



1st Hawthorn

SCOUTS

at Scotch College

Thursday 16th February 2006

Dear Parents and Scouts,

We have been rather busy getting the year underway in Scouts. The Year Seven Camps at this time of year always make it difficult to keep up a flow of information during the first weeks. I have received most Y1 forms back [to join the Scout Movement] from the lads, and they can purchase their uniform if they haven't done so already.

Events in the next few weeks:

This week we are constructing the three rafts, which will be used in the District race "The Boroondara Challenge". This will involve the entire troop working on square lashings and tying on the plastic drums.

Thursday 23rd February-[next week]

The boys need to bring footwear that can get wet, -old runners and old clothes – t shirt/ shorts/ and a towel. We will be testing the rafts at Scotch. The boys will be wearing canoeing helmets and buoyancy vests supplied by the school. We have some venturers in kayaks to rescue anyone who falls in, however all boys must be able to swim 50 metres, and support themselves by floating for three minutes. All boys will have a shot at paddling a raft on the Thursday meeting.

However I can only take eighteen boys: six per raft to compete in the race on Saturday 25th. There is a Venturer hike on the same weekend and some of the older boys will be involved in that. I will see how the numbers are after today's meeting.

Friday 24th February: The Scout AGM and BBQ

This is a family BBQ and is held at the Scout Hall and the BBQ next to the Cardinal Pavilion Rowing Shed. It starts at 6.30pm, BYO your family's requirements for food and drink. Please come along and join in. It is a chance for you to see the scout hall, meet some of the leaders and other parents. Formalities are kept to a minimum with a few words from our President Mr Peter Fraser, and me as Group Leader.

Saturday 25th February: The Boroondara District Raft Race

The race is being held at Fairfield Park on Saturday Afternoon. Boys taking part need to meet at the Scout hall at 11.00am in their old clothes. They need to have a cut lunch and eat it, before arriving at the race site. Each boy should have a bottle of drinking water with them.

Please read the Permission form as to a list of requirements, and return the bottom part of the notice to Mrs Sheezel or myself by or at next weeks meeting. You will also need to fill in the medical form supplied with this letter.

I need three vehicles to transport the rafts to and from the site. This will mean using a normal 5x4 trailer. The rafts are very light and can be loaded on top, and tied down. If any parent can assist, please let me know ASAP [Ph:98104260]. We can hire a trailer if necessary. Parents are welcome to take their lad to the race and watch the event. I will be asking for assistance with transport for some lads-boarders etc, to and from Scotch. We should be back at the Hall approximately 5.00pm.

Mr Chris Taylor, 1st Hawthorn Group Leader