



Information

Diary Dates

21 st November 2015	Youth Leader Training Part 2
1 st December 2015	CS Musicians of the Year Event
4 th December 2015	CS PT Competition
6 th December 2015	Building your Skills Training
8 th December 2015	Battalion Executive Meeting

New Shop Hours

The Battalion shop hours have changed, please inform all staff and parents of the following:-

Monday – Thursday 9am – 2pm
Friday – 10am – 2pm

Pocket Diary 2016 & Christmas Cards

Boys Brigade Pocket Diary is now available to purchase. The shop have a supply of these available and would make ideal christmas gifts.

Boys Brigade Christmas cards are also in stock and available to purchase.

Forthcoming Events

Company Section PT Event

The Company Section Physical Training competition will be held on Friday 4th December 2015 and is being hosted by 48th Edinburgh Company. Entry forms and the exercises have been issued and can be found on the website or by request from the office.

Closing Date: Tuesday 27th November 2015.

Company Section Musician of the Year

The Musician of the Year Competition is being held on Tuesday 1st December 2015 at North Esk Church in Musselburgh. The competition is open to all Company and Senior Section Boys. Entry forms have been issued and are available on the website. Closing Date: 13th November 2015

Junior Section Swimming Gala

The junior section swimming gala is once again being held at Leith Academy, on Saturday 28th November from 4pm to 6pm. Entry forms and rules have been issued and are available on the website.

Closing Date: Monday 23rd November.

Please note the rules have changed and you are advised to read over these, one point to note is 'B' final scores will count towards the final trophy.

Company Section Basketball Competition

New event for the year, Basketball competition taking place on 12th December 2015 at Currie Community High School from 12.30pm. Full Details are on the website along with the entry form.

Closing Date: Wednesday 2nd December 2015

Forthcoming Training

Youth Leadership - For Leaders

This is required by new Leaders who wish to take on any unsupervised role in the Company and is the initial Training required to be appointed either as a Warrant Officer or Lieutenant.

The Course is in two parts and both must be attended. In addition, if a current First Aid certificate is not held, then attendance at the Battalion First Aid Course (or other suitable course) must also be undertaken.

Part Two – Saturday 21 November 2015

At Battalion HQ, Pollock Pavilion at 9am until 5pm

Camp & Holiday Leadership

This is required by any Junior Section, Company Section, or Senior Section Leader who wishes to take Boys and Girls away for any overnight activity.

This course is for those who both wish to qualify for this Certificate, or renew an existing one (though option to renew through log-sheets exists, if you have already renewed once by Log sheets, it is worth considering a refresher course).

This Course will be held as follows:

Saturday 23 January 2016 (12.45pm to 5.15pm) – Battalion HQ, Pollock Pavilion

Canoeing/Kayaking Weekend – For Seniors & Leaders

Primarily to develop Members & Leaders personal paddling skills, and secondly, to give Members & Leaders the opportunity to gain BC awards & in-house training.

Open to Seniors (S4-S6) and Leaders, but may be open to P7-S3 as well.

Weekend of 24-26 June 2016, Craggan Outdoor Centre

Building Your Skills – For Boys

Build Your Skills Course

This is required by Boys wishing to complete their President's Badge and we are offering two opportunities:

Sunday 6 December 2015 (1.30pm – 5.30pm) – 1st Leith Halls, Ferry Road, Leith

Or

Sunday 20 March 2016 (1.30pm to 5.30pm) – Battalion HQ, Pollock Pavilion, Ferry Road, Leith

Other Battalion Courses

Details of the following Courses will be circulated once finalised and may change:

Emergency First Aid – Saturday 16 January 2016, Battalion HQ, Pollock Pavilion 9am – 1pm
Captains & OICs Training – Saturday 20 February 2016, Joint with West Lothian Battalion
Introduction to Outdoor Activities – Saturday 16 April 2016, Joint with West Lothian Battalion

National Courses (Scottish HQ – Carronvale)

The following Courses are available through the BB UK Website and should be booked through Carronvale:

BB First Response – Practical First Aid Course – 7-8 May 2016

Expedition Leadership – Training and Assessment – 13-15 May 2016

BB Duke of Edinburgh Open Gold Expedition – 8-13 June 2016

KGVI Training Courses (Residential alternative to YLT for Young Leaders)

- New Entrants 16-22 July 2016

- Second Year (by Invitation only) – 30 July – 5 August 2016

Brigade Training Officer (BTO)

Currently, the Battalion has 5 trained BTOs:

David Connell, Reserve Officer

Graham Kilpatrick, 25th Edinburgh

David Scott, Battalion Development Officer

Lindsay Stein, 1st Kirkliston

Alan Summers, 19th Leith

There is no restriction on the number of BTOs that we can have, therefore we would be delighted to increase the pool of BTOs, to allow us to offer more courses and reduce the requirement on the existing team. In particular, we would welcome any Anchor Boy or Junior Section Leaders who may be interested as we could do with more representation from those Sections.

