



Curlew Calendar 2011

Trainings - Details of trainings are in the Training Calendar a copy of which is also on the County's website. If you require Sectional/Safe from Harm/First Response Full or Renewal please let either Kath or Judith know. For trainings please send your details including name, email/address, contact telephone number and training you are applying for to Kath Coid, details in the County Directory [address removed online] guidingdev@girlguidingcumbriasouth.org.uk, or complete an application form on the website and forward to Kath or Judith. The closing date is **1 week before** training. If there are insufficient numbers then unfortunately, the training will have to be cancelled. **Training fees are a legitimate unit expense but please see new information relating to fees in this Newsletter.**

26 November	Commissioner & Coms Mentor Training	Corpus Christie - application forms on Region Website
10 December	Full 1 st Response & Renewal	St Paul's Church, Barrow 10am - 4pm
21-22 January 2012	Comms Training	Park House
10-12 Feb 2012	County Training Weekend	Waddow Hall, Clitheroe - is getting full - so get your booking in as soon as possible!
31 Jan & 9 Feb 2012	Full 1 st Response	St John's Church Room, Flookburgh - 7.30 - 9.30pm
Sat 10 March 2012	Training for Residential Events	The Guide Room, Ulverston - 10am - 4pm
23 April 2012	1 st Response Renewal	Guide HQ, Dalton - 7.30pm - 9.30pm
28 & 29 April 2012	Dance and Drama Day	All sections - Coniston - get your forms in by 16 December please!!
15-17 June 2012	'Up High' Event	Coniston, Hoad Hill, Ulverston & Hampsfell, Grange More details to follow

SITUATIONS VACANT - please contact Barb in the first instance:

Kent Valley - District Commissioner
County - Outdoor Activities Advisor - Designate
County Camp Advisor - Designate

All Divisions - Camp and Holiday Advisors

PR Advisor - Get in touch with Mai Harrison with any news so that she can contact the press to get more publicity. Email: maihpark@gmail.com

Website - Please keep sending your news/pics to add the website - contact Sam Mason, Website Co-ordinator and she will upload for you.

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Plans afoot.....

Oh my goodness - it is almost Christmas!!! I am looking forward to attending Carol Services and activities to celebrate the festive season and am wondering just where 2011 went?

When I look back I am amazed by the fantastic opportunities our girls and young women here in Cumbria South have had, which is of course down to your generosity and all the time you spend guiding, each year we seem to 'higher the bar' and then some.... The girls are still talking about the fun they had at WoW 2011 and I am sure that their experiences have wetted the girls' appetite for more adventure within Girlguiding Cumbria South. Further afield, so many girls and leaders had a fantastic 'Grand Day Out' in Blackpool, what a super day that was!

Never ones to dwell in the past, we are already looking forward to the New Year, in January we will have the annual Commissioners' Training, February will see us at our County Training weekend at Waddow (hurry if you have not already applied) and you will by now be in the process of collecting in all your application forms for the Dance and Drama Day in Coniston 28 and 29 April 2012. We are looking for Volunteers from each District to head this up, so what are you waiting for - do get in touch!!

As a part of the North West Region idea to get everyone out and about next year - we are holding 'Up High' events over the weekend of 15-17 June 2012. Already in the pipeline is a dawn or dusk hike up to the top of the Old Man of Coniston for Guides and Senior Section, Tina Jackson is the Lead Volunteer on this one. Very much in the planning stage, there are plans for similar Brownie and Rainbow events, perhaps on Hoad and Hampsfell. We are looking for people to organise these events so.... What are you waiting for? I would love to hear from you.

May I wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a wonderful New Year and my sincere thanks for all you continue to do for our girls and young women.

Barb

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Congratulations - to everyone who gained permits, licenses and awards and a very warm **Welcome** to all new volunteers in Cumbria South, we look forward to getting to know you.

