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## [Scouts] DC Merger Update - 24th September 2011

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So – we only have one more week to go.

On Wednesday night the five of us were privileged to attend the County Arrowheads Award presentation evening for Districts in the Bromley borough. As well as celebrating the presentation of Awards to over 50 individuals and teams across the borough it was an opportunity for Colin, Steve, Gary, James and I to meet with quite a few of you and to chat about the forthcoming changes.

This was the first such evening organised by the County and to our mind was a definite success. Congratulations to all involved in the planning and implementation of this evening. Well done.

This weekend sees the Explorer Scout MESH event running at Downe – this year run by the Chislehurst District Team, next year we hope that this will be one of the jewels in the crown of our new Districts Event calendar. Good luck to all of the leaders and participants for this year's event, I hope you have all thoroughly enjoyed yourself.

As many of you will know, not only are we merging our four heritage Districts into one but we are also changing the way that Scouting will be delivered and supported in our new District and we hope for the better.

Support for Groups will be provided via Gary Peppiatt and his Group Support team. We intend to bring together Groups with common challenges and support needs into Group Teams who will continue to meet periodically in GSL Councils. We also hope that annually all GSLs will come together with the DC, District Chairman and DDCs to consider District Strategy and to ensure that all Groups are able to influence the direction that the District takes. All GSLs will continue to have a direct line to the DC (as POR determines) but day to day support will be provided by a small team of ADCs dedicated to that task. These ADCs will also run the GSL Councils and provide the primary contact between Groups and the District.

Sectional Support will be provided by ADCs and District Leaders for all youth sections from Beavers to Networkers as well as for Active Support Units through the Programme Support Team run by Steve Pegram and his (much larger) support team. ADCs and District Leaders working with Steve will bring together Troops, Packs, Colonies and Units into Scout Leader Councils, CSL councils etc. across the District. It is likely that this team will also be responsible for the provision of some of the events that we plan to support the wider progressive training programme that assists the growth and development of our young people.

Major Youth Events will be handled by James Allen and another small team of Commissioners who are being charged with taking many of our existing and well supported events and developing these for delivery across our wider District. In addition we expect this team to consider and deliver new events and activities to support our Scouting Development.

Management of the District will come from the District Executive Committee chaired by Colin Goodwin. Colin and I have worked together in Scouting on and off for over 30 years – I trust his judgement and thank him especially for helping us all bring this new District together. Colin and his Executive team are building sub-committees to undertake much of the detailed work that we need of our Executive support. We are planning to have a number of sub-committees to effect the detailed work of the District – particularly in the areas of Appointments, Finance and Marketing. Additionally we expect to have support for Groups through a suitable sub-committee as well as a mechanism for supporting the proposal of National awards through another sub-committee.

Thanks for reading – we hope that these updates prove useful and we are happy to take any comments or observations (positive or negative) as it helps us steer our new District. We will continue to distribute these e-mail updates as we develop our new District.

## **STOP PRESS!!!!**

Our FIRST new District event and opportunity is coming up. Please find attached an invitation to bring your Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and others along to a Swimmer Activity Badge – an opportunity for young people to gain all five stages of this badge. Please see the attached flier from James and Steve for this event.

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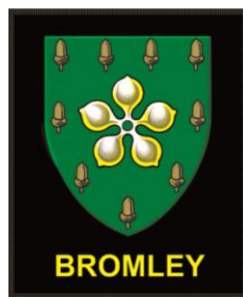


**Swimmer activity badge 2011.pdf**

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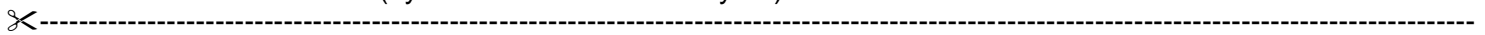
**To:** Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Network of **Bromley Scouts**



