

Stars & Strips

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13th Galway Scouts

What's happening ?

As is the case every year, last year was a busy one! September '05 until Annual Camp in July '06 saw a wide variety of activities and events take place. Most of which were a roaring success!

So what does the year ahead hold for 13th Galway? It holds as much fun and excitement as last year that I promise. Where do we start? September will see scouts kicking off again with new members, new patrols and new leaders.

October looks set to be a busier month. Starting off with a Backwoods cook-out in Merlin Woods on the 6th things move on to a weekend camp on the 20th, 21st and 22nd. Also don't miss the scout shop in Renmore Scout Den on Sunday the 15th October from 11.00 am until 3.00 pm.

Moving into the colder months of winter, No-

vember holds the date for the National Orienteering Day on the 12th. More activities are in hand with a hike planned for the following Sunday and rock-climbing in NUIG on Friday the 24th.

December, the run towards Christmas. A Christmas Beach Party is being organized for Wednesday the 6th of December. Galway girl guides are setting up this event so more information will be available closer to the event. The following Sunday is the county bowling in Oranmore with scouts from all over Galway. Then its back to bag-packing for the week before Christmas. We all know how much the scouts love that!!!

Looking forward, 2007 holds just as much adventure and challenges as the present year. Starting back to a



Annual Camp 2006—Kilcully Scout Centre, Co. Cork

meeting in the den on Friday the 12th of January the year will explode into more outdoor activities in the months ahead.

Some of the events planned for 2007 are as follows: The National Quiz, County hike in the Arann Islands, County camp in Clare, and the county overnight expedition towards the end of the year. Other group activities include possibilities of an all-group camp at Easter and a weekend camp in Petersburg. Not forgetting the plans to go abroad for annual camp in July.

Looking back it was a great year, I hope the coming year provides as much challenges and laughs for you all as the passed year has done for me!!!

Who's new ?

There have been some huge changes in the scout section of 13th Galway over the passed year. After starting the year with only 4 leaders the recruitment drive was on! Welcome to Darren Lyons, Seamie Kyne, Donna Connolly and Ashley Fleming. These 4 have spent many years in Renmore Scouts and have now moved into leadership. Also welcome back to Joanne Cater, Emma Donnellan & Marie-Jean Jacobs after all took time out for

some of last year. Also welcome Des Pratt who joined 13th last September to try and keep us all sane!!! With 12 leaders, part-time and full-time, the workload of the warriors from years passed has been lightened & not a moment too soon!

However, more importantly than the leaders, allow me this opportunity to welcome aboard all the new scouts that joined in the last month. I hope that you can get as much from scouting as those that have gone

before you and look forward to many new exciting adventures in the next nine months.

Yours in Scouting,
Eamon Hartley



N.B: Mobile Number

Please see overleaf for a new messaging system being introduced to inform scouts & parents of event changes. Please return the slip to a scout leader ASAP!

Congratulations to:

- **DAMIEN KELLY**—on achieving 13th Galway "Scout of the year" last year. Keep up the good work
- **FIONA KINSELLA**—on being crowned "Best Achiever" for last year
- **CAOLANN SHEVLIN**—on being the best newcomer to Renmore scouts last year
- **AARON CONNOLLY**—on winning "Sport star of camp"
- **BULLS PATROL** (Annual Camp 2006) - on overcoming the challenge and being patrol of camp
- **KEITH KELLY**—on winning the competition in the last newsletter in June

Payments for events

As was said in the last Stars & Strips, scouts must pay for all events no less than one week in advance of it taking place. Due to a very poor turn out at some events last year, we now have to ensure that sufficient numbers will attend before we book buses and activities.