

CCY & CCJ Parent Meeting notes 22.04.2011

Copies to: Parents of CCJ's and CCY's, Trevor Pilbeam (EKDA Chairman) and Len Saunders (EKDA Secretary).

Claire and Danny Notley were introduced to the parents as the new Assistant Youth Officers. Claire and Danny will be focusing on the Camping Club Juniors (8 yrs to 12 yrs) allowing Heather and Jon to focus on the Camping Club Youth (12yrs – 18 yrs).

Permission Forms - as this is the first meet of the season the CCY permission forms required 'renewal' as these expire on 31st Dec each year. Forms were handed out during the meeting. Please return asap to Heather & Jon. Several new CCJ members are about to join and Heather will bring their 'record' forms next weekend for completion. As CCJ members are not left unattended on site they do not require the same medical permission forms as CCY's but basic medical history is still useful e.g. knowledge of food allergies.

Membership cards – please can all CCY parents please check that their child's cards state 'East Kent DA' on them when they come through from HQ. If they don't then your child will need to 'opt' over even if you have done so as an adult member the CCY member also needs to 'opt' over in their own right. Please see Len Saunders if you need help on this.

Weekend Meet structure discussed – during 'big meets' our activities will follow those on the meet programme with the addition of supervised cooking activities for the CCY. For quieter meets specific CCJ/CCY activities will take place in preparation for their camping test such as first aid training, kit packing, map reading etc. The aim is to involve the CCJ in these activities as much as possible, with the exception of cooking which they are not allowed to do until they are in the CCY.

Cooking – for the CCY test, the Youth has to be able to cook a meat dish with 2 veg requiring some preparation (e.g. peeling, cutting, slicing). The tester will try the dish as well. We will be putting together some recipe ideas that meet this criteria. (NB Vegetarian alternatives to meat are permitted, e.g. Quorn).

CCY Training Weekend – this is 15th-17th July 2011 at Woodleas Farm, Aldington which is near Ashford. There will be a meet fee for this meet but we are working to keep it as low as possible. More details to follow soon.

EKDA FOL – Theme this year is Kids TV. We will be working on a display and dressing up as a combined CCJ/CCY entry into the competition.

Kit list – request from parents to have a suggested kit list. Heather to draw together a list and circulate to all members and parents. Parents were reminded that kit should fit in one main bag and that for the CCY test the member has to be able to pack all their kit away in 20 mins!

Hoodies – The colours of the hoodies were discussed and the rationale explained that Brown is the SE region colour. The list of colours already taken was read out and the majority felt we were best staying with brown (especially as it doesn't show the dirt too much!) A new order will be going in w/c 2nd May, please let Heather know what sizes you would like. The group were reminded these are optional not compulsory. There are currently no plans to order T shirts or any other clothing items. We may order T Shirts in time for the National Youth Rally next year which will be in the Southern Region.

SER – Youth area at this meet for CCY members. Prebook using form in centre of Pink S E Region meets book. See Len to be part of Group booking. (Unfortunately CCJ members will need to camp with their parents at this meet).

NFOL - Heather & Jon and Alan & Coreen (Regional Youth Liaison Officers) are attending the rally. CCY members can prebook on the same form as the EKDA block booking (via Len Saunders). Closing date for block bookings is 10th May. We have one member looking to travel independently to the rally who would either appreciate a lift or a companion on the train (we are happy to collect from Newark station at a prearranged time and confirm safe arrival if you wish to consider your child travelling by train). Please let us know if you have booked a space for your child so that we know who to expect at the event.

Farming World meet – 2nd to 4th September 2011. At this meet, the CCY will be stewarding along with Heather and Jon. More details to follow!