



Highfield Mountainview Scout Group

Welcome to 2002, the Committee and the Leaders have been busy preparing the years programme, you will notice some changes this year, new leaders, and changes in the way we do things; we hope all Cubs, Scouts & Venturers enjoy the busy year ahead.

1. We welcome to the Group two new Cub Leaders: Robyn Carey, and Matt Tipa. We owe these people a huge vote of thanks, if they had not put themselves forward to become warranted Leaders we would have been facing the closure of the Cub section, **WE STILL NEED MORE LEADERS**, there is an old saying “Many hands make light work” don’t you agree!

We also welcome Ray Caird as a Scout Leader, Ray has been with us the latter part of last year, and welcome his great enthusiasm.

2. **Parent Help & Cleaning Roster:** Attached you will find a roster for Den Cleaning and parent help. This new policy has been introduced by the committee. If we had more parents on the committee and more leaders this would not be necessary.
3. **Chairperson:** This position is still vacant, this is a serious problem that cannot continue, if we cannot get a Chairperson soon the Group will be in serious trouble. Its not a big job, here is a Job description: Run a Monthly committee meeting, meetings are held at the secretaries house very close to the Den, make sure committee and leaders are doing their jobs. The ability to delegate is an advantage; **PLEASE CAN YOU HELP.** Each committee person has an area of responsibility, this spreads the load.
4. **Behaviour Policy:** Because of some behaviour problems last year from Scouts it has become necessary to introduce a behaviour policy, that policy is as follows:

If the behavior of a Scout is not acceptable the Scout will be spoken to by a Leader; if the unacceptable behavior then continues, or if a Scout damages property or intentionally hurts another Scout, that Scout will be asked to go home early and will be stood down for a period of One Week from Scouts. If the behavior problem then continues the Scout and Parent will be asked to meet with Leaders and Committee to resolve the problem

5. **Term One Programmes:** The Scout section programme from the Scouts leaders is attached.
The Cub programme will be given out at Cubs on the 11th February.
6. **The 1st Scout night for both Cubs and Scouts and Venturers** is on the 4th Feb at the Den. Some of the Scouts who attended the National Scout Jamboree in Hamilton will give Presentations about the Jamboree, not to be missed. There will also be other activities for all Cubs, Scouts.
We have a special presentation to make so please try to come.

The evening will start at 7pm, Scouts will finish for all sections at 9pm.
Parents and visitors most welcome. All Cubs, Scouts and Venturers please bring a plate

7. **National Scout Jamboree:** Our two Venturers , 7 Scouts, and two Leaders represented us at the Jamboree, well done to you all and well done to the Parents who fund raised during the year to achieve this, A pat on the back to you all!
8. **Venturers:** You may not be aware that we operate the only Venturer Unit in the Timaru District, we currently have two very enthusiastic Venturers, As part of their scout work they are also taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, HMV is an authorized provider for the DOE scheme.

If you know of any young people aged between 14 ½ and 18 who would enjoy Venturers then get them to contact Robert 6883735.

9. **Scout Web sites:** the Highfield Mountainview Web site is now at this address:
www.hmvscoouts.bravepages.com

The Timaru District Web site is currently being built and is available at:
www.tuiscout.bravepages.com

10. **E-mail Addresses:** If you would like to be kept up to date with news and local scout events as well as receiving your newsletters by e-mail , then please send an e-mail to Robert at langwood@timaru.com.
All information will be e-mailed as a text file and as a Adobe PDF file, to read this you can get a free Adobe reader from www.adobe.com . A lot of computers already have this program on them.

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Or any other committee persons or Leaders.