

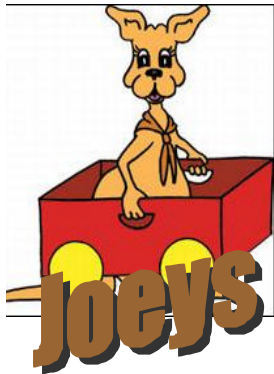


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2nd Armidale Scout Group

June 2005 newsletter

School Holidays are Here!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Well, it is that time of the year again—school holidays and this time it will be too cold for swimming!

Lets hope that Armidale gets a great snowfall for all of you to play in and for those who go away on holiday to the coast, let's wish that it is not too cold to go for a walk at the beach.

2nd Armidale Scout Group leaders and parents wish you all a great holiday and remind you to be safe—no matter what you are doing.



Enjoy yourselves and we will see you back in Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers next term!



Venturers by China Mug (courtesy of Zorrgone)

Our first Unit Management Course in the Region for many moons materialised at Armidale 20 to 21 May 2005 at the TS Armidale Naval Cadets Hall (remember there's no Scout Hall!). Eight Venturers attended. Glenn Motley, Armidale AVL, provided great assistance to me as the Course Leader. The weekend's sessions were a bit rushed and cramped in one day, but all who attended appreciated the Course and the vast information and handouts provided. It will definitely be on the calendar next year. (Madie & Luke are actually Linking Scouts !!!!!)



North West Regional Venturer Council.

At the Unit Management Course @ Armidale on 21

An Invitation to all
Mums and Dads
Our next Group Committee
Meeting will be held on
Wednesday 13th July 2005 at 6pm
Armidale City Bowling Club
All Welcome!

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May 2005, Venturers present voted that there would be four elected positions, each to be filled by a Venturer representative from each of the 4 Units present that day. The elected Venturers were Rebecca Dadley (Glen Innes) as President, Josie Gordon (Narrabri) as also Secretary, Guy Halloran (Armidale) as Treasurer, and Simon Randell (Moree) as PR/Recruitment/Activities Officer. Congrats to all. It is hoped that we would be able to meet once a quarter to commence its role as the peak representative voice and regional forum for all Venturers in the region. It also has a major role in the approval of Award Scheme proposals, the monitoring of Award Scheme standards and promoting joint activities, not only within Scouting but beyond (yes, we can try aliens too).

Venturers again.....



The RVC will assist with all Units with recruiting/PR activities, with Venturers from all Units hitting one rotating town on a weekend to run activities that will attract attention and hopefully new members.

Top Row = Madie Gordon & Josie Gordon (Narrabri), Guy Halloran (Armidale), Simon Randell (Moree), Edward Paterson (Armidale), Rebecca Dadley (Glen Innes)

Bottom Row = Adam Norman, Luke Pavel and Glenn Motley from Armidale.

Thought for this month:

'What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us'

- Anon

Cubs by Akela

In the last few weeks Cubs have been discussing First Aid and whilst on our combined night with the Scouts at the Scout Shed, the Fire Brigade came to visit with one of their trucks. It was an exciting but informative time and a great night was had by all.

Our other news is that Baloo is moving to Scouts, we thank him for all the years of fun & dedication that so many Cubs have enjoyed and wish him the best of luck with the big kids.



Joeys by Marla

Well, what a month it has been! We have had 3 investments, Jordan, Tara and Ben and soon hope to have Dory(Laura) invested as a new Joey Leader.

Some of the activities that Joeys have been busy with this term have been: damper making, gold rushing, making nemo mobiles and also playing good old fashioned games and reading stories. We have been very busy.

We also visited the Cubs at Legacy hall and enjoyed the night so much that we all want to go back and can't wait to grow up to become a Cub.

Next term there are plenty of activities to be involved in and Marla has sent out the program to all parents—we are even going on a Night Walk to help the Perth Zoo with their research! See you next term.....

Boorolong Scout Camp

Last Sunday the 2nd Armidale Scout Group met at the Boorolong Scout Camp for a special presentation of a Cub Scout Yellow Cord Award for Caitlin Fell.

