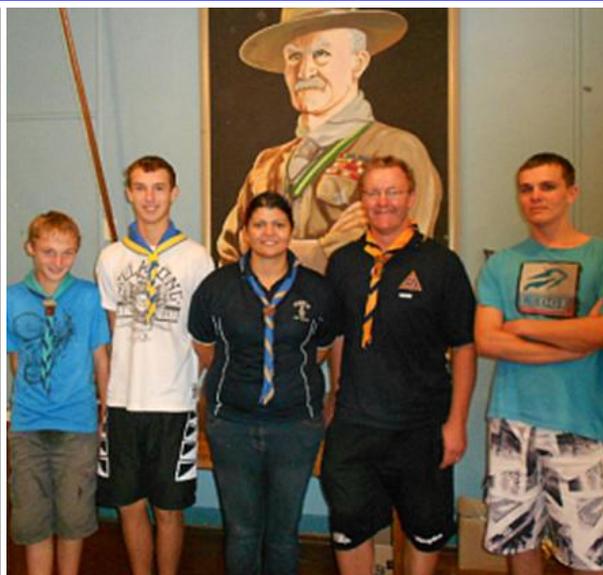
On Saturday 10th March three Kea Scout Leaders (Alex Winborn, Dave Hawke and Daniel Tipper) and two Venturers (Bradley McKenzie and Ben Wilkins) aided those involved in a car crash on Whitford Road at approximately 1.15pm.

Between the five of them they helped to move the over turned 4X4 back onto its wheels and moved it to the road side, safely directed traffic and called the emergency services.

Once the Police arrived on the scene the five were allowed to go on to their Kea Sleepover in Clevedon. Luckily no one in the overturned vehicle was seriously injured.

Leaders, Scouts and Venturers sometime query why SCOUTS requires them to undertake basic first aid and emergency training. This incident would be another good example of why. It all comes back to the Scout Motto: 'Be Prepared'.

*Ben Wilkins, Bradley McKenzie, Alex Winborn, Dave Hawke, Daniel Tipper >*



## KEA SLEEP-OVER ATTRACTS 40 KEAS



The 3rd annual Kea Sleep-over saw 40 Keas, 15 adults and leaders and 2 Venturers grace the grounds of the Camp Sladdin at Clevedon on the weekend of 10th March 2012.

On Saturday the Keas took a hike up the hill above the old quarry, went to see the glow worms and experienced a magical campfire led by Cub Leader George Everts. Sunday morning kicked off with a fun filled fitness session, then it was on to their badge work.

The Keas split up into 4 groups to do their badges, Techno Kea, Science Kea, Aviator Kea and Healthy Kea.

Then it was time for the Olympics! The Keas went on to earn their Olympic rings, competing at high jump, long jump, gumboot throw, nail relay, bean bag toss and shot put. *Alex Winborn*

## MANUKAU ZONE STEADILY GROWING

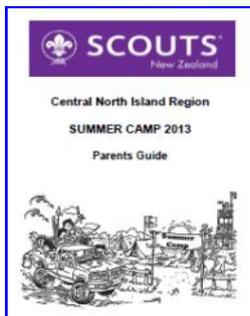
Several Group Leaders are reporting new Keas and Cubs joining at the rate of two or more a week at present. St Georges Scout Group in Papatoetoe is working on growing all three sections and is being helped in this by a small Zone Team assisted by Brendan Waters and Cat Clarke, two Cub Leaders from Farm Cove who are helping run the St George Cub Pack for three weeks. Former SL Alistair Bennett of Papatoetoe is acting as mentor for the Scouts.

Te Puru Sea Scouts also report sufficient interest in their community to start a new Group and some thought is being given as to how to best get this under way. Te Puru Group Hall is fully utilised and cannot accommodate any more sections.

We also understand that the new Ormiston Cub Pack which started last October is now full and has a waiting list.

## BOTH ZONES SUPPORT SUMMER CAMP

Manukau and Counties Zones will again send a combined Scout Troop and a combined Cub Pack to the Waitawheta Summer Camp. The Zone Troop and the Pack will be led by Trinity Group Leader **Niki Hotter**. Places are limited to 30 Scouts and 30 Cubs and based on previous experience it will pay to book your place as soon as the bookings open in May. Individual Scouts and Cubs from Manukau and Counties Zones may apply



The *Scout Camp* will be from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> January and the *Cub Camp* from the 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

Scout activity choices will be allocated as each booking is received so be in early.

