

THE 3rd WHITTON SCOUT GROUP COMPASS



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COMING SOON ...RICHMOND BOROUGH CAMP

The Group is preparing for Borough Camp – the annual camp at Walton Firs attended by most Scout Groups and Girl Guide Companies from the Borough of Richmond.

The Camp (**Friday 4 July – Sunday 6 July**) is open to all 3rd Whitton Cubs and Scouts. We are expecting a high turn out for this popular event. Our allocated plot limits us to only 50 campers – so make sure you **book your place now** to avoid disappointment.



Scouts and Cubs can expect all the usual adventures of camping under canvas as part of a large Group camp – central cooking (all meals prepared by the adult team), a **big camp fire** attended by hundreds as well as a smaller, 3rd Whitton only one.

Borough Camp is **wall-to-wall non-stop fun**. In addition to individual **activities** such as abseiling, air rifle shooting, the Maze, IEs, assault course, climbing wall, archery, Frisbee 'golf', Crate Stacking and others there will be numerous inter-Group friendly team **competitions** too: Tug'o'War, 7 a side football, rounders, volleyball... If that's not enough, each Group site provides further **things to do and try** – ranging from tripod walking to water rockets, from making edible jewelry to making (non-edible!) woggles, from small scale pioneering to bridge walking or even a 'zip wire'. There's so much to do, you'd be hard pushed to do everything on offer!

The **amazing price** of £25 includes accommodation in tents, all meals (snacks, 2 x suppers, 2 x lunches and a main evening meal) **free entry** to all activities run by **qualified instructors** as necessary, all games, sports and other goings-on, take home crafts as supplied by Groups as well as a **free** unique Boro' Camp 2008 souvenir camp blanket **badge**.

As regulars to Boro' Camp will know, Walton Firs has a well stocked **Tuck Shop and Souvenir Store** selling all manner of edible and non-edible goodies. Unique **Boro' Camp 2008 T-shirts** may be available too, so bring some spending money if you want to take advantage of these.

3rd Whitton would be very pleased to hear from parents who can help us set up and/or strike camp and/or help pack away at HQ afterwards. We're all **volunteers** and many hands make light work.

3rd Whitton Cubs and Scouts not wishing to stay overnight can participate as a **Day Visitor** (Saturday) – please see your Leader.

Note: there is no provision for **Beaver Scouts** at this camp. Any visiting Beavers must be accompanied by parents at all times.

All Scouts and Cubs RICHMOND BOROUGH CAMP

Walton Firs Scout Camp site
Under canvas

Friday 4 July 2008 – Sun 6 July 2008

Non-stop competitions, activities, games

All inclusive cost only £25

Exclusive Souvenir Camp blanket badge included

FEW PLACES STILL AVAILABLE

GROUP RECEIVES COUNTY AWARD

3rd Whitton Group received a County Achievement Award for Growing the Movement in 2006/2007.

The County Commissioner for Greater London South West, Ian Newbery presented the Certificate to GSL, Phil Hunt at the District's Annual General Meeting earlier this month.

Phil accepted the Award on behalf of all the Leaders, the Group Executive team, parent helpers and other volunteers who work hard to make 3rd Whitton a great active, dynamic and forward-looking Scout Group. The Group currently has 104 registered Members.

The County Certificate is on display outside the Leader's office.

ADULT WOOD BADGE TRAINING

Scout Leader, Caron Carter, was formally presented with her Wood Badge recently by District Commissioner, Steve Miles. The Wood Badge (strangely named as it's actually more like a leather necklace with two wooden beads on the end) is a symbol that a Scouter has fully 'graduated' and has completed all Adult Training required for their specific Warrant or Appointment. It can take 2 or 3 years to earn a Wood Badge. Caron is now a fully qualified Scout Leader, having successfully passed all required Modules, and, like all Wood Badge holders, becomes a member of the 1st Gilwell Scout Group entitled to wear the 1st Gilwell scarf.

