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#### **Residential Badges**

The new Rainbow and Brownie sleepover badges are now available. Please see Hampshire East County website for details and order form.



#### **DBS Renewals**

Many Leaders are being asked to go through the process of renewing their DBS checks. Leaders receive a letter from CHQ advising them they need to make arrangements to renew their DBS check within 4 months of the date of the letter. As a County, we find that we are now chasing those who do not comply with this timeline and this is leaving some Units open to problems.

If you do not make arrangements to renew your DBS check with the 4 month timeline, you role status on GO will amend from 'Active' to 'Active - Pending'. At this point CHQ could make you role 'Inactive', meaning you will no longer be able to run [or be part of running] unit meetings. If your role shows as 'Active - Pending', then you will not be able to be left unsupervised with our young members and you will not be able to attend residential events.

If you have not completed your DBS check within the 4 month timeline, then County will send a final reminder giving you 14 days to complete the DBS check. If the



DBS check is still not completed within these 14 days, then your membership will be suspended. I wish we did not have to do this but it is against the Volunteer Code of Conduct not to have an up to date DBS check.

Please, if you are asked to renew your DBS check, do get it done as soon as possible and don't leave it. It will make life a lot easier all round.

Kathy Davis ACC - Capacity



#### **GO / Join Us**

We mentioned in the previous newsletter that the new GO database is due to go live in August. The GO and Join Us databases will be accessed using a single log in. You will also be able to access the areas your role entitles you to.

I have recently checked Join Us for the County and I am pleased to say that we have a lot less girls on the assigned list, although we do still have some that have been there for more than 3 weeks. I have also checked the 'contacted' list and it is very long. If you have girls on the 'contacted' list that have not replied to your original contact, please contact them again using a different method of contact. If you still have no response then remove them from Join Us, remembering to add a comment in the comment box. It would be good if we could move onto the new database with the majority of the 'contacted' list having moved onto the 'waiting to join' list.

Kathy Davis ACC - Capacity

# Young Members Awards Presentation Evening



In June we held a Young Members Awards evening at the Marriott Hotel. The County Commissioner presented 20 girls with their Baden Powell Award and spoke to them all individually about their experiences. Their parents and leaders joined the County in celebrating their achievements and I hope those celebrations have continued in their units.

Well done to each and everyone of them.



#### **UK Parliament Week**

A number of Units in the Region have already registered for this year's UK Parliament Week which is happening from 13th – 19th November - click here to go to the UK Parliament Week Website and add your Unit to those who will be getting involved.

When you register you will receive a kit which will include a challenge sheet exploring a range of activities suitable for all Sections on the themes of *engage*, *explore* and *empower*. You will also receive pens, stickers, bunting, posters, pin badges, balloons, and a ballot box so your Unit can hold their own election! There is no charge for registering or getting involved, but please note we are still working on the challenge sheet and there may be a delay in getting the kit to you.

<u>Click here</u> to download more information.

The closing date for registering is 30th September 2017.

#### ICE – New Dates Announced!



The Region's first two International Community Experience weekends proved very popular and both were fully booked before the closing dates. The Guides who attended had a great time – see the smiles in this photograph! They learned about global issues and took part in a community project, and 24 girls will now have the opportunity to build on the experience they gained by participating in an international trip in October 2017.

We will be holding two further weekends on 8th – 10th September 2017 at Somermead in Somerset, and 15th – 17th September 2017 at Thirtover Place, Berkshire and these will be followed up with a trip abroad during the Easter holidays of 2018.

This opportunity is for Guides aged 11 – 13 and the cost of the weekend is £50.00 per person. You will need to get your skates on though, the closing date is 30th June 2017 and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis!

Click here to download the flyer.

<u>Click here</u> to download the application form.

**NOTE**: Although the closing date has now passed, please talk to your girls about it and keep an eye out for future dates on the Region website and newsletter.



#### **Thank You Afternoon Tea**

Hopefully, you will have received your invite in the post to a 'Thank You Afternoon Tea' being held at The Glasshouse, The Pyramids Centre, Southsea on Sunday 10th September from 2pm until 4.30pm. This invite is

open to all Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Leaders In Training and Young Leaders LQ in the County. If you haven't yet received your invite, let Karen O'Connor know as soon as possible.

