



'The Beavan Challenge'

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd October 2011

Dear Leader

For 33 years the Challenge has represented an annual opportunity for Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Guides, Rangers and their supports to join together in a sporting competition and meet for a thoroughly enjoyable weekend.

All of the events will be based around the site area, which will only require support teams to run your campsite. If your Unit enjoys Canoeing, Hiking/Orienteering and other challenges, then this week will be perfect for them.

This year we'll be based on an easy access site at Forest Camp, Sandiways, the Cheshire County Camp Site, Grid Ref: 117/595695. The camp site will be available on Friday evening 1st October. The Challenge commences early on the Saturday morning, so all teams will need to arrive Friday evening for registration and a Leaders briefing meeting. The presentation of Trophies and Certificates will conclude the Event as usual around 14.30 on the Sunday.

Each Team will be expected to participate in **all of the events** – canoeing, hiking, air rifle shooting, mountain biking, first aid and a low ropes agility course. Points will be awarded on a Team basis and every competitor that completes the Challenge will receive a certificate.

Entry Fee is £18.00 per team

Camp Site Fees (extra) are £7.00 per person for the weekend

The Challenge will be for Teams of 3, and all team members should be in one of the age categories below:

Junior Scouts	(Aged U12½) (Born after 1.4.1999 and before 1.4.2001)
Senior Scouts	(Aged 12½ - 14 ½)
Explorers	(Aged 14-18)

You can enter as many teams as you wish in any of the categories.

ALL competitors **MUST** hold either a BCU 1 Star in Canoeing or a Paddlepower Passport and be able to swim 50 metres in clothing. Copies of canoeing certificates will need to be produced at registration on Friday evening. The WGSCA have offered to run a free pre-qualifying canoeing session on Sat 24 Sept at the Marine Lake, West Kirby for any competitor who hasn't got the above qualifications, but you will need to book places ASAP for this through Chas Hawkins via email on chas.hawkins1@ntlworld.com. Failing this we recommend you contact either Wirral Guide & Scout Canoe Association by emailing Chas Hawkins or telephone Waterside Lodge (Tel: 0170-451-0900) should you wish to book introductory Canoeing Training Sessions.

PLEASE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- If during the canoeing session **ANY** competitor is considered to be incompetent by the Organisers they will be withdrawn in the interest of safety.
- Also in the interest of safety, any teams who are not correctly equipped for the Hike will be withdrawn. The organisers cannot supply missing or inadequate equipment. All competitors **MUST** be able to read an OS Map and use a compass.
- Canoes & buoyancy aids will be provided, but it is the Leader's responsibility to make sure competitors are suitably dressed.
- Every team member will need the use of a bike during their event as teams will ride at the same time.

An Information Booklet giving full rules & details of requirements for each event will be sent to you upon receipt of your completed Entry Form and full Entry Fees (by cheque please).

If you require any further information prior to entry, then please contact:

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