



Eastleigh District Network

# Newsletter

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Welcome to Summer!!!!



EDN is part of Hampshire Scout Network

## EDN Go South American on EVO World Tour 09'

EVO, the traditional start to EDN's summer program happened on it's regular date of the May Day bank holiday weekend at Ferny Crofts.

This years event was based on the theme of world tour, departing Ferny Crofts on Friday returning on the Monday morning. EDN were part of the South American sub-camp along with AXE network from Weston-Super-Mare and Godz from Farnborough. EDN were separated from Network leader, Chris Scott who was sub-camp leader of Africa.

Friday evening saw us travel to Ibiza for a global gathering for a classic European rave, followed by a traditional camp fire which burned well into the night.

Saturday saw us compete in the Summer and Winter Olympics all in one day. Events included pizza discus, bikini beach volleyball,

slalom skiing and 4 man bobsled to name a few. All Saturdays daytime activities were polished off by leaping down a zip wire.

Saturday night saw us jet off to Hawaii for a silent disco, armed with loud shirts and coconut bikinis

film, *The Adventures of Pot & Noodle*. The afternoon saw us put our Machine of War to the test, which we narrowly lost! Two years of coming runners up in this event, next year we must win!

The evening saw entertainment from local

band, The Pengawackas, who provided the music for the final competition of the weekend, Bandoke. Karaoke but with a live band. Our very own Paul Ri-dout dubbed "The Karaoke King" joined

Tim from Godz and Emma from AXE, to sing a rendition of Ricky Martin's She Bangs, accompanied by our own South American dancers we ended up second. The band then provided us with an excellent party.

By Monday we were back at Ferny Crofts, tired but happy to have finished as 3rd placed sub-camp (compared to 5th last year) a good time was had by all, here's to a brilliant summer of EDN!



Most of the Continent of South America (a collaboration of EDN, AXE and the Godz)

some danced away to cheese such as YMCA and Witchdoctor, while others were rocking out to Bon Jovi and Greenday. All in all though a great night was had by many, which was again iced with another camp fire.

Sunday saw travelers visit the orient with much going on, including chili eating, sumo wrestling and a quiz which our brain boxes won. (or was it our mobile phones?) We also made our own Kung Fu

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EDN on our way to war with our Catapult named Mini-Me

## EDN, Other Events attended in 2009 So far...



On Wednesday 11th Competitors in the Winchester Monopoly Run.

February Waterlooville Black Sheep Network visited EDN to contest the Hampshire Network Cooking Competition title. Both teams cooked up some dishes that were hard to choose between. Waterlooville ended up winners, shading the competition by 2 whole points. Bad Luck EDN, but we can always try again next year!

Representatives were also present at the social camp at Pinsent, Winchester. Mixing with a number of other Hampshire Networks ended up to be a very fun weekend.

EDN was also represented at the Winchester Easter Egg Hunt, organized by Paul and Fiona of the Hampshire GNETwork Active team, this event included visiting iconic

landmarks around Winchester in competition. Gosport Sharks eventually triumphed, winning some very scrummy looking Easter eggs.

GNETwork Active have got many more events planned for the coming year so keep your eyes and ears tuned!

To Find out up-to-date information about EDN and their current program, look us up on the net (URL included overleaf, or check us out on Facebook!

## Program Highlights

This year so far the unit has done some exciting things since the overhaul of the Program structure. Lets reflect now on some of the things we as a Network cell have achieved in the last few months.

January saw us play a life size game of Monopoly, with the board mapped out on the floor of the 4th Eastleigh HQ. Much fun was had by all, the game eventually won my Mark Ridout. It also saw us start off

visiting all the Explorer units on a rota system.

February saw EDN playing Laser Quest at Tenpin Bowling in Southampton while March saw us get quizical with a quiz night and do some backwoods cooking at Knowle Hill, Fair Oak.

Spring certainly sprung in April, as this month saw us take to the slopes in a spot of ski-bobbing at Snowtrax, Christchurch and play with Radio controlled cars. On the 23rd Paul Ridout, Michael Ridge,

Michael Lee and Michelle Hooper led the St Georges Day Parade with the St Georges Flag.

More recently May has seen the unit go on a night Hike on the Twyford downs, Southampton Walls treasure hunt and saw us go climbing at Fort Purbrook, which proved as always a popular event.

So many good times have been had, many still to come before the year is out for EDN!



Looking down the Ski-Bob run at Snowtrax



EDN Outside the famous Tudor House in Southampton



Donald Harper & Paul Ridout at Fort Purbrook

## EDN @ MAD UK 2009 26th–28th June

Anyone wanting to go to MAD UK this year, the fee is £30 and if you want to be catered for add an extra £15 on top. Hand your money to the committee no later Wednesday 10th June. This year the camp is at Basildon. Essex and the theme is the

swinging 60's! So dust off those flares and mini skirts. EDN have attended this event since 2006. Pictured alongside here is last years EDN contingent to MAD UK, which was on a Hawaiian theme.



