

Hi all,

I hope you are having a great Autumn term so far! I had the chance to attend our District Scout Camp at the beginning of October. We had over 60 young people, enjoy an amazing weekend – fire lighting, damper cooking, archery, orienteering, casualty rescue and camp Olympics! Many thanks to 1st Kirkby Stephen for hosting me, and for 2nd Eden Valley for allowing me to try out one of their hammocks on the Saturday night!

Congratulations to 1st Petteril Vale, who represented us in the Scout Cooking Competition this year. They came 2nd in the County, which is fantastic! I also got the chance to go on a navigation challenge evening with 1st Keswick Greta Scouts; all of the Scouts had an amazing time looking for clues in the woods, and managing open the 'treasure' chest.

All-Leaders Forum: Poll for meeting date in January

I am hoping to organise the first of what will be regular forums, either as a whole district (all-leaders), or in sections (e.g. beavers, cubs etc.) The first forum will be an opportunity for ALL our leaders from across Eden to network, talk about how our district should develop in the future and help to build ideas for section events. I am hoping to run it in January 2020. Please follow the link to vote on the best dates; I will then pick the one with the most votes!

- Vote here: <https://doodle.com/poll/yzn9bazzr7de37erz>

Nights Away Notifications

Many thanks to everyone who has been submitting NAN forms through the new online portal:

<https://edenscouts.org.uk/nan>. I have made some improvements, so you should now also get an email confirmation, so you know that the form has been sent away, and what was entered on the form.

Feedback Please: District Structure & Activity Notifications

- Activity Notifications: I am currently looking for feedback on the updated Activity Notifications. The aim of this is to match what other districts around the country do, comply with POR and ensure our activities and safe. I am hoping to roll it out by the end of Nov 2019. Please have a look: <https://edenscouts.org.uk/leaders/activity-notification-guidance/> and send any comments in.
- New District Structure: This is now out for feedback! Visit: <https://edenscouts.org.uk/leaders/district-structure/>

New Facebook Page and Group

This month, we have also launched a new district Facebook page and group. Hopefully, the new group will make it easier to share ideas and get to know others from across Eden.

- Like our page: <https://www.facebook.com/edenscouts>
- Join our Eden Leaders Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/edendistrictleaders/>

Website Calendar

You can now find details of district events, and sign up to attend, on our website events calendar.

District Team Vacancies

We are currently looking to fill several vacancies. In particular, I've listed some below that would be great to fill within the next couple of months. If you would like more information, then please get in touch:

- Assistant District Commissioner: Beavers OR Cubs – help to support leaders in delivery a good quality programme for our Beaver OR Cub section.
- District Youth Commissioner: For those aged 18-25. Help to encourage and support Scouting to be Youth Shaped in Eden. Help to support our leaders to engage young people in shaping their programme, and have their voice heard on other issues.
- District Training Advisors: Support leaders in the Eden, in completing their training. This involves working with 2 or 3 leaders to validate their module requirements.

News from across the District

[Scouts Incident Hike 2019](#) – a fantastic day!

[District Scout Camp](#) – a few photos of the weekend.

If you have any news to share – please do send it to me!