Scottish HQ will shortly be circulating information on the BTO training and if anyone is interested (and hasn't already let me know), please feel free to contact me (details below).

The First part of the BTO Training is currently scheduled as follows:

23-24 January 2016, Carronvale House.

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What's been happening in our Battalion?

10th Leith Junior Section Halloween Spooktacular





News from Scottish Headquarters

Ultimate Challenge Plus

Nationwide challenge for Seniors is back! UCP is a series of mental and physical challenges which seniors can participate without leaving their own hall or need specialised equipment. It launches on November 16th. Visit the webpage to find out more <http://boys-brigade.org.uk/ucp/>

PVG

Around 900 leaders in Scotland still need to join the PVG Scheme in Scotland. Company Captains should be aware which leaders come into this category and I would urge them to get leaders registered ASAP. Remember if your company is linked to the CoS, you should ask the local CoS Safeguarding Co-ordinator for the appropriate forms. If you have any questions

relating to this, please call the Membership Team at Felden or speak to your local development worker.

Applications open CashBack for Communities Youth Work Fund 2016 - 17

YouthLink Scotland, the national agency for youth work, is now welcoming applications for the latest round of the Scottish Government's CashBack for Communities Youth Work Fund for projects to be delivered in 2016 -2017. The Youth Work Fund aims to build the capacity of young people and the youth work organisations who work to support them. We welcome proposals for operating costs relating to the delivery of youth work activity programmes that add to or consolidate the excellent youth work already being undertaken throughout Scotland. A total of £600,000 is available.

In order to be eligible to access the latest round of funding, all proposed youth work activities must be delivered between the 1 April 2016 and the 31 March 2017. The closing date for applications is 1.00pm on Wednesday 9 December 2015. More information on the latest round of the CashBack Youth Work Fund, grant criteria and details can be accessed on <http://www.youthlinkscotland.org/>

National Camp 2016

A number of companies have already indicated that they will be coming along to the camp at Dumfries House next July. Please ensure all the companies in your area are aware of this special opportunity. To register, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BBscotlandcamp2016> or, for further info, please email bscotcamp@boys-brigade.org.uk

Battalion Shop & Office

Festive Period

During the festive period both the Battalion Shop & offices will be closed as of 18th December 2015, all will re-open as normal on Tuesday 5th January 2016.

Prayer Points

Please continue to remember the ongoing work of the Battalion and the wider BB family in your prayers.

Please give thanks...

- For all the Members and Leaders who have returned to BB this Session.
- For God's provision in leadership and those who train new BB Leaders.

Please pray for...

- All who have been bereaved in the BB family - ask God to draw near and comfort.
- The Members in each Section; that God would create a desire in them to know more about Jesus.
- For guidance for those making decisions concerning the best way to resource the BB Regions in the UK and ROI.

Company focus – 51st Bonnyrigg, 3rd/8th Edinburgh (Liberton), 7th Edinburgh (Colinton), 13th Edinburgh (Corstorphine), 25th Edinburgh (Portobello), 31st Edinburgh (South Queensferry)

Other Information

Leader Registrations

All Company individuals working, assisting and helping to run Sections must be registered. Captains and staff are requested to ensure the relevant paperwork is completed. It is your responsibility to ensure this has been done. Forms are available at www.boys-brigade.org.uk/forms.htm

Contact Us

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Change of Details

Please notify Edinburgh, Leith & District Battalion Headquarters of all changes of personnel and contact details as soon as possible. Notification can be made by post or email using the contact details printed above.

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Next Edition

The next edition of 'The HuBB' will be issued around 15th December 2015. If you have anything you would like considered for inclusion please email it to office@thebb-edinburgh.org.uk by Monday 7th December 2015 at the latest.

The object of The Boys' Brigade: The advancement of Christ's kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness.