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County Updates – 25 April 2019 – Issue 115

**Welcome**

Hello and welcome to County Updates, our regular email communication from Norfolk Scouts to highlight news, announcements and opportunities that exist.

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**This week’s updates**

New news or features this week…

***For all volunteers>***

**New Team Member**

We are delighted to welcome the following new member to our County Team:

Alex Hook – Assistant County Commissioner (External Opportunities) [a.hook@norfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:a.hook@norfolkscouts.org.uk) We are sure you will join us in wishing Alex well in his new role. A further introduction from Alex is [available here.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/04/24/meet-alex)

***For Group Scout Leaders, DESCs, DCs, Supporters and Administrators>***

**Mini-Census**

Don’t forget in the next week to complete the Mini–Census. All information on the [available here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/04/11/mini-census) any queries to Jane Warden. Apologies to those who have tried and the link was not working – normal service has now resumed.

***For all working with the Beaver Section>***

**International Programme Ideas - Beavers**

Beka Millard, ACC International, has put together series of International Activity PoPs to help you bring an international flavour to your programme. [Click here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Beaver-International-Ideas.pdf) to read the PoP for an International Beaver Activity - Indian Flour Painting.

***For all volunteers>***

**Programme One Pagers - Could You PoP ?**

Over the last few weeks you hopefully will have seen the launch of the Programme One Pagers (PoPs). If you are interested in joining the sharing group to contribute to the PoPs, come along for a chat, a cake and a cuppa to see how you could share your programme ideas with others.

Please drop me an email: [m.okeefe@norfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:m.okeefe@norfolkscouts.org.uk) to let me know you plan to come along and meet with like minded people. When: Sunday 12 May : 10 - 12 or 1 - 3 or 4 -6. Where: ABC, Rowington Road. Norwich. NR1 3RR.

***For all Leaders>***

**Training Modules**

The following Training Modules are being held on Sunday 19 May. Module 16 Introduction to Residential Experiences, Module 17 Running Safe Activities and Module 18 Practical Skills – Sunday 19 May 2019 at 1st Drayton Scout Headquarters, Bidewell Close, Drayton.  [More Information here.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/?p=6399&preview=true)

***For all working in the Explorer Section>***

**Final Call for Bookings for the County Explorer Camp**

Bookings for the County Explorer Camp closes 30 April 2019 and the deposit need to be paid by 10 May. [More Information](https://explorercamp.christman.co.uk/" \t "_blank)

***For all volunteers>***

**Eaton Vale Activity Centre – Archery Course**

Due to high demand and additional Archery GB Course is being held on Sat 11 & Sun 12 May. More information and available to book on line [here.](https://eatonvale.cinolla.com/eatonvale/courses/archery-gb-instructor)

***For all volunteers>***

**County Office Closure**

Please note that due to annual leave the County Office will be closed from 3pm on Tuesday 30 April to 9am Thursday 8 May.

**Second chance**

***For all volunteers>***

**10 Steps to going Abroad**

Beka Millard ACC(I) shares some simple steps to help you plan to include a trip abroad into your Scouting programme. [More information.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/10_Steps_to_going_abroad.pdf)

***For all volunteers>***

**Scouting Magazine – County recommendations**

Some members of the county team have been busy flicking through the pages of the latest copy of the Scouting Magazine. See what they recommend in this month’s edition. [More Information.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/04/18/scouting-magazine-county-recommendations)

***For all volunteers>***

**Is Circus Skills your 'thing'?**

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to spare a couple of hours each day on the Scout and Guide Stand at the Royal Norfolk Show. Circus Skills is always a popular activity and it would be really good if we could have one - or more - people there who are good at diablo, juggling and plate spinning for example. If this is you, or you know someone, please get in touch.

[accgrowth@girlguidingnorfolk.org.uk](mailto:accgrowth@girlguidingnorfolk.org.uk)

***For Group Executive Members and Fundraisers>***

**Textile Recycling**

If you are interested in a Textile Bank at your headquarters to help with fundraising please contact the County Office for further information. [hq@norfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:hq@norfolkscouts.org.uk)

***For all volunteers>***

**Help Amber**

Please can you spare Amber, a Beaver Leader from Aylsham, five minutes to complete a survey as a research project and dissertation for her BA Hons Business Management Degree. [More Information](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/04/09/help-amber)

**Regular items**

**Other ways to keep up-to-date**

[Our County Calendar](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/calendar)

[County Training Information](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/members/training)

[County Vacancies](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/tag/vacancy)

[County Updates](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/members/county-updates) is uploaded each week to our website for further sharing, please feel free to pass this update to Explorers, Young Leaders and other interested people.

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