Modern Adult Training is modular based and involves a mixture of attending formal training courses, completing workbooks, e-learning online and studying videos. 37 Modules cover a wide range of subjects including Challenging Behaviour, Practical Skills, Nights Away and the needs of Young People. Each Module is 'validated' by an appointed Training Advisor to ensure national standards. All Warranted Leaders must also hold a valid and recognised First Aid qualification. You can be assured that Wood Badge holders have all the necessary training, background and experience to deliver quality Scouting to the people in their charge.

A number of our team also completed the minimum training requirements for Group Executive Officer posts and Section Assistants this month. They were presented with Certificates by the County's Local Training Manager, Ian Schofield. Well done to Peter Tomlin, Derek Mason, Tony Toombs and Robert Hunt.

YOUNG LEADER TRAINING

All of our Young Leaders (Explorer Scouts and DofE Volunteers) are also required to commit to training in order to provide quality Scouting. They must at least complete 'Young People First' – the Child Protection code of behaviour within 3 months. Qualified Young Leaders wear a YL badge and completed training can be converted to the Adult scheme. YL courses are being held on 2,3 and 4 July (the 2 July session will be at 3rd Whitton HQ). See poster by Leader's office for further details. Phil Hunt is a YL Trainer (Child Protection) as well as a Training Advisor (Adults).

ADULT LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Following recent changes by the Scout Association, adult Leaders can now wear Long Service cloth badges on uniform. Caron, Zubair, Richard and Phil are wearing the 'white knot' badge on uniform to denote 5, 5, 10 and 15 years' service respectively.

Adult Leadership Team – Uniformed Appointments

Scout Leader SE:	Caron Carter	Scout Leader IB:	Rashid Jeffrey	Group Scout Leader:	Phil Hunt
Cub Scout Leader SE:	Richard Elliott	Cub Scout Leader IB:	Saif Sanehi	Group Assistant:	Robert Hunt
Beaver Scout Leader SE:	Dani Sugden	Beaver Scout Leader IB:	Zubair Malik	Asst Beaver Leader SE:	Emma Wellham



Everyone is invited to
**3rd Whitton Scout Group Council
 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

3rd Whitton Headquarters

Friday 18 July 2008

7.30pm prompt start - Arrive early! Ends 9pm

**Best Beaver, Cub, Scout of the Year Awards
 Presentations to Young Leaders and other Awards**
 IMPORTANT COUNCIL VOTE ON GROUP FINANCES

Also

Video presentation of achievements over the past year
 Election of Group Executive Officers & Members
 Publication and acceptance of financial accounts
 Light refreshments

GROUP EXECUTIVE NEWS – FEE REVIEW

The 3rd Whitton Group Executive Committee is conducting a review of its Membership fees, including the charges themselves, the discounting structure and the way that fees are collected and handled. It's important that 3rd Whitton continues to provide great value-for-money Scouting at affordable rates.

The full accounts will be published at the Group's Annual General Meeting on **Friday 18 July 2008**. The 3rd Whitton Scout Council (all parents are members of this Council) will also be asked to vote on proposals resulting from this fee review at the AGM.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR GROUP EXEC

The Group Executive Committee is seeking nominations for new Parent representative members. The Group Exec is responsible for financial, administrative and practical support functions (such as insurance, maintenance, PR, funding) to support the Scouting Sections and act as Charity Trustees. It is important that parents' views are represented at the Committee, especially when voting on Group Policy decisions. The Group Executive Committee meets about 8 times a year, so the commitment is not onerous. If you think you are that person or would like to know more, please see a Leader. Candidates will be elected by the Group Scout Council at the AGM on **Friday 18 July 2008**.

VOTE FOR SCOUT, CUB, BEAVER OF THE YEAR

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers in both Branches of 3rd Whitton will soon be voting by secret ballot for one of their peers whom they consider deserves the title of Scout/Cub/Beaver of the Year. They will consider factors such as 'Living up to their Scout Promise' and commitment. The winners will be announced at the AGM where they will be presented with the award and trophy.

The young winner of the Group Leaders' Award will also be announced at the AGM and there are other surprise 'external' presentations to be made too. Make sure you come!

