



# NET FORECAST



National Events Team Forecast Bulletin

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**NET Forecast** is the bulletin of the National Events Team. It aims to inform Groups and Scout Counties about up-coming National Events as well as reporting on recent events.

It is important at all Group Leaders and CPCs ensure that a copy of this newsletter is circulated to all sections so that everyone is up-to-date on the latest news, regarding Youth Programme National Events.

Programme Commissioner (National Events)

## Upcoming National Events:

### National Beaver Scouting Days

North 21<sup>st</sup> April, Crawfordsburn  
South 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Doneraile, Co. Cork  
East 21<sup>st</sup> April, Larch Hill  
West 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Lough Keel

National Beaver Scouting Days are activity days that incorporate elements of the Beaver progressive scheme. The Beavers will have a day filled with various activities that will enable them to both have fun and learn some scouting skills.

The theme of this year's Beaver Scouting Days is 'Happy Feet'. After the great success that was last year's Beaver Scouting Days we would encourage as many Colonies to attend. Can all Group Leaders and CPCs make sure that their Colonies know about these upcoming days.

### PEAK- Patrol Expedition Activity Kamp

6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> April, 2007 Cappnalea OEC, Co. Kerry

PEAK is a weeklong training adventure for Scouts run over Easter week. For any scout over the age of 14 with hiking experience who wishes to be challenged this is a unique opportunity. It is an intense roller coaster activity during which the participants are immersed in a week of challenge and adventure.

Any scout how has attended PEAK has always found it a highly enjoyable, challenging and beneficial, especially for those with an interest in mountaineering and those who have taken part in Sionnachs and MPCs. There has been a disappointing take-up on this activity and there are still a number of places available.

## Venture Scout Challenge

1<sup>st</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2007 Éire – Cmyru

Challenge is an expedition-style National Event. The aim of the event is for a team of two Venture Scouts to learn about the customs and cultures of Ireland and Wales and to experience both places in a unique way while putting all their skills and knowledge to the test during the expedition. Challenge involves the teams spending five days on the road, working as a team, walking 100 kms, surviving on a limited budget while experiencing Ireland and Wales in a unique way.

Any venture who has participated in Challenge has always found it a highly enjoyable, challenging and beneficial experience. There has been a disappointing take-up on this activity; we would encourage all venture units to consider attending this event.

## Venture Scout Moot – V

28<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2007 Lough Dan, Co. Wicklow

The Venture Scout Moot, or V, is a four day National Venture Camp. It is going to be a Jamboree-style event that will have a large range of activities available to all participants – including adventure activities, programme zones and workshops, a carnival and a music festival.

This activity aims to provide a much needed event in the National Venture Programme. Its success hinges on units' willingness to attend what is assured to be a great camp. Information will be on-line and sent out to all units in the next week or so. Be there.

## Star Scout Show 2007

31<sup>st</sup> Mar/1<sup>st</sup> Apr, 2007 St Patrick's College, Dromcondra, Dublin

The aim of the Star Scout show is to get as many members to bring their performing talents to the fore. Sections, Groups or even Counties can build the weekend into their programme, even if it is just to attend. You can avail of the "Planned Weekend Activity Packages".

### Booking of National Events

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2. Download information pack from [www.scouts.ie/events](http://www.scouts.ie/events) or ring National Office and ask for a copy for be sent to you
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4. Send the booking form(s) and fees to National Office
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## One World

### National Events in 2007



National Events open to all 4 Sections

Status	Booking Code	Description	Date	Closing Date	Info Available
OPEN	0607-G011	The Star Scouts Show	31-Mar, 01-Apr-07	Check Literature	On-Line
OPEN	0607-G012	Giant Sleep Over	16,17-Jun-07	30-Apr-07	On-Line
		National Council 2007	June -07		From National Secretary
		21st World Jamboree	28-Aug-07		
	0607-G013	Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI)	20,21-Oct-07		From International Comm.
	0607-G014	50 <sup>th</sup> Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)	20,21-Oct-07		From International Comm.
OPEN	0607-G015	National Orienteering Day [LONE Event] * 03-Nov-07		24-Sep-07	On-Line



Beaver National Events, with Information Packs Available on-line / via National Office

Status	Booking Code	Description	Date	Closing Date	Info Available
OPEN	0607-B011	National Beaver Scouting Day – North	21-Apr-07	02-Mar-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-B012	National Beaver Scouting Day – East	21-Apr-07	02-Mar-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-B013	National Beaver Scouting Day – South	22-Apr-07	02-Mar-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-B014	National Beaver Scouting Day – West	22-Apr-07	02-Mar-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-B015	National Animal Awareness Day – Dublin	06-Oct-07	31-Aug-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-B016	National Animal Awareness Day – Belfast	06-Oct-07	31-Aug-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-B017	National Animal Awareness Day – Cork	06-Oct-07	31-Aug-07	On-Line



Cub Scout National Events, with Information Packs Available on-line / via National Office

Status	Booking Code	Description	Date	Closing Date	Info Available
OPEN	0607-C011	National Air Activities Day [LONE Event]*	Postponed		On-Line Soon
OPEN	0607-C012	National Challenge Day - Cub Scouts	03-Feb-07	05-Jan-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-C013	National Cub Scouting Day – North	10-Mar-07	19-Jan-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-C014	National Cub Scouting Day – East	10-Mar-07	19-Jan-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-C015	National Cub Scouting Day – South	11-Mar-07	19-Jan-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-C016	National Cub Scouting Day – West	11-Mar-07	19-Jan-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-C017	National Water Activities Day [LONE Event] *	19-May-07	06-Apr-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-C018	The Elements Challenge	July-07	18-May-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-C019	Ceannaire Óg Training Programme [LONE Event] *	Sep-Dec 07		Check with PC Under 11's
OPEN	0607-C020	National Trail Day	07-Oct-07	31-Aug-07	On-Line