Please RSVP no later than 16th August to Karen O'Connor by email: <a href="mailto:hantseastadm@outlook.com">hantseastadm@outlook.com</a> or by post to 10 Denewulf Close, Bishops Waltham, Southampton, SO32 1GZ. Also, let Karen know if you have any special dietary requirements.

Official leader uniform to be worn.

#### Online Questionnaire

I'm one of the leaders at Portsmouth 2<sup>nd</sup> Guides. I am also a master's student at

Portsmouth University. For part of my final project, which I am currently undertaking, I
have an online questionnaire. The questionnaire takes less than 5 minutes to complete,
and mostly involves looking at pictures. Here is the link;

https://goo.gl/forms/RuLx1kg3kqVDAdtK2

I would be appreciative if you could spare a few minutes to complete my questionnaire. It would be great if you could share this link with any of your young members' parents or anyone who is over the age of 16.

Thank you.

Liz Inwards

# Royal Navy Autumn Programme

### Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

### Starting to plan your

### **Autumn Programme?**

This autumn we are offering some very special sessions for Girl Guiding Groups both at the National Museum of the Royal Navy (in Portsmouth Historic Dockyard) and at the Royal Navy Submarine Museum (Gosport).



#### Under the cover of darkness torch tours

(September to Dec 17)

Royal Navy Submarine Museum

Discover spooky ghost stories!

See our Submarines in a new light!

Discover the horrible science of Submarines!

Try some hot chocolate Kai drunk by Submariners!

Ideal for different badges such as 'Culture', 'Blast from the past' and 'Out and about'

Sea Girls: Women and the Royal Navy

(open until Jan 2018)

National Museum of the Royal Navy (Saturdays and Sundays only)

For Rainbows: Wini the Bear's WRNs adventure!

Help Wini the bear discover life at sea and set off on an adventure!

## Wini the bear's

WRNS adventure



stories of 5 women who have served at sea through:

- Help Winifred the bear become a sallor
- · Artefact handling
- Dressing up
- Access the special exhibition celebrating the role of Women in the Royal Navy



Sessions held on Saturdays and Sundays until November 2017

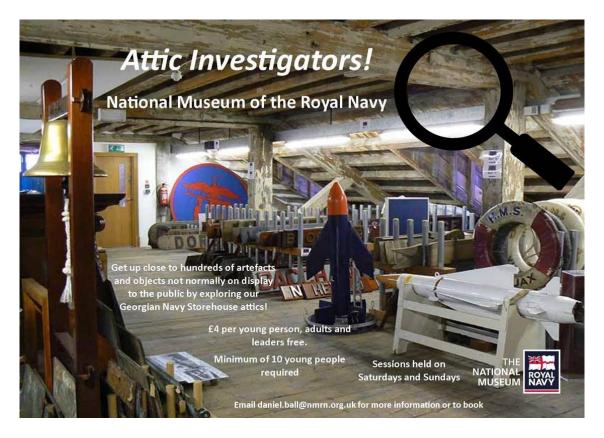
daniel.ball@mmm.org.uk





To find out more information or to book, Email: daniel.ball@nmrn.org.uk or Phone: 02392727564

# **Become Attic Investigators**



Get up close to hundreds of artefacts and objects not normally on display to the public by exploring our Georgian Navy Storehouse attics!

Take your own crayon and pencil rubbings of some of the marks left behind by shipwrights and take your own photos of our more quirky and unusual artefacts!

- 16<sup>th</sup> September (afternoon only)
- 17<sup>th</sup> September
- 23<sup>rd</sup> September
- 24<sup>th</sup> September
- 1<sup>st</sup> October (afternoon only)
- 8<sup>th</sup> October
- 15<sup>th</sup> October
- 11<sup>th</sup> November
- 12<sup>th</sup> November
- 18<sup>th</sup> November
- 19<sup>th</sup> November
- 9<sup>th</sup> December

#### • 10<sup>th</sup> December

£4 per young person, adults and leaders free. Minimum of 10 young people required.

Email: <a href="mailto:daniel.ball@nmrn.org.uk">daniel.ball@nmrn.org.uk</a> for more information or to book.