ST EDMUND'S SUMMER FETE 29 JUNE

To commemorate 70 years of Scouting with St Edmund's, 3rd Whitton will have a display of Scouting pictures, photos, stories and memorabilia from the past and present. If you have anything we could use (we can copy pictures) that would be of interest to Parishoners at the Fete, we would love to hear from you.

SCOUTS – DISTRICT 5 A SIDE COMPETITION

3rd Whitton Scouts have entered a couple of teams into this popular District knockout competition which takes place on Sunday 22 June in Teddington. 3rd Whitton (SE) Scouts will be defending their double Championship title so there is a lot of excitement in the teams.

"We're on the ball and we stand a good chance of retaining the Trophy," said Caron, "because the teams are largely unchanged from last year". But as any fan will tell you, in a game of two halves, nothing is guaranteed. Supporters and adult volunteer referees/linesman very welcome.

SCOUTS' DAY PROWL –MORE ACCOLADES!

Further to the long article in the last edition of *The Compass*, 3rd Whitton managed to bring home no less than two team accolades from the annual Day Prowl incident hike.

Of the 21 unaccompanied Scout/Guide teams, 3rd Whitton Team A achieved a superb **2nd place** with 477 points out of a possible 550, beaten only by 8th Twickenham with 490 points. Our unaccompanied Team B came 12th with 307 points.

In the Accompanied (by an adult) category, 3rd Whitton Team D came home a runaway **1st place** with 506 points, while the Team C trailed a little with 212 points.

This year's course around Windsor Great Park required some nifty compass work on foot. Well done everyone!

CUBS & BEAVERS PIRATE ADVENTURE

The 6-8 June turned out to be a glorious weekend for some Pirate Adventure in conjunction with Petersham & Ham Sea Scout Group in their grounds by the Thames.

A hectic Camp led by Long John 'Phil'ver saw nearly 50 Cubs collecting fragments of Treasure Maps and keys throughout the weekend's Pirating activities in order to find the hidden Treasure Chests in the swamps of Skull Wood. Cubs also visited Kingston Fire Brigade and historical St. Peter's Church and listened to some guest speakers talk about some local history. Sadly the trip on the Royal barge had to be cancelled due to adverse river conditions (Red flood alert all weekend), but the Pirates didn't mind too much. Cubs earned a lot of badges over the weekend.

Beavers had an equally great day on Sunday. See all the photos and write up on our website.

**3rd Whitton (St. Edmund's)
 SCOUT SUMMER CAMP**
 Chalfont Heights Scout Camp
Mon 25 August 2008 – Sat 30 August 2008
 Self reliance camp in woodlands
 Under canvas
 All inclusive cost only £135
 Final places available

3rd WHITTON POLO SHIRTS NOW IN STOCK

All sizes of 3rd Whitton green polo shirts are now in stock.

The 3rd Whitton polo shirts are for Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, YLs and adults to use as alternative 'fatigue' uniform for warm days and camps – whenever 'full dress' uniform is too uncomfortable and is not required. At only £8 each they are cheaper than Scout Association equivalents and they have our 3rd Whitton logo. Get one for Boro' Camp, outings and 'normal' meetings in the Summer. 3rd Whitton scarves and other items are also available.

SCOUTS' FLYING EXPERIENCE

At the time of going to press, the Scouts are preparing for their Flying Experience Day at Stapleford Aerodrome, Essex.

The flights will take place in small twin engine aircraft. Prior to the flight, Scouts will be told about some of the features of the aircraft which will include safety, instrumentation and flying controls. The flight will last approximately 20 mins during which time the controls of the aircraft will be explained. Tally ho!

SCOUT NETWORK AT 3rd WHITTON

The Scout Network provides Scouting for 18-25 year olds. A new unit, Merlin, has been established to cover the Richmond/Whitton area and the unit has chosen to use 3rd Whitton HQ as their base on Tuesday evenings – for the time being at least. The unit is looking to recruit new members. Network Scouts go camping and do many of the things that Scouts & Explorer Scouts do – but is geared to the needs of young adults. Ask Phil for more details

