

3rd Cork Scouts Troop Report Sept 06 to Aug – 07

Troop Numbers

Our Average members for the year was 32 on books with 27 turning up for events

New Members

We had 10 to 12 new members join the troop. 4 of these came from our Cub pack. I'm delighted to say that we held on to most if not all of the new people that joined the troop. This is very pleasing as it was one of the leadership team main aims from the outset of the year or the year.

Programme

We were very pleased with our programme this year. The best events were Curraghchase in October and Melleray in March. Curraghchase was the first weekend for many of our new members and I think it was a great introduction to 3rd Cork scout craft. It was our first time back to Curraghchase in 10 years. Mount Melleray in March was again a fantastic weekend and played as an excellent finish to our interpatrol and a start to the competition period. Trabolgan in September was also new to the programme. It acted as a very relaxed start to the scouting year. The Troop also embarked on improving our lightweight and Mountains skill. Early in 2007 we invested in correct lightweight gear and we got great use out of these. The troop attended a 3 of the 4 MPC's which has become one of the more popular events

We held all the usual activities; here is a list of some these

Treasure hunt
Base weekend
Mountain Hikes

The Challenge
Soccer Tournament
Pioneering

Cooking competition
Basketball Tournament
Testwork

Indoor

I'm delighted to say we did very well in this event. We missed out by 30 points over a fire drill last year and so we set about putting this right. I am very happy with our indoor inspection this year. I can safely say that if we were inspected any night in October, November and December we would have done equally as well. I think that is exactly what the indoor is all about.

Expedition and Shield

For the first time in a long time we had 2 patrols take part in the expedition weekend. Both patrols put in a great effort with the Swift patrol winning and the Younger patrol finish 9th position.

With such a great performance in the above two competitions I think the troop was a little weary and tired going into the shield weekend. We did incredibly well to win the Campcraft showing how far the troop has come with a very professional performance.

Phoenix Challenge

After a great triple in our county we showed excellent form to finish 3rd, just 20 points of winning the All-Ireland. The competition this was a little bit of an unknown, (for most anyway”) with not many troops knowing what the weekend fully entailed. Glenn and his Swift patrol did an amazing job with the Roaming Phoenix. We were again delighted with the way the year ending on a great high.

Camp

“ 3rd Cork don't do bad Camps”, one of our saying of camp. Easy to say but harder to enforce. Austria 2007 was another Great camp. I think we have been very lucky with the last 5 camps in a row. Austria 2007 will be remembered by all 40 members that attended it as a special time. Although the tents were missed I think I learned a great amount about what a scout troop really is. Austria was always a holiday type camp with the Hostel and the onsite bus. But to see the troop in action over the 2 weeks you couldn't but see that there is so much more to 3rd Cork scout troop than tents, neckerchiefs and scouting skills. I'll never forget the Rafting or the canyoning or the great team spirit on this camp. 8 new scouts attended the trip and I am confident they will all make it to Camp 2008.

In general last year was as good as any since I have taken over the troop. The programme was again update as I said above, the scouting skills were impressive but the manner and attitude of our scouts has to be the highlight, this has been commented on by people up and down the country.

Yours in Scouting

Graham Hayes
3rd Cork Scoutleader

The Scout troop in Austria 2007

Eagle

- 1 Daniel Mc Auliffe
- 2 Peter Croinn
- 3 Matthew Sullivan
- 4 Kevin Varian
- 5 Dennis Desmond

Curlew Patrol

- 6 Gavin Quilligan
- 7 Stephen Kelleher
- 8 Liam Wanrite
- 9 Luke Cassidy
- 10 Brian O'Leary
- 11 Finn Rossiter

- 12 Kevin Daly
- 13 Glen O Donovan
- 14 Luke Morey
- 15 Issac Stilwell

- 16 Barry O Sullivan
- 17 Jordan Hennesy
- 18 James Hegarty
- 19 Shane Maher
- 20 Kyle O Mahony
- 21 Danny O'Sullivan
- 22 Ethan Haugh
- 23 Keith O' Regan
- 24 Ross Marsall
- 25 Michael Marous
- 26 Dylan Marous

- 27 Simon Kelleher
- 28 Dave Stuart

Leaders

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| 31 | Graham Hayes |
| 32 | John Maher |
| 33 | Eamonn Kiely |
| 34 | Paula Mcginn |
| 35 | Kevin Moynihan |
| 36 | Craig Murphy |

Other Adults Ventures

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| 37 | Ivan Stillwell |
| 38 | Dave O Keffee |
| 39 | John Foley |
| 40 | John Horgan |

29 Jake Stilwell

30 Steven Daly