EDN members at MAD UK 2008

## Rays Challenges

Outgoing ACC Network, Ray Noice has set two exciting challenges for Network cells to complete this year.

The first of which is to walk the Solent way, from Milford-on-

Sea to Emsworth. That's 60 miles of paths and beaches taking you past Lyminster, Southampton, Netley, Warsash, Gosport and Portsmouth! The other challenge is to visit every Hampshire Scout Hut in 24

Hours. Apparently AA route planner says it is possible!

Anyone wanting to organise or partake in these challenges should talk to the committee.



Part of the Solent Way at Netley

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## DC's Corner–David McGregor

Firstly, it has taken time for the Network to settle down as part of the District team, I hope you will agree that with Chris at the helm, you now have a focus and forward plan about what is happening. I am looking to see the number of members increasing.

Many people have commented on “Who were those Scouts taking the St Georges Day Flag?” but well done and thanks to those that attended, we had a turnout of 336 members. Please remember Remembrance Day Pa-

rade in November.

The Centenary Camp is the next big event on 5/6/7<sup>th</sup> June at Lyons Copse. We already have 400+ campers from all sections – it will be the 1<sup>st</sup> time that the Beavers have camped with the Cubs & Scouts at a District event, have you booked your pitch? There are many activities happening including climbing wall, archery, tug of war, sumo wrestling and the inevitable bouncy castle for adults!!!!!! Cost for the weekend is £20.00.

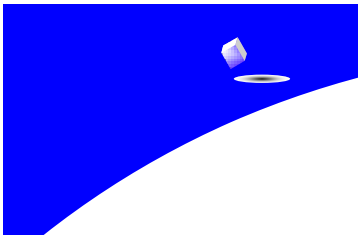
I have arranged a Scout Awareness Day with a Climbing Wall and the County support Trailer for the 18<sup>th</sup> July – all Networks members are invited to attend and ensure that the youth of Eastleigh that Scouting is fun and happening in our Borough.

David's door is always open should you need to contact him reference Scouting matters.

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Eastleigh District Commissioner David McGregor



## Dates for your Diary— What's coming up at EDN?



- 5th—7th June - Eastleigh District Centenary Camp - Lyons Copse
- 26th—28th June - MAD UK - Basildon, Essex
- 12th July—Raft Race- Lakeside, Eastleigh
- 18th July - Scout Awareness Day - Eastleigh
- 24th July—9th August - Suisse Adventure 09
- 21st—23rd August- Christmas Camp- Runways End, Farnborough
- 29th August- A-Z of Southampton
- 11th—13th September - Intense - Bristol
- 12th December - EDN Christmas Meal - Venue TBC
- 31st December- Hampshire Network New Years Eve Party- Wilverley Lodge, New Forest

### EDN Needs You!

If you aren't already a member, you're 18 or older, why not come along? We meet most Wednesday evenings at 4th Eastleigh Scout HQ on Southampton Road

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### Join the Adventure!

We're on the web!  
[www.eastleighnetworkscouts.org.uk](http://www.eastleighnetworkscouts.org.uk)



Mr T pity's the fool who doesn't join Network

### Congratulations...

...to our very own lady chairperson on completion of her Queens Scout Award. Having been a member of the Network for almost 2 years Charlotte has already fulfilled the highest regarded award available in the section. Well done!



Charlotte on her sailing expedition last year

## Network FAQ's - What is it really like being a member of EDN?

### If I came to Network what would I do?

In Network the program is built round it's members, unlike younger sections in Scouting you basically can do whatever you want to do, unless otherwise stated in POR.

### But Don't Network just spend all their time in a pub?

No, that is way off the truth! In fact we never visit a pub during a Network evening. Inevitably some of our members are friendly outside of Scouting and may visit a pub after Network together so-

cially.

Anyway we all drive to Network so we would never be able to have a drink even if we did.

### Networkers all look very old, are you sure that they don't just stay on after turning 25?

Network is a section of Scouting for members between the ages of 18 and 25. Once A member reaches the age of 25 he may no longer complete his/her Queens Scout Award and may not come to Network as a member.

However, we sometimes enlist older members of the movement to help run activities, evenings and camps, which sometimes includes ex-members of Network.

### What age can I join?

Network is for ages 18-25 but if you are 17 and fancy coming along and having a go at something on our program feel free to come along, unfortunately to attend a Network camp, you must be 18 or older for insurance purposes.

**We hope to see you at one of meetings very soon!**