# 2007



## One Promise



Scout National Events, with Information Packs Available on-line / via National Office

Status	Booking Code	Description	Date	Closing Date	Info Available
OPEN	0607-S019	National Air Activities Day – Scouts [LONE] *	Postponed		On-Line Soon
OPEN	0607-S020	National Challenge Day – Scouts	10-Feb-07	12-Jan-06	On-Line
OPEN	0607-S021	Patrol Expedition Adventure Kamp – PEAK	06,13-Apr-07	02-Feb-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-S022	MPC – Munster	13,15-Apr-07	23-Apr-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-S025	National Raft Race – Scouts	16,17-Jun-07	27-Apr-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-S026	Lone Patrol Camps	Multiple		Check with Campsites & PC Camping
OPEN	0607-S027	The Phoenix Challenge	16,19-Aug-07	15-Jun-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-S028	MPC – Connaught	21,23-Sep-07	24-Aug-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-S029	Sionnach	28,30-Sep-07	24-Aug-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-S030	Sionnach	12,14-Oct-07	07-Sep-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-S031	MPC – Ulster	19,21-Oct-07	07-Sep-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-S032	Scout Skills Training Programme	Sep-Dec 07		Check with PC Over 11's
OPEN	0607-S033	4 <sup>th</sup> National Youth Forum – Scouts	02,04-Nov-07	21-Sep-07	On-Line



Venture Scout National Events, with Information Packs Available on-line or via National Office.

Status	Booking Code	Description	Date	Closing Date	Info Available
OPEN	0607-V013	National Air Activities Day [LONE] *	Postponed		On-Line Soon
OPEN	0607-V014	Sluaíocht na Sléibhte – Cmyru	23,25-Feb-07	12-Jan-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-V015	Sluaíocht na Sléibhte - The Summer Climb-AX	25,27-May-07	13-Apr-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-V016	National Raft Race – Venture Scouts	16,17-June-07	27-Apr-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-V017	The Venture Scout Moot	28-Jun, 01-Jul-07	11-May-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-V018	The Explorer Belt – Europe	28-Jun, 15 Jul-07	18-Dec-06	On-Line
OPEN	0607-V019	Venture Scout Challenge: Éire-Cymru	02,12-Aug-07	26-Jan-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-V020	National Venture Scout Triathlon (Tri-Zone)	06,07-Oct-07	07-Sep-07	On-Line
OPEN	0607-V021	4 <sup>th</sup> National Youth Forum - Venture Scouts	02,04-Nov-07	21-Sep-07	On-Line

\*LONE: Locally Organised National Event

All Information in the Bulletin is on the Wall Planner which was distributed in November 2006

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## Youth Programme National Event Reports



### National Challenge Day – Cubs

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2007

Tullamore College, Tullamore, Co. Offaly

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** 98<sup>th</sup> Cork, West Cork Scout County  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** 1<sup>st</sup> Leitrim, Lough Keel Scout County  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** 6<sup>th</sup> Offaly, Slieve Bloom Scout County

The Challenge Day consisted of table quiz, of 6 rounds of 10 questions, in the morning and 4 challenge bases (Mental, Physical, Skill & Mystery) in the afternoon.

The aim of National Challenge Day (Cubs) is to test teams of Cub Scouts/Macacoimh in team/skill based tasks as well as in the traditional table-quiz. This format makes for a comprehensive and engaging activity for the participants. All Scout Counties should hold similar pre-qualifier events preceding the National Challenge Day.

The Physical Base was a 'Dress up relay' – this was an adapted version of snatch the bacon. The Scouting Skills Base was Tracking signs. A trail was laid out around the college and each team was given a guide to the signs to help them complete the course. The Mental Base was based on Magic Squares - five squares each made up of three different shapes were all mixed up and they had to make up the five squares as a team. The Mystery base was Compass Shapes – the teams were given compasses, sisal and pegs and given the instructions/directions to make different shapes.

29 teams took part representing only 16 of the Association's Scout Counties.

Both National Challenge Days (Cubs and Scouts) could not have been run without the support of the Slieve Bloom Scout County. Many thanks to all involved in organising and running of the events.

### National Challenge Day – Scouts

10<sup>th</sup> February 2007

Tullamore College, Tullamore, Co. Offaly

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** 191<sup>st</sup> Dublin – Team A, Tolka Scout County  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** 1<sup>st</sup> Roscommon, Lough Keel Scout County  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** 6<sup>th</sup> Tipperary Slieve Bloom Scout County

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Despite the rather low temperatures all the teams enjoyed the Challenge bases, although the Balloon base inside did appear to be that bit more favoured.

The Mental Base was a combination of giant 'Battleships' and Connect-Four. The Physical Base was a variant on Ultimate Frisbee which saw the teams running around after frisbees in the expertly marked out zones. The Scouting Skills base, similar to the Cubs, had the scouts working with compasses. The Mystery Base involved the teams to try out their balloon manipulation skills.

35 teams took part in the Challenge representing only 20 of the Association's Scout Counties.

### Next Issue of NET Forecast

**Beavers:** National Beaver Scouting Days  
 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> April

**Cub Scouts/Macacoimh:** National Cub  
 Scouting Days 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Mar

**Scouts:** PEAK 6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> April; MPC Munster  
 13-15<sup>th</sup> April

**Venturer Scouts:** Sluaíocht na Sléibhte –  
 Cmyru 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> February

If there is a comment / report you would like to submit about a National Event you were on, please send it by email to [events@scouts.ie](mailto:events@scouts.ie) or by post to:

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