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Middlesex East Senior Section Newsletter

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Welcome

So firstly welcome to our newsletter for senior section units and members in Middlesex East. Hopefully this will be a great way to keep everyone up to date on whats going on within the County and opportunities available to you as 14-25 year olds.

A bit about me...

Some of you have had the chance to meet me in the 6 months that i've been in post as Senior Section Adviser. Hopefully I will have the chance to meet the rest of you later this year at one of our many events. I'm keen to get more focus on this section and strengthen us as a county via events and activities.

County Training Day

It was great to see so many senior section members and leaders at the training day in March. The feedback from the session for young leaders was really positive and hopefully they have all taken away some hints and tips and are raring to get going on completing their qualifications.

The leaders session was also good and gave us a chance to share ideas and catch up with each other.

Gilwell 24

Some of the units within the county are planning on going to Gilwell 24 (8-10 July), this is an event for Explorer Scouts and Senior



Section (aged 14-18) at Gilwell Park in Chingford. It is essentially 24 hours of activities for £35 (including friday night and a t-shirt,

food is on top). The event is filling up so book now, if you have girls who want to go and don't have a licenced leader, put me down or if you have no leader to attend get in touch and we'll link you up with a group who are already going. I am also planning a Middlesex East subcamp, please let me know if you are attending and how many so that I can set aside enough space.

Design a logo

When we do events and activities together it would be nice to have something which identifies us as a section, so get creative and send me your suggestions and ideas for a logo. Once we have one we can then et hoodies and tops etc.

Let loose in London



Having asked for suggestions for our first county event, I've now had enough suggestions to tart planning. We're going to have a day of challenges around london, this will be open to all 14-25 year olds, groups and individuals. We'll try and keep cost down to just an oyster card and then gather somewhere at the end of the day for a BBQ (or similar). Before I can give final details I need to know when is best, so please let me have your preference of the dates below (by the 1st May):

- Saturday 10 September
- Sunday 11 September
- Saturday 1 October
- Sunday 2 October
- Saturday 8 October
- Sunday 9 October

LaSER Region Senior Section Challenge

I'm pleased to announce the launch of the LaSER Senior Section Challenge! Designed to be completed by individuals and groups, we are hoping that lots of the Senior Section members will have some fun with it. Full details of the challenge can be found at:

www.girlguidinglaser.org.uk/node/724

London Bridge Walk



As a county we have been asked to assist with the London Bridge Walk, helping to decorate and manage one of the bridges. Unfortunately this clashes with Gilwell 24 but is a great opportunity for those who are doing Queen's Guide etc. If you know of anyone who would be interested please ask them to contact Pam Daniels.

Funding - Think Big!!

Think Big is a project with the O2 and the National Youth Agency (NYA). Girlguiding UK have been awarded 25 grants of £300 to put a project which you create into action! Full details of this can be found on our section page of the county website

www.girlguidingmiddlesexeast.co.uk/info_7.htm

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4 is girlguiding UK's peer education scheme, we currently don't have many In4mers in the county and are looking for some more. If anyone is interested in becoming an In4mer then there is a training event in region on the 9-11 September, more details on the region website or laser4@hotmail.co.uk

LASERio (14-18)

As a county we have been allocated 2 places for 14-18 year olds to take part in the 2012 international trips with region. If you have any girls who would like to apply please download the forms from the county website and once completed send to me. Applications are needed by the 1 July. Initially we have no plans for a selection event, however this may be necessary depending on the number of applications.

LASERio (leaders)

There are also opportunities for adults to take on leadership roles on the Region trips, if you are interested please contact me direct.

Intops (adults)

This is an event for 17-30 year olds who want to have the opportunity to be selected to take part in one of the GOLD trips or extreme international experiences that Girlguiding UK run each year. The selection will be on 30 September - 2 October 2011 at Guy's Farm Activity Centre. The cost for the weekend, including accommodation, food and activities is £55. More info and application forms on the county website.

Outdoor qualifications training

Region are running a weekend to help members expand their outdoor qualifications, including minibus, kayaking, catering etc. The event is 2-4 September at Blackland Farm. More details on the county website.

Opportunity

Simple are launching a competition exclusive to Girlguiding UK members aged 12+ to win a place on the Simple Junior Board of Skincare Advisors. This is a unique money-can't-buy business learning experience with the opportunity to influence and make decisions that will be implemented by the Simple brand management team. The Simple Junior Board is a group of 12 young women who advise Simple on matters relating to health and beauty. By joining the Simple Junior Board one lucky Girlguiding UK member will have the opportunity to help influence the direction that the Simple brand takes in the future.