A free '*Summer Camp Guide for Parents*' available in May, explains how Summer Camp is organised and gives costs, dates, personal gear required, registration and programme.

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH, OR THE YEAR PERHAPS?

ABOUT TIME SOMEONE SAID IT. NORTHLAND COLLEGE (NZ) PRINCIPAL JOHN TAPENE HAS OFFERED THE FOLLOWING WORDS FROM A JUDGE WHO REGULARLY DEALS WITH YOUTH.... "ALWAYS WE HEAR THE CRY FROM TEENAGERS 'WHAT CAN WE DO, WHERE CAN WE GO?...MY ANSWER IS, "GO HOME, MOW THE LAWN, WASH THE WINDOWS, LEARN TO COOK, BUILD A RAFT, GET A JOB, VISIT THE SICK, STUDY YOUR LESSONS, AND AFTER YOU'VE FINISHED, READ A BOOK. YOUR TOWN DOES NOT OWE YOU RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND YOUR PARENTS DO NOT OWE YOU FUN. THE WORLD DOES NOT OWE YOU A LIVING, YOU OWE THE WORLD SOMETHING. YOU OWE IT YOUR TIME, ENERGY AND TALENT SO THAT NO ONE WILL BE AT WAR, IN POVERTY OR SICK AND LONELY AGAIN." IN OTHER WORDS, GROW UP, STOP BEING A CRY BABY, GET OUT OF YOUR DREAM WORLD AND DEVELOP A BACKBONE, NOT A WISHBONE. START BEHAVING LIKE A RESPONSIBLE PERSON. YOU ARE IMPORTANT AND YOU ARE NEEDED. IT'S TOO LATE TO SIT AROUND AND WAIT FOR SOMEBODY TO DO SOMETHING SOMEDAY. SOMEDAY IS NOW AND THAT SOMEBODY IS YOU.

Those of us who have been around a while really related to this.

We are not implying anything whatsoever in respect of Venturers, but it could make an interesting topic of discussion at a Venturer Unit meeting perhaps, and get a youth perspective on the topic?

### OMANA PARK OPEN DAY WELL ATTENDED



The annual Auckland City Omana Regional Farm Park open day was held in March and as usual the public attended in their thousands. Manukau and Counties Zone Scouts were also there and operated three sites that were well supported by the public.

**Ormiston Cub Pack** stayed overnight at the nearby TePuru Scout Hall and ran two games during the day, throwing toilet rolls through a hanging toilet seat, and a paper plane flying competition.

**Scouts Associate** Chips McKinnon erected a rope bridge that was crossed by hundreds of 'potential Scouts' and was assisted by the Te Puru Venturers when it came to packing up.

**Takanini Scouts** erected a model campsite, camped on site and operated a water slide all day Sunday.

**Te Puru Scouts** built a 'Trebuchet' sometime known as a 'Ballista' or a catapult and flung wet sponges a great distance. They also had one of their two cutters on site.

**Clevedon Group** operated a successful BBQ stand in the food court area.

This annual event is one of two Auckland City activities that our two zones support in order to promote SCOUTS. It is well worthwhile and gives us exposure to over 20,000 people. The other event is the Ambury Farm Park Open Day scheduled for November 7th 2012.

### SCOUT LEADERS HELP POLICE ACTIVITY

Two Leaders from SCOUTS will be assisting the Police Blue Light Camp on the 30<sup>th</sup> March by running two activities.

**Brendan Waters** a Farm Cove Cub Pack Leader led the canoe activity, an expedition along the Wairoa River which runs through Clevedon Village. The canoes are being supplied by Farm Cove Scout Group.

**Phil Allen** of Pukekohe Scouts is running a survival base which featured skinning rabbits and cooking them and also building a bivouac in the bush. The camp is to be held at Camp Sladdin and will be led by Community Constable **Merv Hotter** who is also a Scout Leader at Trinity Group.



### VENTURERS NEED FUNDRAISING JOBS

Captain Musick Venturer Unit are committed to a number of activities this year that will entail a significant amount of fund raising, some of these activities are the National Venture, Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School, static line parachute jumps and a Padi diving course, plus various regional training courses in Leadership, First Aid and Outdoor Skills. In this connection we are not asking for help with sausage sizzles car washes etc, but we looking for **WORK**.

