



# Group Newsletter

Hillcrest Scout Group

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## Den Renovations

Over the last few months the Den has been subject to a few ongoing changes. The entrance is being modified to display and protect the history of the Hillcrest Scout Group, eventually it will be home to a display cabinet which will showcase scarves and old badges. We have been kindly donated some old vests that will be on display and will be making magazine racks that will hold old Scouting books. There will also be room for photo albums, and awards folders to be on show for your perusal.

A confidential comments box will be made and placed in the entrance as we value your comments and anyway we can improve as a group is appreciated.

There are new seat / activity boxes being made for the sections youth these

will also have cushions inside that can be placed on top for soft seating. The tongue and groove wall has been sanded back and varnished. In the Ropes Room, the old untreated timber will be removed and new treated timber put up. Sanding has taken place on the Den floor and this has been varnished too. Outside gable ends have been replaced painted. We are hoping to have polythene placed under the Den before winter to stop the damp rising. The Flag Pole is now located at the head of the Den. Leaders you have not been overlooked.... your room has also been subject to extensive work and now has a table and chairs. Copies of all Leaders Manuals, Scouting Rules and



Constitution are being printed and placed in the new book shelves, the Committee Members Manual is also located here. The Section cork boards have been centered and are ready to be filled with 2016 photos, information and art work. We also have a main noticeboard that will contain any important information pertaining to our group.

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### Group Leader Goals for 2016

- To help improve Communication within the Group.
- Bring pride back into the wearing of the uniform.
- To assist our Leaders and Youth Leaders with their Training & Development Goals.
- OSM help the group find their way with this application.
- Ongoing review of Leaders warrants.

## Message from our Founder Lord Baden Powell

"We never fail when we try to do our duty, we always fail when we neglect to do it."



## Kea Section

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Kea's interact with nature and learn to share through co-operation and team-work, they engage in active and quiet games, stories, creative crafts, play-acting and singing.

**Kea Promise** "I will try to share my fun and help others."

**Kea Moto:** "I share, I Care, I Discover, I Grow."

**Kea Law:** Have Respect, Do What is Right, Be Positive.

**Section Night:** Monday's 15:45—16:45pm

We currently have 5 Keas and 1 Kea Leader Kendra Stead

Here are some of the fun

things our Keas will be doing this term:

### February:

- ◆ Welcome back
- ◆ REV cycle race
- ◆ Kea flag
- ◆ Bring a friend

### March:

- ◆ Easter craft
- ◆ Health food

### April:

- ◆ Skits

## Cub Section

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The Cub Pack offers a learning program where children are encouraged to experience, experiment, and explore. They work in groups of six with a young leader called a 'Sixer' and an assistant young leader called a 'Seconder' this enables them to work as a Team and also introduces the Sixer and Seconder to basic leadership skills.

**Cub Promise:** I promise to do my best, To do my duty to my God, to the Queen and my country, To help other people and to live by the Cub Law.

**Cub Law:** Have Respect, Do What is Right,

Be Positive

**Section Night:** Monday's 18:00—19:30

We currently have 30 Cubs and 3 Leaders, Angela Schipper, Louis Schipper and Emma Buddens. This term we are also gaining a new leader John West who will be invested into our Group upon completion of his application process.

This year marks 100 years of the Cub Section, we will be participating in these celebrations throughout the year.

This Term the Cubs will be doing the following:

### February:

- ◆ Games
- ◆ 100 good deeds challenge
- ◆ Founders Day
- ◆ Athletics badge
- ◆ Games

### March:

- ◆ Bike Ride
- ◆ Challenge night

### April:

- ◆ Totem poles
- ◆ 100 good deed reports
- ◆ Cooking from 1916



## Scout Section

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Scouts we do anything and everything, whether it is outdoor based activities such as tramping, camping, rafting, photography or indoor activities such as scout craft, games, team building. Scouts learn and gain life skills and practical skills, A Scout is a member of a Scout Patrol within a larger Troup and collectively make all the decisions, set goals and work as a team to succeed.

