

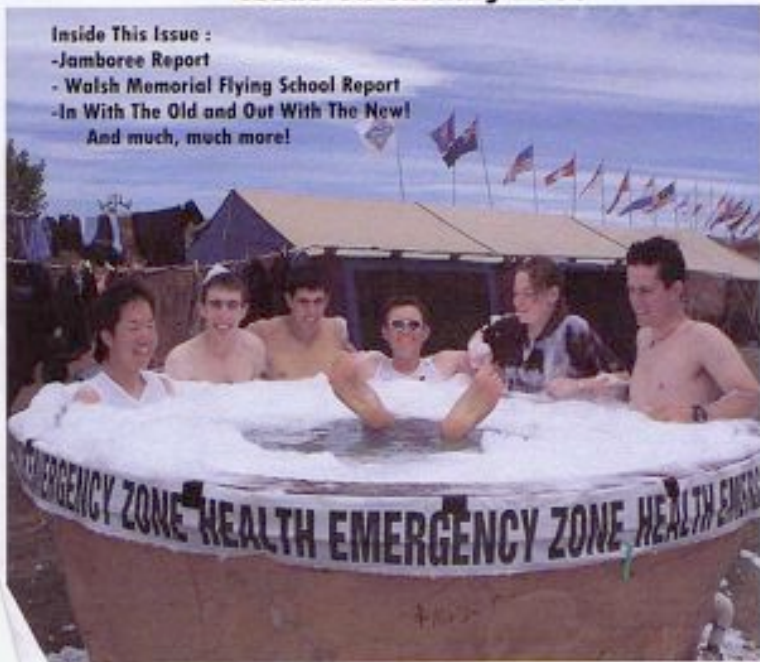
SMEAR

a magazine for the venturing in aoraki

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CHAIRMAN'S CHRONICLE

Hey-o!

So the time has come, this is my last Chairman's Chronicle forever! That's right, no longer will long-winded and extremely useful and insightful articles written by yours truly exhaust you, but yet make you want to leap forward two months just to read the next issue... But alas! Your new council for 2008 will far better, extremely 'hip' and most probably more technologically advanced! (Meaning they may be able to work the photocopier..)

So just a recap of the previous couple of months for those of you that may just be living under a rock and unaware of what has been going on.. Jamboree was a huge success! Well done to all of you that attended as a participant, YST, Host Corps, Leader or any of the hundreds of jobs that were at C-Jam. You guys did a fantastic job! You worked hard and played hard, and that's the way it should be done.

To a more personal note, I'd like to say thanks to a few key people that have given me a hand throughout my Venturing career. John, Greg, Chris and Evan have been brilliant in doing what Venturer leaders do best, and I thank them dearly for all of their help and support! And how could I forget my fellow Venturers that have stuck around all the way through - Matt and Tim. Cheers fellas!

Venturing is all about getting out there, pushing your limits and having a blast! What makes it worthwhile though are the people who surround you. Looking back the people who I meet along my travels defiantly made the ride more enjoyable! From rafting, to flying to the vice versa night at V07 - all these I remember

not only because what I was doing, but because of who I was with! That I reckon is the key to having a memorable and enjoyable Scouting career.

Lastly I would like to give a huge thanks to the outgoing council. You guys did an absolutely wonderful job this year. As a council we pulled of some pretty sa-weet events - Amazing Race and Camping Competition are only a couple of the many regional events run this year.

Well, that just about wraps it up from me. If you are sitting in Blenheim reading this, I hope you had an awesome AGM / Venture Out. That you meet new people, recruited a couple of sprouts to the unit, got extremely muddy at the mudslide day, and all in all had a fantastic weekend!

If you couldn't join us over the weekend, you missed out! But keep your eyes to the sky and look out for the next regional event. It will be coming your way really soon!

Catch ya round
Tom



By far the best Venturer trip away!



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ED'S NOTE

Hello again I trust that you all have had a good time over the Christmas break.

This will be my last smear as it is AGM soon and there will be new members appointed to the RVC. So I hope that you have discussed who this is going to be within you units.

As for events this year we have many on offer starting with a goodie all the way up to Blenheim
Also Velocity, Cooksey Course a hopefully a survivor

And not to forget the event that aren't organized by the RVC but Venturer's are still able to partake in

- : Kon tki
- : Mud bash
- : EST.



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NOT GOOD.....

Midnight At The Oasis

We will have
sheiks, belly-dancers,
pharaohs, crusaders,
sultans, tomb raiders, and
more!



The looming bazaars of the Middle East have
been the centre of the trading world for
millennia; join us in a mystical desert oasis
where the bar will not be a mirage!

Movies that might inspire you ::

- ◆ The Mummy
- ◆ Aladdin
- ◆ Raiders of the Lost Ark
- ◆ Lawrence of Arabia
- ◆ The Scorpion King
- ◆ 1001 Nights
- ◆ Kingdom of Heaven



Come Out And Play!



Midnight Moot Otagi 2008

66TH NEW ZEALAND ROVER SCOUT MOOT

www.midnightmoot.com

Aoraki Regional Rover Gnome Hunt 2008

For those of us sensible enough to have slept inside the Rimu Park scout den the day began to the heavy sound of rain on the roof. After a long and drawn out process of getting up and eating breakfast, all of 3 other venturers arrived and the day officially kicked off with the presentation of Mike Blackburn's Gilwell Scarf and wood beads. Well done Mike.