The presentation of Caitlin's award was made by Stephanie McColley, Regional Commissioner Cub Scouts for the North West Region. After the presentation families had a picnic lunch and discussed future work on the site.

Over recent months a fence has been erected by parents and youth members with funding received from Armidale Dumaresq Council through the Small Grants Programme. This fence will restrict vehicle access to the site thus reducing vandalism. Uralla Shire Council have also assisted by placing large rocks at the other entrance.

Parents attended several working bees to repair and secure the toilets, and once new shutters have been placed on the building there will be the opportunity to paint inside the hut and install the rainwater tank kindly donated by Tony Drodowski.

2nd Armidale Scout Group would like to thank the Armidale community for their assistance with improving the site at Boorolong which now has potential to be used by all groups in the region for training courses, camps and activities.



Wanted—More articles

If you would like to put an article in this newsletter, please email it through to Julia at gjperryman@bigpond.com.au

We are looking for good news stories about members of our Scout Group—so if you have achieved something at school, sport, scouting activities or something else that is very special and you would like all your friends to know about it, let me know.

Remember, this newsletter is for you!!!!!!!

Fun Things to Do in the Holidays

- Go fishing—with an adult of course
- Read a mystery novel
- Host your parents with a picnic in the garden or if it is too cold on the lounge room floor
- Make a tent inside under the table and ask for your friends to sleep over
- Go to the Movies
- Make slime
- Ride a bike
- Rollerskate
- Cook a cake and decorate in a 'shocking way'
- Have a competition with a mate to see who can build the tallest tower out of newspaper
- Go to the park and play on the swings
- Work on one of your Badges with a mate



Q—What do you get when someone magically creates a snow storm?

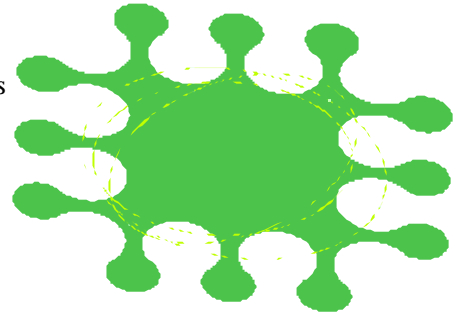
A—A wizard Blizzard

Kids Recipe of the Month

SLIME

Materials:

glue (wood glue works well)
liquid laundry starch
water
measuring spoons
plastic spoon
1 small cup
food coloring (optional)
plastic bag (optional)



Directions:

1. In the cup, put 1 tsp glue and 1 tsp water. Stir to dissolve glue. Add some food coloring if you want colorful slime.
2. Add 1 tsp laundry starch to your glue mixture; stir well.
3. As the new material starts to form, you may have to take it out of the cup and knead it to make the slime form.
4. Slime can be stored in a plastic bag.

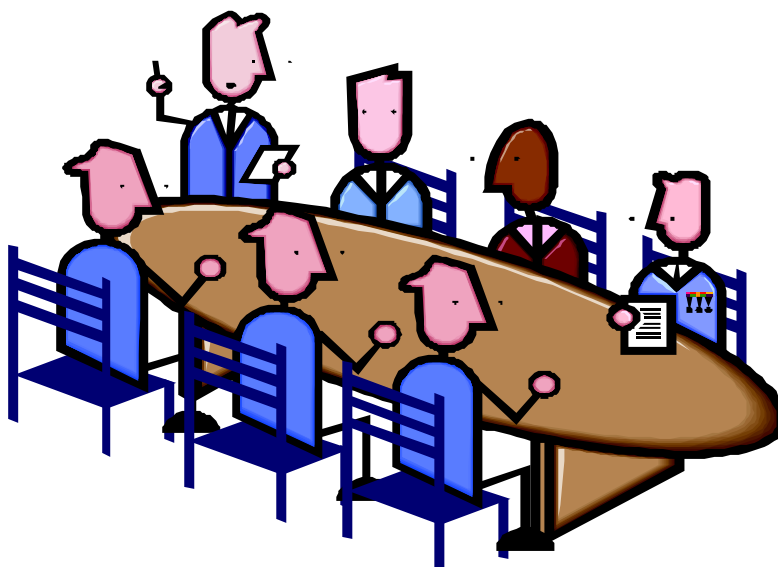
Brain Teaser Answer—from back page

Turn one switch on for 5 minutes, then turn it off and turn on another switch before you open the box. One bulb will be lit, one will be warm and the unswitched one cool.

