

NORTH EAST CAMP UPDATE

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Ghyll Scrambling with Hannah Dines

Recovery

and future excitement

It's been seven months since the final retreat at North East Camp 2012. The tents are all gone and the kit is all away. Its only nine months until the next one and we have already started to gear up. Wouldn't you like to know whats going on now? What's coming next...

Lets start with memories. Tired seems to be the best way to describe the aftermath. The mini buses leave camp and the combined networks of O2, Vodaphone and T-mobile get overwhelmed with texts from buses a mere 20 miles

apart. As they get further apart the heads start to nod... and then sleep.

Post Camp Blues. The PCBs, a widely accepted symptom of having left camp. How many times did you look around the street of Beverly,

Brightlingsea and Durham and see people that shouldn't be there. Danny Martin on Newton Hall in Durham, Sue Teal on the bus anywhere but Beverly. Then there seems to be an unusually high number of minibuses on the road.



I trust that we all know what this feels like... so you will be happy to read that the Camp Board is already looking to next year to make North East Camp 2013 one to remember.

There will be many more tails of triumph, many more songs that remind you of camp and many more moments that make you think. "why am I doing this", only to find yourself doing it again the next year. What will you find yourself doing?

Tidy Tent Competition

The Inside Line

By Tom Glover

Some might suggest that the most important thing that I do as camp chaplain is judge the tidy tent competition!

The daily inspection of tents takes place after morning worship whilst members and officers are enjoying breakfast; however I begin my deliberations on that day's marks as soon as the bugle sounds. The exact scoring system for the tidy tent competition is a closely guarded trade secret, passed down from chaplain to chaplain. Yet despite some creative attempts from members (and tent supervisors!)

to extract information from me this remains so. However, I will give a few tips for how to get good marks.

The three most important things I look for reflect the reason why we have the tidy tent competition in the first place. First of all: teamwork.

Working together as a team first thing in the morning to get our tent ready teaches us a lot about working with each other and sharing tasks and responsibilities. Second is practicality, for example: is the tent safe and secure? If it rains how easy will it be to stop the kit

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getting wet? Finally there is style: such things as how well kit is set out, and I particularly enjoy anything a bit different or original. This helps us to think creatively.

In the two years that I have been camp chaplain I must say how impressed I've been with the standard of the tidy tents. Last year's competition was a very close call with only a few points separating all the tents. I hope that the good work and enthusiasm for the competition continues for many years.



Tom relaxing



Teamwork in action



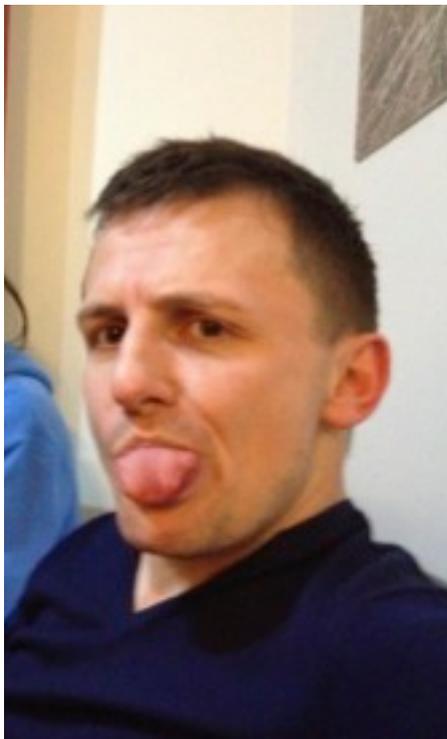
Note from the C.O. Last year and the future

By Derick Jackson

Hi Everyone and welcome to the first North East Camp update (Newsletter). I hope that you had a great Christmas and new year but are also looking forward to the summer, warmer weather and of course our trip away to the Lake District!

As you will hopefully know by now camp this year will be held between 10 and 17th August and we will be going back to the Lake School at Troutbeck Bridge. Planning is already underway and the first camp board meeting was held back in November where we discussed the things that went well and what could be done better in 2013. Thank you to those of you that made suggestions at camp either in person or through the suggestion boxes, they were (mostly) very useful.

At the next meeting, which is to be held on 9 February, we will be getting into the more detailed planning for the current year, looking at the activity program and reviewing submissions of initial numbers. If you have an idea of an activity you'd like to try or how we can help you enjoy camp more this does not



mean you are too late to share it - let us know through Facebook or drop me an email.

As well as starting saving plans etc for camp, now is also the time to let other people in your Brigade company know about camp. It can only survive with your help so please lend your support and encourage other members in your company to get involved and come along!

We look forward to welcoming you to NE Camp 2013



Last night Camp 2012 Troutbeck Bridge

Theres still time to get involved!

If you are interested in North East Camp and need some more information, or even if you already know everything about it; and still want information. You can contact Derick Jackson (thats him up there) on the details at the end of this page.

We are also looking for some stories from Camp 2012, what you loved, what was hard, what you missed and any interesting stories. If you have any of those you can send them to st.aidandclgb@hotmail.com.

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