**Scout Promise:** On my honor I promise that I will do my best, to do my duty to God, and my country, To help other people and at all times, to obey and Scout Law.

**Scout Law:** Have Respect, Do What is Right, Be Positive

**Section Night:** Thursday's 18:30—20:30

We currently have 20 Scouts and 5 Scout Leaders Kim Henderon-Pyne, Warren Bailey, Hiyam O'Donnell, Pierre De Villiers & Amos Jeffries.

Here are some of the things the Scouts will be doing this term:

### February:

- ◆ Welcome back
- ◆ Knot night
- ◆ Swimming & rescue techniques

### March:

- ◆ Skills for camping
- ◆ Orienteering
- ◆ Camping essentials

### April:

- ◆ Camping

## Venturer Unit

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Action, Adventure and Challenges. Venturers develop their own programs from vocational activities, developing self-confidence, leadership courses and social interaction.

A progressive award scheme enables Venturers to extend their skill range and ultimately gain the most prestigious award in Scouting: Queen's Scout Award

### Scout Promise:

On my honour I promise

to do my best To do my duty to my God To the Queen and my country, to help other people And to live by the Scout Law

### Scout Law:

Have Respect, Do What is Right, Be Positive

**Unit Nights:** Friday's 19:00—21:00

We currently have 8 Venturers & 3 Venturer Leaders Justine Thomas, Jeff Clarke & Pierre DeVilliers

This Term the Venturers have organised to do the following:

- ◆ Going to see a Theatre production at Hillcrest High

where quite a few of the cast were past Hillcrest Scouts

- ◆ Revision of Outdoor Skills
- ◆ Walks
- ◆ Learning about basic car maintenance
- ◆ Completing a conservation module
- ◆ And learning about consumer rights.

## Committee

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The committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month from 19:00 at the Den.

If this falls in the School Holidays it will be moved to the first Tuesday back of Term.

Parents and Leaders you are welcome to come along.

We currently have two vacancies within our Committee, Chairperson and Secretary, if you are interested in filling either of these roles please contact Rachel Shaw (Pukeko) at [hillcrestgroupleader@gmail.com](mailto:hillcrestgroupleader@gmail.com) or 027 644 1722

## Lost Property

All clothing has been washed and is now on display with other items in the Loft, if it is not claimed before the end of February it will be donated to charity.



## Safety

Hillcrest Scout Group like to ensure all our youth members are safe.

We ask that children are always accompanied by an adult to and from the Den.

By accompanying your children to the Den this also provides you with an opportunity to talk with the Leaders and other Adults and see all the exciting scouting skills your children are learning.

## Upcoming Events

This term we have the following events to look forward to:

05/03/2016 Mudslide Day / Cub Camp (Waihi)

06/03/2016 National Cub Day (Waihi)

5 - 6/03/2016 Frankton Thunder fundraiser

02/04/2016 Kea sleepover

17/04/2016 Aviation School starts

20/04/2016 Caving School starts

24/04/2016 ANZAC Eve Sleep Over at Den

25/04/2016 ANZAC Day





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Together we are Hillcrest Scouts



**We're on the Web!**

<http://>

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### What We Do

We are part of New Zealand's biggest mixed youth organisation.

### Youth

We help to change the lives of youth by offering them fun and challenging activities with unique experiences, adventure while making a positive impact in our community.

Scouts help children and young adults to reach their full potential by developing skills such as team work, leadership, planning, time management, cultural awareness and commitment.

### Volunteers

With thanks to our dedicated team of adult volunteers who hold a wide range of roles from Committee Members to Leaders, we help them achieve the most out of their experiences by providing opportunities for adventure, training, fun and friendship.

## Babysitting

If you are needing someone to look after your children some of our Venturers would love to help.

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