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CS Drill Event

New format to the event this year, to simplify things and make it easier for all companies to participate. This will take place in your own halls on a date that you choose and when you feel your company is ready simply video the Drill and submit it to the office.

So all you require is a minimum of 3 participants of any age, and some form of video camera.

The entry forms along with full information and specifics can be found on the website.

Closing Date for Submissions: 15th May 2017

CS & Seniors Pitch & Putt

Back for another year, the Pitch & Putt Event will take place at Bruntsfield Links Short Hole Course on Wednesday 17th May 2017 with a start time of 6:15pm.

This is open to all CS members even if you do not have a golf background you can still come along and join in.

If you wish to enter please complete the booking form which is available on the website.

Closing Date: 5th May 2017

Guard of Honour Parade & Service

The Battalion has again been asked to provide a Guard of Honour for the Lord High Commissioner HRH The Princess Royal, prior to the Church of Scotland General Assembly worship on Sunday 21 May 2017 at St Giles Cathedral.

JS Superstar Event

Always a fun event in the Junior Section calendar, which puts your skills, strength, stamina and Brain power all into action. Could your company have the Junior Section 2017 Superstar hiding in their ranks?

Bring them along to Lethem Park on Saturday 25th March 2017. The event runs from 11am – 1pm. Entry forms are available on the Website.

Closing Date: Wednesday 15th March 2017

LAST CHANCE TO ENTER

CS & Seniors Athletics

his sessions Athletics Event takes place slightly earlier than normal and will be held on Monday 5th June 2017 with a start time of 6.30pm at Pinkie Playing Fields in Musselburgh.

Entry Forms and information are available on the Battalion Website.

Closing Date: 20th May 2017

CS & Seniors Orienteering Competition

This event takes place on Wednesday 10th May starting at 6pm at Hillend.

The event is split into 2 age categories with distances suitable to these groups.

As this is an honour to be invited to and part of we would be delighted for all our Companies to look at participating in this event.

Full details are available on the website along with the Entry forms.

The Guard of Honour Parade participation invite is also open to all Scottish Battalions, with many having joined us in the past.

Closing Date: 26th April 2017

Entry Forms are now available on the Website.

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Event Results

CS & Seniors Battalion Cross Country Event

Twenty-three boys from 5 companies took part in the battalion cross country competition on Sat 4th March. The boys had to run in some very difficult conditions as the heavy overnight rain made the course extremely muddy in places. The runners coped admirably and well done to them all.

Congratulations to the 41st who were overall winners with an exceptional score of 5 points.

Results

Junior race	1 st	Samuel McCombe	41 st
	2 nd	Sam Dickson	61 st
	3 rd	Aaron Fraser	10 th
Inter-mediate	1 st	Aaron McCombe	41 st
	2 nd	Cameron Dickson	10 th
	3 rd	Murray Blair	48 th
Senior	1 st	Neil Ritchie	41 st
	2 nd	Paul Still	41 st
	3 rd	Joe Riddell	10 th
Team event	1 st	41 st	5 points
	2 nd	10 th	12 points
	3 rd	48 th	18 points

Thank you to all who helped with stewarding, recording scores and supporting the boys.

Forthcoming Training

Building Your Skills – For Boys

Building Your Skills Course

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

Sunday 26 March 2017 (1.30pm to 5.30pm) – Battalion HQ, Pollock Pavilion, Ferry Road, Leith

Registration is now closed for this.

Brigade Matters

Sports Participation Survey

This survey aims to measure the extent that BB provides regular opportunities for children and young people to participate in sport. It will help provide an up-to-date picture of the variety and popularity of sporting activities in The Boys' Brigade. Each section is invited to take part in the survey by following this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/sportBB>

YoTP 2018 Ambassador Programme

The Scottish Government, alongside Children in Scotland, the Scottish Youth Parliament and Young Scot have launched a search for young people from all over Scotland to be Ambassadors for the Year of Young People. Learn more here <http://yoyp2018.scot/>

KGVI Youth Leadership

Applications are already filtering in for this year's New Entrants' course, which will be held from Saturday 29th July to Friday 4th August. Information about the course and an application form are available at <http://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/kgvi.htm> There has been a lot of interest already in this year's course, so an early booking is advisable. Any additional information is available from Alan Hunter alan.hunter@boys-brigade.org.uk

Craggan Bookings

Craggan is open all year round with the exception of the Christmas Period, and is becoming a very sought after venue by the many groups. The centre is in a stunning location and is an excellent venue to take your Company along to for a Residential Trip, there are limited bookings available for 2017, but if you like to be super organised you can always look at getting your dates booked for 2018.

Current Dates Available:

(These are the last weekend slots available until October 2017)

Friday 24th – Sunday 26th March 2017

Friday 31st – Sunday 2nd April 2017

First week of the Easter School Break is currently free

For dates during the week please contact the office.

Other Events and Interests

CS & Seniors Monthly Sports Evenings

Something new to being offered.

63rd Edinburgh Company are offering a monthly sports evening which will be open to all of our Battalion CS and Seniors to attend. The first session will be on Friday 31st March 2017 between 19:30 and 21:15 at Craigmount High School.

There will be a small charge of £1 per participant, and the evening will offer a mix of sports activities which can include football, dodgeball and badminton. All that is required is for each company who attends to provide one BB leader to assist with supervision.

For more information, contact Stewart Paterson:

- s.paterson1982@googlemail.com
- 07841 642970

The sports night will take place on the last Friday of every month, companies are welcome to go along every month or

as and when they would like to and can fit it into their plans for the session.

This is a great opportunity for our BB Companies to mix and get to know each other a bit more, it will be relaxed and great social event for all ages at the same time.

WLB Orienteering Competition

Company Section - West Lothian Battalion Orienteering Competition

Date: Saturday 25th March 2017
Start Location: BEECRAIGS / Balvormie Car Park
Time: 10.30 am
Age groups: Junior - P7 to S2 - Teams of 2
Senior – S3 + - Individual entry

Junior course: 2km (approx 1 mile)
Senior course: 3.5km (approx 2 mile)

Please complete the attached form and return to:

John Marr: 8 West Hall Road, Broxburn, West Lothian. EH52 5QT
Tel: 01506 856275/ mobile 07857 359 152
Email: marr.john@btopenworld.com

Confirmation of Teams attending required by 09:00 am Tuesday 21st March 2017

Each company to provide a member of staff to man checkpoints.

Equipment

Pre-printed Maps of the course will be provided on the day.
It is recommended each team come equipped with a Compass and a Whistle.

BB Supplies - Display & Presentation Orders

As we approach display time and presentation of awards, can you please, where possible email your requirements to finance@thebb-edinburgh.org.uk in advance in order that I can ensure items are in stock prior to you making a journey to the Supplies Depot at Pollock Pavilion. I shall than confirm when you order is ready to collect.

The full range of trophies, medals and badges are available, but stocks go quickly at this busy time.

To view items please click on the following link: <https://shop.boys-brigade.org.uk/catalogue.aspx?cat=20>

Thanks
Alistair Hutton

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.

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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.

Also, please use the Facebook group to share ideas, post reports on what you are doing in your Company and to connect with other BB Companies and ELD Battalion.

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Next Edition

The next edition of 'The HuBB' will be issued around 19th April 2017. If you have anything you would like considered for inclusion please email it to office@thebb-edinburgh.org.uk by Friday 14th April 2017 at the latest. Items submitted after this dates will be included in the following month.