From there it was a well run if not slightly improvised morning of activities including modified versions of poison pole, horizontal bungee, and tug of war, as well as cookie hunting and an apple eating contest.

A short pause for lunch then we were into teams and cars for the grand event: the Gnome Hunt. Now I can't speak for the rest of the teams but it was clear that we were never going to win right from the start when we stopped off at McDonald's on our way to the start point. Things didn't get too much better from there; we missed a vital turn off and therefore couldn't do our required chicken dance.

Despite our mishaps we battled on through the cold and rain. By the time we were at the last clue however we realized we were dead last and so to celebrate we stopped off at domino's where they felt so sorry for us that we scored two large pizza's and two garlic breads for \$19.80 (not that I'm advertising or anything).

So no prizes for coming last, and to everyone's surprise the Gnome that we had been driving all over the city to find had in fact been hiding in the freeze at Rimu park all day long. It went to Avon Rovers for being the best team on the day.

Thus concluded the Aoraki Regional Rover Gnome Hunt for 2008. I hope to see more Rovers and certainly more Venturers there to take up the challenge next year.



MEGA MOOT!



Human Pyramid that was more a square.



Katie being pulled back on the horizontal bungee with the assistance of a rover!

Looking for some adventure during Easter

COME A BOARD THIS AMAZING SHIP FOR A SPECIAL VOYAGE 21- 25 MARCH 2008

The **Spirit of Adventure** in collaboration with **Scouting New Zealand** is making a **Special 5 day Voyage**.

We have berths available for 20 female and 20 male Trainees aged between 15 and 19.

It will be 5 days of sailing with an emphasis on **adventure and leadership**.

If you are interested in taking part in this **once in a lifetime opportunity**, or would like further information please contact us at National Office.

The cost will be **\$580** per person.

Have you already completed a Spirit of Adventure Voyage?

If so we will also need 2 female and 2 male **Leading Hands**.

Please contact us for more information.

Contact: Richard or Marika

Email: info@scoutingnz.org.nz

Phone: 04 471 0720

KONTIKI RAFT RACE

8TH - 9TH MARCH 2008

Lake Roto Kohatu



Access to Lake Roto Kohatu can be gained through the Omaka Campsite (off Johns Road) where parking is available

Pegasus Bay Zone Mudslide Day 2008

Sunday 24th February

Location - To be finalized, more information to follow

Time - 1pm the site will be available for a picnic lunch from midday

\$2 per youth (max of \$40 per group)

Each group is to organize a water-based activity

Examples:

Apple Bowling, Dunking Machine, Bottle Rockets, Holey Pole, Watery-Gumbootswalk

Contact - AC-RC@yahoogroups.com confirming your groups attendance and numbers for each of your section by 15th of February

"The meters I made were truly awesome"

Wellington 2010 "open your eyes"



Brookfield Outdoor Scout Center
2nd - 12th January

For all your information,
applications, and pictures
HEAD TO:

www.venture2010.org.nz

C-Jam (Wizz Bang Noises)

Hand's up who got sick (oos apparently we all did). Firstly a huge thanks to all of you who turned up as YST. I'm sure it's not the first time you've heard it. Also a small thanks to all of us who rocked up as Host Corps and had a grand ole time.

And what of the rest of you, yes you (those of you being the ones thinking "hmm, I wasn't at Jamboree") Well? Why not? Slacker! Anyways, let us fill you in on the details....

Unless you're name was Tom Williams, most of us turned up some time around the 27th December last year, having not fully recovered from Christmas day, yet full of enthusiasm and ready to work. The next day later the Scouts arrived and Jamboree officially started with a bang, a bang, and thousands of pieces of non-biodegradable cellophane.

Fairly soon after that the first Scouts came down sick but that didn't phase the faithful and hardy YST. Oh no, they soldiered on squirting water, fixing off road buggies and generally getting down and dirty, all in the name of quality scouting.

Meanwhile us Host Corps kept the Silver tops fed, watered and entertained, and at the same time maintained a high standard of security around the Jamboree's expanding hospital. Keeping the sick kids in the ever prying media out was a fulltime job.

10 days later Jamboree finished about the same way as it started: with a bang and more thousands of pieces of non-biodegradable cellophane flying through the air.

So sorry I couldn't stay and talk for longer but Tom's getting impatient because we need to get this SMEAR magazine up and running. But I'm sure there'll be plenty of time to catch up and talk about the good times at AGM this weekend.

C-Jam Host Corps at their best.



Scouting New Zealand Media Liaison

Name: Katie Shaw-Brown
Group: Deans Rovers
Region: Aoraki

I am a member of a new National team of Media representatives for Scouting NZ, who have been selected to work with the media in sustaining a positive image of Scouting, from a youth perspective.

As a member of the Media Liaison team my job is to document Scouting events, supplying local newspapers and radio with information and news on recent and upcoming events. Also part of our role is to represent the youth of Scouting in any media engagements. So if your group of Keas, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers or Rovers is taking part in any activity that you feel would create a great story give me a call or drop me an email. I am happy to come along to the event and capture it live in action, interview Scouts on their experience or accept any reports on exciting events in our Region.

Look forward to hearing from you soon ☺

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