Points of Interest from the last Committee Meetings

Meeting held on 15th June 2005

- Open Gardens will be held on 6th/7th August and all Sections are requested to assist with Leaders and Youth members in uniform
- A portable toilet has now been installed at the shed
- The trailer is now stored at the shed
- Brian Everett has donated some fire safety equipment for the shed and is willing to donate more for the new hall—a letter of thanks has been sent to Brian from the Group
- The fire screen at the shed is too heavy for people to move, so a door will be installed by a qualified person—this will allow the Scouts to help with the stoking of the fire.
- An Evacuation Plan needs to be developed for the shed site
- Shed lighting will be fixed
- There will be a need to recruit a new Group Leader shortly and parents are invited to be part of the sub-committee to undertake this recruitment—a duty statement will also need to be developed
- Fees for the group are currently \$185-, but will be reduced to \$160- after the 1st July 2005 as half the year has gone
- North-west AGM will be held in Armidale in May 2006, any interested parents are invited to help assist in the organizing of this great event for our Group.
- Scouts will write a formal invitation to Dick Smith to attend the AGM with assistance from Sam Morely
- Hall rebuilding is underway with Angus negotiating with the Armidale Dumaresq Council
- Lynette Piper has volunteered to be the contact person for orders for the Manure Drive—Thankyou Lynette
- Pricing for the manure will be as follows: \$4- each—pickup and \$5- each delivered
- Keys for the shed have been provided by the Armidale Dumaresq Council—a register has been compiled and all keyholders are responsible for their keys—replacements will cost \$175- each
- Community Support Funding from the New England Credit Union will be sought and the money to be spent on whitegoods such as Fridge, Microwave, Toaster, BBQ, Kettles
- There will be a working bee organised for the movement of gear—date yet to be advised
- The container at the Girl Guide Hall will be returned to its owner
- Next meeting to be held at 6pm, 13th July 2005 at the Armidale Bowling Club



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If you have any interesting Scouting stories that may be of interest, please contact Julia.



Upcoming Events

JULY:

13th - 6pm General Committee Meeting , Armidale Bowling Club

AUGUST:

20th/21st— Joey Mob Family Camp—Lynchwood—information has been sent home with your Joey

6th/7th—Open Gardens—more information to come

General Committee Meeting , Armidale Bowling Club

SEPTEMBER:

Annual Manure Drive—date to be advised

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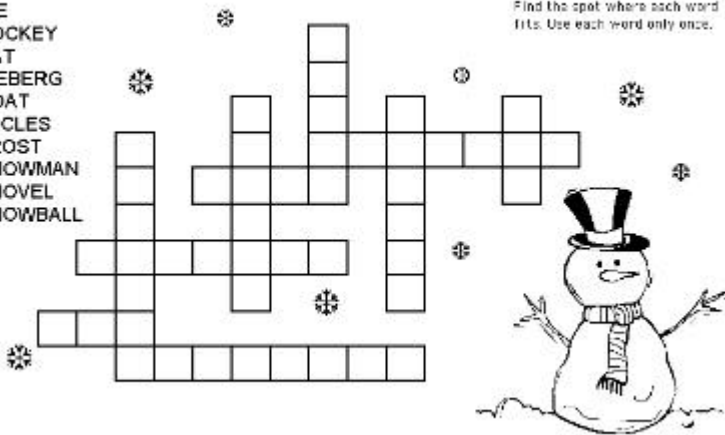
Puzzle of the Month

Winter Crossword

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- ICE
- HOCKEY
- HAT
- ICEBERG
- COAT
- ICICLES
- FROST
- SNOWMAN
- SHOVEL
- SNOWBALL

Find the spot where each word fits. Use each word only once.



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Brain teaser

A light-tight wooden box has three switches on the outside that control three light bulbs on the inside. When the box is closed you can turn the switches on or off but when you open the box how can you tell which switch controls each bulb without touching the switches?

'Those who lose dreaming, are lost'
from an Australian aboriginal quote



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