With the first term holidays coming up our objective is to find some work for the two weeks of the holidays We will consider anything legal and don't mind getting our hands dirty.

You could help us in any of the three following ways

1. If you, your friends, relatives neighbours have a job that needs doing please contact us.
2. Check out if the companies that you work for or their suppliers have any opportunities that we could assist with.
3. If your employer has a notice-board you may be able to post a copy of this notice.

Our contact email details are [benwilkins12@gmail.com](mailto:benwilkins12@gmail.com) or Ben Wilkins on 09 534 9007

### COMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- National Cub Day, Omana Farm Park 1st April.
- Manukau Zone Meeting 24th April at the Howick RSA (7:15pm)
- Practical skills weekend May 5th and 6th, Camp Sladdin, Registrations to [angela@scouts.org.nz](mailto:angela@scouts.org.nz)
- Manukau Zone Social for all leaders May 19th Farm Cove Hall.

Want to see your Group activities in the Zone Newsletter? Just send a photo and an outline in text of the activity to the editor: [dmthorpe@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dmthorpe@xtra.co.nz) by the 25th of the month.

## COUNTIES ZONE MUDSLIDE DAY



Now you see it.... And now you don't, thanks to the NZ fire Service. Counties Zone mudslide day was celebrated at Papakura on the 18th March and a lot of fun was had by all, particularly by the Firemen.



The Counties 'Dunking Machine' in action at Mudslide Day.

## IS YOUR GROUP READY FOR ANZAC DAY ?

Anzac Day is coming up on 25th April and it's a great chance to show off our new uniforms. One Group we heard of, intends to put all the Cubs and Scouts wearing the new uniforms together and then put those wearing the old uniforms at either the front or back in one 'batch'. A good idea we thought as it will look much tidier. Remember to practice your marching so we not only look smart, but manage to keep in time and look like we made an effort. Contact the RSA for parade times.

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## LOOKING FOR A WORTHWHILE OUTDOOR ACTIVITY?

Here are the tree planting dates for this winter at the Auckland City Southern Sector Regional Parks:

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Tapapakanga Park

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Ambury Farm Park

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Duder's Park

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Tapapakanga Park

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Duder's Park

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## HOW DID YOU TRAVEL TO THE REGATTA?



Waiheke Sea Scouts couldn't see the sense in catching a ferry to Auckland and then bus or van to Whangaparaoa, so they went direct from the Island to the Regatta site courtesy of one of their families. A most appropriate way for Sea Scouts to travel to the Upper North Island Region Scout Regatta.

The Waiheke Sea Scouts returned from the Regatta with the Intermediate Sailing Cup, and 3rd in the Iron Man - well done Scouts, Leaders & Parents! *Rebecca Goodenough*

## CONTACTS, ACTIVITY AND OTHER INFORMATION

A reminder that the Manukau Zone has a website that shows the location of all the Groups and their section meeting nights, as well as the Zone activity and training calendar, local campsites, and some programme resources. You can check it out at this address. [www.manukauscouts.org](http://www.manukauscouts.org)

## INITIAL TRAINING COURSE WELL ATTENDED



Twenty four new leaders from the Counties and Manukau Zones completed their initial training at the Capt Musick Scout Hall on March 25th. The course which was led by Asst Zone Leader **Lesley Anderson**, involved the following trainers from the two Zones: **Margaret Hawketts, Pauline Keesing and Helen Rutledge** (Keas), **Craig Bleakley, Robyn Hellowell** (Scouts), **Diane Flay, Brendan Waters and Jocelyn Gardner** (Cubs).

## MANUKAU ZONE RAFT RACE AND SLIDE



A few of the 60 Keas who dug for buried treasure at the Manukau Zone Raft Race and Slide day held on the 25th March at Cockle Bay. The rest moved on to the ever popular waterslide and enjoyed themselves on a beautiful sunny morning.



The two most successful rafts in terms of speed and comfort. In the background, the Cockle Bay Venturers raft with comfortable seating as you would expect from Venturers, and in the foreground, the Minerva Scout Troops 'rocket' made out of two 200mm diameter lengths of PVC drainage pipe and 2 road cones.



Three Captain Musick Air Venturers starting to pack up their raft after a tiring morning battling Cockle Bay, Ormiston and the Combined Venturer Units. Our thanks to **Steve Graham** who organised the event.