

NORTH EAST CAMP UPDATE

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Overnight Expedition
2012



Preparation for Camp All kinds of Hectic

By Colleen Anderson

Preparing for camp always starts really early. One thing the leaders in Durham have started doing is advertising Brigade to our members by holding a Camp night. This involved a presentation about camp, giving parents all the details and then afterwards having good old hot chocolate and hot dogs with some traditional camp games. Unfortunately no-one got wet! If your company has not started yet, why don't you ask your leaders to help you set something up so we can more number of people at this year's North East Camp!

One very important part of the planning is deciding which activities we do. My job with Mike Perry, Sarah Rycroft and Clare Davison is deciding about 'Activity Day'. Last year's Olympic Day went very well with all teams having a great time. So what can we do this year to make it just as good if not even better?

Evening activities was always something to look forward to when I was a member. Where are we going so I can dress up out of my trackies and hoodies? It was nice to get off camp some nights in the week as well

having a great time on the evenings in the forest and on site. This year we are hoping for some variety and new ideas to fall into our planning. What about playing bingo, doing a group treasure hunt or even laser quasar?

If anyone has any opinions about the current activities we do on an evening please email them to derick.jackson@gva.co.uk and he will pass these on so that we can base our planning around what you find fun.

Note From The C.O.

By Derick Jackson

Well here we are again and with only 22 weeks to go until the big event, preparation is well underway with staff appointments having been made for activities (both day and evening) and initial discussion about some of the other roles.

At the last Camp Board meeting, 9 February, there was a lively debate about a number of activities and the leaders organising these have been asked to come to the next meeting with more detailed plans and a programme for further discussion. On a practical level this should mean us being in a position to forward final return and activity forms to companies in the week commencing 15 April with returns expected back before the end of June. That's only 16 weeks left to save if you are not already doing so!

Once again, I encourage you all to go out and spread the word about our Camp to your company members and friends. We can only make Camp what it is and should be with your support!



Mr Jackson looking rather perplexed.



Muddy Boots

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.aidandclcg@hotmai.com.

Get writing in and you could find your article printed in the next edition of this newsletter.

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Speak Soon

Camp Chaplain

A Day in the Life

By Tom Glover

I love telling people that I'm a Camp Chaplain. Aside from the usual giggles about the predictable double-entendre, it gives me chance to tell people about all the fun we have at camp.

One of the most frequent questions that people ask me about my role at camp is what does the chaplain actually do. So here is a quick day in the life of a camp chaplain. I usually wake up at about 6am, delighted about the fact that I've got another half hour in bed. It's then up, a trudge across the field for a quick shower followed by Morning Prayer in my tent. After that setting up for the morning service is

the next thing that needs to be done, and a quick chat with the kitchen staff and early risers! Then it's over to the field for tent inspection (I've given you a few tips in an earlier edition...) followed by the morning service and breakfast.

The rest of the day is spent in variety of ways – either out on activities or chatting to people still on camp. If we have a service in the evening (such as on Sunday and Friday) that afternoon can be a bit of a panic trying to get everything set up in time, however I'm always thankful for the amount of help I get in setting up! After dinner there are the evening activities which

are always great fun (a personal favourite being the trip into Grizedale Forest) before lights out, after which I usually find myself retreating for an early night to catch up on some sleep before 6am all too quickly comes around.



Mr Tom Clover and... well, a penguin.

Tom during the Friday service



What It Is All About Ethos

By Keith Wynne

Ethos - Dictionary Definition - “Distinctive spirit and attitude of a group of people”

Its 110 Years since the first North East Camp was held, and although not strictly within the Victorian period, most of the attributes & principles in place at that first camp were by their very nature Victorian. Those attributes and principles which together make up the ETHOS of our camp have over time been translated by many and various individuals to provide the camp we attend each year.

The command of the the Brigade in the Durham Regiment and of North East Camp has been passed down over the decades to leaders that have experienced hands-on over many years what it means to be part of the Brigade family and more particularly at North East Camp.

The program and all the activities are designed and arranged in a way that develops Christian and neighborly behavior in everyone who attends.

Everyone of the leaders and visitors who spends time at one of our camps is very soon struck by the friendliness, cheerfulness and fellowship, and by the might of how such diverse

characters are able to meld themselves into such a cohesive team

Life long friendships are made at North East Camp and ever since my first camp in 1955, I can still count the lads and girls met then from all parts, Durham, Yorkshire, Lancashire and of course Essex, as friends today. The memories of experiences at North East Camp, unlike transient worldly things, are never lost and remain with you forever and this above everything else is the essence of North East Camp.

The above may appear somewhat trite and slushy, but its true.

