

CHESTER DISTRICT – SCOUT SECTIONAL - MEETING

Meeting of: Scout Leaders

Date: Thursday 7th September 2017 8.00pm

Place: District HQ, Weston Grove

Attendance: Donna Hart (Chair) ADC, David Lithgow-Smith 1st Sandstone, Charly Hillier 40th, Vicky Taker 8th, Daniel Gaskarth 1st Tarvin

Apologies: Nick Hirst 1st Christleton, Steve Shone 42nd Chester, Dave Broady Cestrian, Fran Taylor 1st Saltney

Item	Minutes	ACTION	DATE
1.0	Present - as above Apologies - as above		
2.0	<p>Chester District News/Events</p> <p>a) Lord Derby - Will be looking at dates/days in the coming months to organise our District Lord Derby, if any Scout Groups have got teams who want to compete please contact myself. Suggested months are March, April time, please let me know if your scouts would be interested.</p> <p>b) 24th World Scout Jamboree 2019 - Iain Mc recently sent out an email to all Leaders relating to the WSJ 2019. This is what it said. "Can you please make sure all members with the age range see this poster. The Scouts who are interested need to ask for forms to fill in. These forms need to be back with District by 18:00 on the 10th Sept 2017, so while it is a few weeks away, you need to show the scouts and explorer scouts this information now. There has been some interest already, but we need to make sure that everyone who could apply, knows as much about the event as possible so they can make that choice. Thanks for your support in getting this info out there. Iain McIntyre Deputy DC Chester Scouts" https://docs.google.com/document/d/11Y4CUqeDyesnG7X1OMExAZ9GxXjCXy4y0-dV1Y1AYb8/edit Can you please follow all instructions as it would be really good if we had our scouts going. Again Thanks</p> <p>c) Chief Scout Gold Awards - I have received an email from county we have not informed them of any of our Scouts receiving their CSGW. The new system of letting them know had been in place</p>		

for a while. Here is a copy of Luke Morby's email

Hi all,
 Currently we have not received any Gold, Platinum, Diamond or YL belt nominations from your district. There is little over a month left until the deadline so can you please remind all SL's and ESL's to get their Scouts and Explorers submitted as soon as possible please.
 Just as a reminder:
 The registration system for this year's Celebrating Success is now open and the online form can be accessed using the link <https://tinyurl.com/CelebratingSuccess2017>
 This year, all Gold, Platinum, Diamond awards and Young Leader belts awarded between November 2016 and October 2017 will be submitted through the same system for both the scout and explorer sections. The number of recipients has greatly increased over the past few years and has now become a massive administrative task, therefore we have had to automate parts of the booking process to streamline and save time.
 The process will be as follows:

1. The award is registered through the online form by the leader, ADC or DESC. Please ensure that all names and addresses are correct as they will be used to automatically generate the invitation letter and certificate.
2. The registering leader will receive an automatic reply with a copy of the submission. It is important that all details and spellings are double checked. If any errors are noticed in the confirmation email please email sophie.mather@cheshirescouts.org.uk for Scouts or luke.morby@cheshirescouts.org.uk for Explorers in order for it to be corrected.
3. During the booking period, we will send a spreadsheet of bookings at regular intervals to the ADC scouts and DESC for checking and following up groups/ESUs who haven't submitted awards.
4. Once bookings close on **30th September**, invitations will be generated and posted to all recipients on the following week.
5. The invitation will include a link to an online RSVP form where recipients **MUST** confirm if they are or are not attending the awards. There will no longer be the ability to RSVP by phone or email as this is taking too much time to process. This RSVP form will have the opportunity to request extra seats which will be confirmed on the week of the awards.
6. During the RSVP period, weekly updates will be sent to the ADC and DESC (and DC if requested) of the RSVP's received for the district. Please make every effort to encourage parents and guardians to RSVP as we can only grant extra seats when we know we have free capacity. **All RSVP's are to be completed by 22nd October.**
7. Extra seats will be confirmed by email on Monday 23rd October.

Regards,

Luke Morby



	<p>Assistant County Commisioner (Explorers), Cheshire Cheshire Scouts, Willow Tree Park Booths Lane, Lymm Warrington WA13 OPQ</p> <p>Mob. 07894 046337 Email. Luke.Morby@cheshirescouts.org.uk Website: www.cheshirescouts.org.uk Twitter: @Explorer_Scouts Facebook: Cheshire Explorer Scouts</p> <p><i>Can all leaders please complete the link as we hopefully should have completed CSGA for this year.</i></p> <p>d) Gangshow in a Day - Sunday 17th September. Email producer@chestergangshow.net for more information and to book your place.</p>		
<p>3.0</p>	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>a. Scouts Expedition Challenge Award - I will forward you all an email with information on how yours scouts can achieve this award from their CSGA.</p> <p>b. Potential Bell Boat Event - David Broady from Cestrian is wanting to plan a bell boat event to be held on a Saturday or Sunday sometime April to June. If interested please let him know dave.broady@googlemail.com</p> <p>c. Winter Camp - Leaders have raised an issue with regard to the County cost of Winter Camp. I will email county and ask for some answers.</p> <p>d. Cheshire Hike - The Cheshire Hike Team have informed us that they have purchase another set of maps to help with hikes. They will be putting dates together for practices doing similar as last year. They are also doing research into trackers. Further information will be provided.</p>		
	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Thursday 5th October 2017 8.00pm District HQ, Weston Grove Thursday 2nd November 2017 8.00pm District HQ, Weston Grove</p>		