### Swimmer Activity Badge

<b>When?</b>	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2011, 5.00 – 9.30pm	
<b>Where?</b>	Trinity School, Shirley Park, Croydon, CR9 7AT	
<b>What?</b>	<b>Stage 1</b>	5.00 – 6.15pm
	<b>Stage 2</b>	6.00 – 7.15pm
	<b>Stage 3</b>	7.00 – 8.00pm
	<b>Stages 4 &amp; 5</b>	8.00 – 8.30pm (must be out of the pool by 9.15pm)
<b>Cost?</b>	<b>One entry</b>	£4.00 each
	<b>Additional stage</b>	£1.00 each
<b>Requirements?</b>	Please see attached for details – some stages require additional clothing	
<b>What can I do?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You can enter the staged swimmer's badge at any level – but please be sure that you are able to carry out the requirements</li> <li>You may attempt Stage 1 and Stage 2 on the same night</li> <li>You may attempt Stage 2 and Stage 3 on the same night</li> <li>You may attempt Stage 3 and Stage 4 on the same night</li> <li>You may <u>not</u> attempt Stage 4 and Stage 5 on the same night</li> </ul>	

Please complete the tear-off slip and bring it with you on the night. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (by whatever means suits you!).



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Group:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Section** (please circle): BEAVER / CUB / SCOUT / EXPLORER / NETWORK

**Stage** (please circle): 1 / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5

**Examiner's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

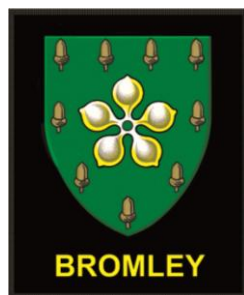
\* When you have successfully completed the Stage, please swap this slip for your badge \*

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Requirements	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
Safety	Know the safety rules and where it is safe to swim locally		Know the safety rules and where it is safe to swim locally Explain the rules governing swimming for Scouts		
Enter pool	Without using the steps, demonstrate a controlled entry into at least 1.5m of water	Demonstrate a controlled entry or dive from the side of the pool, into at least 1.5m of water	Demonstrate a controlled entry or dive from the side of the pool into at least 1.5m of water	Demonstrate a racing dive into at least 1.5m of water and straddle jump into at least two m of water	Demonstrate a racing dive into at least 1.5m of water and a straddle jump into at least two m of water
Short swim	Swim 10m on their front	Swim 10m on their front, 10m on their back, and ten m on their back using only their legs	Swim 50m in shirt and shorts	Swim 100m in less than four minutes	Swim 100m in shirt and shorts. On completion, remove the additional clothes and climb out of the pool unaided. Time limit 3 min
Tread water	30 seconds in a vertical position	3 min in a vertical position	3 min with one hand behind their back	5 min	5 min, 3 of which one arm must be held clear of the water
Water skills	Using a buoyancy aid, float still in the water for 30s  Demonstrate their ability to retrieve an object from chest deep water  Perform a push and glide on both their front and back	Surface dive into at least 1.5m of water and touch the bottom with both hands  Mushroom float for 10s  Enter the pool and push off from the side on their front and glide for 5m  From the side of the pool, push off on their back and glide for as far as possible	Surface dive into 1.5m of water and recover an object with both hands from the bottom. Return to the side of the pool holding the object in both hands  Enter the water from the side of the pool by sliding in from a sitting position  Using any floating object for support, take up and hold the Heat Escape Lessening Posture (HELP) for five minutes.	Surface dive into 1.5m of water, both head first and feet first and swim at least five m under water on both occasions  Enter the water as for unknown depth. Swim 10m to a floating object and use it to take up and hold the HELP for five minutes	Scull on their back, head first for 10m then feet first for 10m. Move into a tuck position and keeping their head out of the water, turn 360°  Swim 10m, perform a somersault without touching the side of the pool and continue to swim in the same direction for a further 10m  Demonstrate the HELP  Demonstrate a surface dive, both head and feet first into 1.5m water.
Distance swim	Swim 25m without stopping	Swim 100m without stopping	Swim 400m without stopping	Swim 800m without stopping. They should swim 400m on their front and 400m on their back	Swim 1000m using any three strokes for a minimum of 200m per stroke. Time limit: 35 min