

BB Scotland

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Cumrae Camp 2018

Deposits are soon due for BB Scotland's national camp taking place in Millport, Isle of Cumrae, from 25th – 28th May. *Cumrae Camp* offers company section-aged members the chance to enjoy an amazing canvas camp experience along with a fantastic programme of sports, competitions and much more.

Companies interested should visit <http://bit.ly/cumbraecamp18nl>

First Aid Ready

Seniors and young leaders have the opportunity to take part in the next 'First Aid Ready' course taking place on Saturday 10th February from 10am until 4pm at Mansefield Trinity Church Kilwinning. To find out more, please contact Development Officer, Jackie Wilson – jackie.wilson@boys-brigade.org.uk

Media Skills

Working alongside a professional creative media firm, BB Scotland is offering BB seniors & young leaders (16 – 25) the chance to develop a range of media-related skills. As part of this, we have put together FREE afternoon workshops covering:

- video production
- presentation skills
- digital/social media
- sharing ideas and experiences on BB

These are happening in three different locations in the next couple of months.

- February 4th in Livingston
- February 11th in Aberdeen
- March 4th in Paisley

These opportunities can also be used for the skills development section of Queen's Badge or DofE award.

Contact Niall Rolland to find out more – niall.rolland@boys-brigade.org.uk

YouthVoice18 – Event for all seniors and young leaders - REMINDER

The 2018 national meet-up for seniors/young leaders (16 – 25) will take place at Stirling University on **Sunday 25th February**. Following on from the invitations sent to battalions last month, registration/further information are now available at <http://bit.ly/bbyouthvoice> Although registration is open until the end of January, places are limited so early registration is encouraged. **Each battalion is asked to invite at least two seniors/young leaders to this event.** YouthVoice18 is going to be completely youth-led, informal and relaxed event - but also have plenty of opportunities to socialise, make connections, share ideas and develop skills.

Battalions will receive updates on registrations. A short video has been produced to help promote the event and is available to download <https://vimeo.com/250465028>

Training - Expedition & Outdoor Leadership (Basic level)

Taking place in Motherwell over three different dates (30th January, 6th February & 6th March 2018), the training course leads to the awarding of the BASIC Certificate in Expedition and Outdoor Leadership. The course is aimed at those that are new to E&OL and interested in getting young people outdoors. The course includes six hours of theory over three evenings, followed by a hike/over-night camp in the open season (April/May/June 2018). On gaining the BASIC certificate the leader will be equipped to teach and lead accompanied training expeditions in moderate and familiar terrain and in doing so, gain experience.

Contact Ian McCallum to register / find out more – ian.mccallum@boys-brigade.org.uk

Scottish Bands Contest - REMINDER

Taking place at Hutcheson's Grammar in Glasgow on Saturday 10th March, the annual musical showcase brings together BB bands (brass, pipe and woodwind) from across Scotland. You can find out more and download the band registration form here <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/events/event/scottish-bands-contest-2018/>

Cross-country Championships - REMINDER

This is just a reminder that the Championships will take place in Johnstone, Renfrewshire, on Saturday 17th March. Please register your battalion teams by Friday 19th January. Further details are available here <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/events/event/scottish-cross-country-championships-2018/>

CashBack for Communities

Battalions and companies are reminded about the potential for CashBack funding to support programme development, training and start-up costs. The latest funding is targeted at supporting young people from areas of deprivation. If you're unsure whether your members would qualify, you can get in contact with Jack Wilson, who would be able to match the post codes of the young people to the criteria. jackie.wilson@boys-brigade.org.uk

Programme – Brigade Competitions

Top Team Challenge . . .

The Top Team Challenge is a Brigade wide activity for Company and Seniors, where Companies across the country take part in the same tasks in their own meeting place. It's a great competition and is accessible to all Companies, with no travelling required, minimal equipment needed, on a date convenient to you.

The challenge consists of a number of physical and logical challenges, a team of four take part against the clock to complete the mini challenges. To order packs for the 2017/18 challenge for your teams go to <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/top-team-challenge-201718/>.

Juniors Section International Team Games....

Last year there were over 150 entries to the competition including Companies from New Zealand, Thailand, Ghana, Australia, Scotland, Northern Ireland, England and Wales. Your Company could be part of this great competition this session; the games for 2017/18 are now available, just complete in your own meeting place and send in your results by 1st May 2018.

Download the 2017/18 games from: <http://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/international-team-games.htm>

Budapest2018

This year's young leaders' trip is to the Hungarian capital Budapest! The city is undoubtedly one of Europe's most spectacular and historic capitals. The four-day, three-night excursion departs on June 25th and returns June 28th. If you're interested, and a young leader aged 18 – 25, please view the event page

<https://boys-brigade.org.uk/events/event/budapest-yn-scotland-trip-2018/>

Training / Resource – Social Media

Net Aware is a resource developed by NSPCC to help build awareness of social media platforms amongst parents/carers and those working with children. It also provides a lot of online safety guidance which would be useful to BB leaders. Visit <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> to find out more.

Badminton Scotland event

On Sunday 4th February, **BADMINTONscotland** is organising a Junior Development league in Bells Sport Centre in Perth. The league will start at 10am and finish at 2pm, just in time to watch the finals. It is open to all players from ages 8 to 18 years old and the format will be groups which will be determined by ability – Beginner, Intermediate and advance. When you book on you will get free spectator tickets for young people and any accompanying adults. There will be prizes and all equipment will be provided.

If you are interested please follow the link to book your place - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scottish-national-big-hit-development-league-tickets-41868378447>



Training / Resource - *Sports Equip* event

The event will involve keynote speakers and various workshops to look at how churches & organisations can use sports effectively to connect with our communities. It's taking place at the Bankfoot Church Centre on Saturday 24th February. Find out more and register here <https://www.resourcingmission.org.uk/sports-equip>

Dates for your calendar

Here are a few notable events coming up in the next few months:

- Friday 19th January – Closing date for Cross-country registration
- Friday 19th – Sunday 21st January – Deep Impact Conference, Aviemore
- Saturday 27th January – DofE Leaders' Conference, Stirling
- Sunday 4th February – Media Skills, Livingston
- Sunday 11th February – Media Skills, Aberdeen
- Saturday 24th February – Sports Equip, Bankfoot
- Sunday 25th February – Young Leaders' Network national event, Stirling
- Sunday 4th March – Media Skills, Paisley
- Saturday 10th March – Scottish Bands Contest, Glasgow
- Saturday 17th March – Cross-country Championships, Johnstone
- 25th – 28th May – Cumbrae Camp
- 9th – 10th June – Kilbryde Hike
- 13th – 18th June – DofE Gold Expedition
- 25th – 28th June – Budapest Young Leaders' Trip
- 14th – 20th July – KGV Youth Leadership (New Entrants' course), Carronvale House

For further information on any of the above, please email scottishhq@boys-brigade.org.uk

