



Countdown

Newsletter for DENMARK 2012
19th July to 4th August 2012

No. 2

Research Day feed back

I hope that all those of you who attended the Research Day at Okehampton College enjoyed the day and felt that our adventure has started I certainly did! For those of you who weren't there, and a reminder to those of you who were, here is a summary of the outcomes of the day.

It now looks as though there are about 40 young people and 10 Leaders participating. One of the great experiences of attending something like Denmark 2012 is the preparations and meeting new friends from across Devon. To help us all keep in touch with each other, Fiona has set up a Facebook account <http://www.facebook.com/index.php?lh=b27be07a62d09b2af802fdbd41932a7e&#!/groups/137175849735521/> . If you can't access it, drop me an email as you need to be invited to join. This Facebook account is there for you all to use. We'll use this to share and discuss ideas so check it out and use it regularly.

One group researched Entertainments and planning is now under way to enable us all to learn a Maypole Dance! There'll be more entertainments and activities to share with others at Jamboree Denmark 2012. Another group researched Contingent Identity. The resultant vote chose a Lego Man theme together with a combination of both the Danish and Devon flags. Further research is currently happening to investigate options for such items as badges, tee shirts, hoodies, neckerchiefs, mascot and woggles etc. The results of some of this research will be shared with everybody soon and you will all have the opportunity to discuss and comment on the proposed options.

Other groups researched and presented on expectations, After Camp options, Contingent and personal kit, Danish Scouting, the Jamboree and the surrounding area etc. We'll arrange to get these presentations made available to everybody.

Fundraising

Groups of people from the same parts of Devon got together to consider fundraising possibilities. Please ensure that you share your ideas and organised events with everybody so that we can all benefit from cooperation and supporting each other.

Payments

As a reminder, the payment schedule and details of how to pay are listed in Countdown No. 1 (available to download off the Devon Scouts website).

Diane will provide you with an update of your outstanding balance. If you want your payment record kept up to date, make sure to give this to Diane whenever you make a payment.



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<http://www.devonscouts.org.uk/spage-international-denmark.html>

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Taw Bottom Training Camp

Friday 24th to Sunday 26th February

Taw Bottom Guide Campsite, South Tawton, Nr Okehampton
Arrival 7pm Friday 24th Depart 3pm Sunday 26th

The focus of the camp will be getting to know each other and starting to learn some of the skills we will need in Denmark, including cooking and pioneering.

Directions to Taw Bottom

Grid Ref SX 647945 Post Code EX20 2LP

Get onto the old A30 (now B3260) between Okehampton & Whiddon Down. Go towards Sticklepath.

- ☺ *From Okehampton drive through Sticklepath, up the hill and turn left signed South Zeal & South Tawton (opposite new houses).*
- ☺ *From Whiddon Down ignore all signs for South Zeal and South Tawton until after Owlsfoot Garage and Wainhomes. Just before entering Sticklepath turn right signed South Zeal & South Tawton (opposite new houses).*

Go across the first crossroads towards South Tawton. Drive through South Tawton past the church. Shortly after leaving the village of South Tawton bear left into an unmade single-track road (on a slight right hand bend) and through a gate. Continue down this track to the bottom of the hill, turn left through another gate and continue into the camp site.

You will need

We will be providing tents for the weekend; you will be sharing two to a tent.

You will need all of your usual camping equipment for a weekend camp, this should include:

- ☺ Arrive in uniform please
- ☺ Warm clothing (it is February so please make sure you have enough warm clothes)
- ☺ Water proofs (coat and trousers)
- ☺ Wash kits
- ☺ Sleeping bag and sleeping mat
- ☺ A plate, cup, bowl, cutlery and a tea-towel (all in a bag to keep them clean and tidy)
- ☺ **A torch** (you will be arriving and pitching tent in the dark so this is essential)
- ☺ A cake to share (please hand in at the kitchen when you arrive)

Arrivals

Please make sure you have had tea on Friday evening before you arrive, we will not be providing a meal on this day. A light supper will be provided.

When you arrive please sign in with Becky or Kate who will allocate your tent. Your first job will be to pitch your sleeping tent.

Departures

Camp will close with a final flag at 3pm on Sunday, following this please ensure you have signed out before leaving the site. As Taw Bottom has no rubbish collection please could some of you take a small bag of rubbish home with you? We appreciate your help with this as leaders have the camping kit to sort out and the job is smaller if it is shared.

Activities

We have a range of activities planned, all designed to help us get ready for our trip. This includes cooking in Patrols as part of "Dell's Kitchen" (Gordon Ramsey eat your heart out). Will your patrol meet the standard? Please come with bags of enthusiasm and "get stuck in" to everything on offer. This way we will get the most out of the training and the trip itself.

Thanks and see you there,

Kate Taylor (Training)

On behalf of Demark 2012 Leadership Team