County Training Weekend - Booking forms **OUT NOW** for the County Training Weekend at **Waddow Hall 10 - 12 February 2012** for Leaders and YLs over 16. Please don't leave it too late to book - get your forms off to Kath Coid now. Look forward to seeing you there.

Go!

Subscriptions - Leaders, please ensure that you have the correct girl data on Go! by the beginning of January, this is when your invoices will be raised. This year there will be no way of changing the invoice, you will have to pay whatever is on the invoice. Hopefully, Leaders will have run the reports suggested in the last Newsletter and their girl data will be correct, if you haven't done this, can you sort it out as soon as possible. If you are having problems of any sort, please contact your District Commissioner.

Post Codes - Thanks to you all for putting the meeting place post codes onto Go! and thanks to Marian Salway for her patience.

Waiting Lists

It would also be really helpful to the County if you would please add girls to your waiting list on Go! This would enable me to plan for the future.

Dance & Drama Days - Brownies - 28 April - Guides & Rainbows - 29 April

In order to ensure that we have the figures we need for our application for funding for this event, can you please make sure that you get your girls' Application Forms to Rhona as soon as possible after 12 December.

This is going to be a super event, the next meeting is at **8pm on Monday 9 January 2012 at the Guide Room, Ulverston**, if you would like to come along and offer your help, please just turn up - or get in touch with Sarah Beale - s.e.beale@btinternet.com - the Lead Volunteer for more information.

'Girlguiding Cumbria South - Up High' - 15-17 June 2012

North West Region have challenged all of the Counties in the Region to organise an event called 'Up High' to be held at the highest point in their county. The idea being that we get everyone out and about doing activities, units will be able to 'buy in' to other county activities and a brochure with all the activities will be available in January 2012. In Cumbria South we have 3 ideas, one being a dawn or dusk hike up the Old Man of Coniston for Guides and Senior Section, possibly with an overnight camp, with Tina

Jackson as the Lead Volunteer. The other ideas are for Brownies to have an event on Hampsfell in Grange and the Rainbows up on Hoad in Ulverston. If this sounds like something you would like to organise, then please do get in touch with Barb - countycomm@girlguidingcumbriasouth.org.uk.

County Trainings - Over the years we have had more and more people cancelling at the last minute or simply not turning up at trainings, as there are increasing costs involved ie the hire of halls and trainers' expenses, the Finance Committee has agreed that because training fees are a reasonable unit expense, with immediate effect, Kath Coid will send an invoice to the Unit Leader for those who have booked onto the training, after the closing date for applications. This way we are assured that costs will be covered and County will stop losing money because people simply don't turn up to the trainings they have booked onto. It will then be up to the Unit Leader to arrange for the money to be paid by the person who did not attend the training.

Gift Aid - Forms available to download from the Girlguiding UK website for units to apply for Gift Aid. It really is so simple to claim now. If your Unit is not registered then **you are losing money**, so get on and **do it now!!!**

Did you know that a unit with 18 girls, paying £20 per term could claim back as much as £270.00 per year; that would go a long way to help with funding!! The link for more information is https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/members_area_go/running_your_unit/finance_and_insurance/gift_aid.aspx

Unit Accounts Pack - there is an excellent accounts package on the Girlguiding website, it is simple to use and does all the hard work for you. Well worth checking out.

Recruitment Checks Please remember that all recruitment checks are now completed fully electronically which has speeded up the process significantly. Updated information on recruitment checks for volunteers aged 16-18 years and individual staying overnight at residential has now been made available on the website for commissioners. The completion of Girlguiding UK recruitment check process **should not** delay the start of the Leadership Qualification. New volunteers should be able to start their Leadership Qualification as soon as they take on the role of Leader in Training.

Growing Guiding - Katherine Knowles and her team are organising the first of the Senior Section Roadshows at the Guide Room in Ulverston on Monday 12 December, all Senior Section, YLs and Leaders welcome. For more information contact katherine.knowles@hotmail.com