

Hi all,

I hope to be able to send out a termly update, to complement Out of Eden, with useful information and updates for the District!

## District Team Meeting

We have had our first District Team Meeting since my new role. A big part of this was starting to look at how we want the district to work, and how we can best support it! I am hoping we will have a firm plan over the next few months.

## New Website

We are currently building a new website, to make it easier to be a leader in Eden District. In the near future it will be able to:

- Give you information on upcoming events, and be able to sign up online.
- Have useful information about training, with links to the main UK site
- Have Eden-specific resources to access and use.

Currently you can:

- Submit Nights Away Forms
- Find out about Awards and recognition
- Find out about ongoing training

Please also send us articles, photos, anything you like – we will then use them in Out of Eden on our new page on the website!

## Nights Away Notifications

At a recent District Team meeting, the Group Scout Leaders, along with other members of the team agreed the following regarding Nights Away. As I am sure you are aware, we want to ensure events are safe, and learning from incidents elsewhere in the country, we along with other districts, have agreed the following:

### POR says

- The relevant Commissioner must be notified at least 7 days before any nights away event takes place. It is best practice for at least 14 days notice to be given.
- The notification must include all the information required in the [Nights Away Notification Form \(NAN\)](#).
- It is the responsibility of the Permit holder to ensure that appropriate notification is made for each group they are responsible for.
- Network and Adult groups are required to seek approval their relevant (e.g. District, County, National) Commissioner.

**In Eden**, the easiest way to send this notification is to use the [online system](#). This generates an automatic email to the District Commissioner (DC) with all the information on it. If you don't have internet access, or prefer to use another method, then you can use the Scout Association's official "[Form NAN](#)". You can send this by post, fax, email. As long as it reaches the DC at least 7 days before the event, that's fine.

For the DC to approve your Nights Away Notification, they (or their designate) will:

- Check the records of all adults attending, to ensure they hold a valid DBS, and have completed appropriate training.
- They may ask you for more information about the event, before they can give their approval (for example, risk assessment, programme)
- They will NOT approve the nights away event unless they are satisfied the event will be run a a safe and effective way, AND at least one person holds a First Response (or higher), AND all leaders attending have completed and validated EITHER a) Getting Started (Modules 1, 2 and 3/4) OR b) Safeguarding and Safety online training (Visit: <https://edenscouts.org.uk/training/ongoing/> for the links)
- Once they have approved the Nights Away event, they will email you to confirm this.

## Activity Notification Guidance – Feedback Please

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 also ensure our activities and safe. I am hoping to roll it out by Nov 2019. Please have a look: <https://edenscouts.org.uk/leaders/activity-notification-guidance/> and send any comments in.

## News from across the District

[Latest Out of Eden](#) – a great report about 1<sup>st</sup> Kirkby Stephen Scouts trip to Scotland, and a review of our Big Lunch.  
[Another Waywright Day](#) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Penrith Cubs and Scouts braved the rain to help raise awareness of Climate change