

Hi everyone

Just thought I'd let you all know what was talked about at Monday's County Network meeting. Full minutes will follow soon but here are a few basic details of the main items arising and some important dates for your diary...

1) Recruitment

We are going ahead with the recruitment event in Derby city centre that had been pencilled in for **Saturday 12th July**. A group of us will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to plan this event in detail, but please make a note of this date now as we will need as much help as possible from members on the day. Details will follow soon.

2) Alton Towers Camp 2008

You'll be glad to hear that ATC WILL be making a return this autumn! Again, we have put together a team of people that will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to start putting together this event. Details will follow very soon, but in the mean time make sure you block out the last weekend **24/25/26 October** in your diary. If you have any bright ideas or can offer any specific skills/contacts that you think may be useful, please let me or your unit rep know.

3) NetEx Challenge

The first event was a success and Fusion have started planning the second, which will take the form of a "scatter hike". All sounds very interesting and details will be distributed shortly – in the mean time, stick the evening of **Sunday 20th July** in your diary.

4) Zig Zag Challenge

Another interesting new event is the Zig Zag Challenge, which Sandiacre Network are running on **Saturday 5th July**. The event will involve teams of between 3 and 8 Explorer and/or Network members travelling around the county and beyond on Trent Barton buses, collecting points by taking part in a variety of challenges on the way. Tickets are just £5 for the day. Full details and booking forms are now available at the following link:

<http://www.scoutnetderbys.org.uk/netexchallenge.asp>. Please contact Lucy Robinson if you need any further information; otherwise, please get in your entries in by **Saturday 14th June** and don't forget to mention the event to your local Explorer unit.

5) Other events

We had a lengthy discussion as to whether we should open up ATC to Explorers, or whether we should run a separate joint Network-Explorer camp. We decided on the latter and spoke about a weekend event for summer 2009 – there is an event already at the planning stage that we may be able to extend to a full weekend. You should hear more about this in a few months time as plans progress.

6) Scouting magazine Network supplement

It seems that we've managed to attract the attention of the national team! Derbyshire Network has been selected to feature in the next "Network Up Close" article – watch out for this in the May/June issue.

7) Derbyshire County Scout Council AGM

All Network members are welcome – and encouraged – to attend the AGM at Edensor (near Chatsworth) on the evening of **Wednesday 25th June**. Please note – full uniform or smart Network clothing.

8) Next County Scout Network meeting

Monday 14th July, 7:30pm, Birch Hall, Drum Hill. Please let me have any agenda items in advance – so far we have a review of the 12th July recruitment day, an update on county events and a discussion re potential Explorer Belt expeditions.

9) Derbyshire Network newsletter

The next issue is due out in August. Please let me have any items for inclusion by **Wednesday 23rd July**.

That's all folks!

Speak soon
Dan