



## Activities eNews

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### Introduction

Welcome to issue 14 of Activities eNews. This newsletter goes to all those with activities appointments and will summarise recent communications that have gone to people with specific roles directly. It will also be available on the website at [scouts.org.uk/activitiescommunications](http://scouts.org.uk/activitiescommunications).

### Workshops

The autumn 2012 dates and venues for activity assessor and nights away adviser workshops have now been agreed. These continue our series of running these workshops each spring and autumn across the UK. Details are:

**Nights away adviser workshop** – 13 October 2012, Beaudesert Scout Camp, Staffordshire

**Activity assessor workshop** – 20 October 2012, Broadstone Warren Activity Centre, East Sussex

Full details can be found at [scouts.org.uk/events?category=Workshops](http://scouts.org.uk/events?category=Workshops)

### Paddlesports assessors

Following updates to paddlesports at the end of 2011 we updated paddlesports assessor roles on the membership database to include water types. As part of this, we made existing paddlesports assessor roles (that didn't include a water type) obsolete. We did this to prevent anyone adding these roles to the system for new assessors. Though this should not have affected existing postholders with paddlesports assessor roles, the system inadvertently closed these appointments.

We emailed all Managers of the Activity Permit Scheme (MAPS) on 19 December to let them know of the problem and to ask them to resolve it by adding a new assessor role for paddlesports assessors starting the day that existing roles were closed to ensure continuation of service. We also emailed affected assessors to make them aware of the issue and let them know that their MAPS should be resolving it. If anyone is still affected by this, please contact your MAPS who will be able to resolve the situation as described above.



## Events

All activities events can be found at [scouts.org.uk/events](http://scouts.org.uk/events) by using the drop down box to filter for an event type.

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If you have any events that you would like including please send details, including the name, venue, date and web link to [activities@scouts.org.uk](mailto:activities@scouts.org.uk).

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## Waterways directory

The information included in the waterways directory is provided by each County, so if anything needs updating please encourage your County to let us know. It would also be good if Counties could talk to their neighbours to ensure that water that crosses boundaries is classified the same by both! The directory can be found at [www.scouts.org.uk/waterways](http://www.scouts.org.uk/waterways).

## Recent updates

Full details of all of the updates that have previously been communicated can be found at [scouts.org.uk/activitiesupdates](http://scouts.org.uk/activitiesupdates).

NB: No updates since the December 2012 eNews

## Volunteer vacancies

Current volunteer vacancies within the UK Activities team are:

- UK Technical Advisers (UKTAs) for various activities

Full details of all national volunteer vacancies, including these, can be found at [scouts.org.uk/volunteervacancies](http://scouts.org.uk/volunteervacancies).

## Supporting assessors

To further support assessors and nights away advisers, many Regions and Counties have organised workshop days/weekends. If you were considering running such an event, there is a national Scout Active Support Unit that can support you. A member of this unit can work with you in putting together the objectives and programme, attending on the day to help run the workshop etc. Full details on this and how to request support can be found at [scouts.org.uk/activitiesworkshops](http://scouts.org.uk/activitiesworkshops).

## UK-wide support

Members of the UK Activities team are very happy to visit Regions, Counties or Districts to provide support, run presentations, answer questions etc, for any area of activities. Please [contact us](#) if you wish to make use of this support for an event. However, if you wish to just discuss activities rules then please see the section on 'Rolling review' below.

## Arrivals and departures

We have now welcomed Emma Saunders to the team as a Programme and Development Adviser. Emma joins from the 6-25 Programme team.

## Rolling review

There is an ongoing rolling review of the governance of all activities in Scouting. Please aim to keep this and all talk of rules separate from, and secondary to, ensuring we are providing activity opportunities for our young people. You can find full details of the review process and progress on current reviews at [www.scouts.org.uk/activitiesreview](http://www.scouts.org.uk/activitiesreview).