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## RULES FOR THE SWIMMING SPORTS

as redrafted following the Scouters' Council  
8 July 1963 : PLEASE KEEP THIS FOR REFERENCE

1. The swimming sports for Letchworth & Baldock District are to be held annually in September at Letchworth Swimming Pool.
2. The Cub events are open to Wolf Cubs who have not reached the age of 11 years on the day of the competition. The events are as follows: One width breast stroke. One width back stroke. One width free style. Relay of two Cubs, one width each. No Cub may enter for more than two events and the relay.
3. The Boy Scout events are in two sections:  
(a) "Under thirteen", open to Boy Scouts who have not reached their thirteenth birthday on the day of the competition; (b) "Over thirteen", open to Boy Scouts who have not reached their fifteenth birthday on the day of the competition. The events are as follows: Under thirteen: 20 yards breast stroke. 20 yards free style. 20 yards back stroke. Diving. Relay of three Scouts, one width each. Over thirteen: 55 yards breast stroke. 55 yards-free-style. 40 yards back stroke. Diving. Relay of three Scouts, one length. each. No Scout may enter for more than two events and one relay. Within this rule, boys under 13 may enter the over thirteen class, but not vice versa.
4. Scoring is: 3 points for first place, 2 for second and 1 for third. The respective trophies are held by the winning Pack and Troop for twelve months.
5. The Swimming Pool Manager is responsible for the running of events and the supplying of timekeepers, and his decision is final.
6. The rules of these competitions are subject to annual review by the District Rock Council and Scouters' Council.

## RULES FOR THE ICKNIELD SHIELD COMPETITION

as redrafted following the Scouters' Council  
8 July 1963 : PLEASE KEEP THIS FOR REFERENCE

1. The object of the competition is to promote a healthy competitive spirit of camping between the Boy Scout groups of Letchworth & Baldock District, the winner to receive the shield for the ensuing twelve months.
2. Teams shall consist of six Boy Scouts who have not reached their fifteenth birthday on the first day of the competition. Teams of five are permissible. No team shall include more than one patrol leader and one patrol second, or alternatively two seconds in the absence of a FL. A composite team may be entered from two groups with the prior permission of the DC.
4. The competition will take the form of a patrol camp for 24 hours. The arrangements will be as if the patrol were at a troop standing camp. Wood fires will be used.
4. Judges will be Seouters or Rovers selected from outside Letchworth & Baldock District, with the DC as referee. Judging will be based on the following: Punctuality. Layout of site. Late night inspection. Morning inspection. Cooking. Originality. Site clearance. Incident or emergency.
5. The DC will appoint a Camp Warden who will have the authority to select a team of helpers to assist him in running the camp. The Camp Warden will be responsible for organizing all activities and equipment pertaining to the competition, including the provision of camp latrines for all competitors.
6. Visitors may attend the Saturday evening campfire and the Sunday afternoon Scouts' Own, but must not communicate with any of the teams in the competition until the result is declared.
7. An entry fee of 2s.6d. per team will be paid to the Camp Warden on arrival.
8. The rules of this competition are subject to annual review by the District Scouters' Council.

## CYCLING PROFICIENCY TESTS

Letchworth Scouters are reminded that Cubs and Scouts can take advantage of the LUDC Play Leadership Scheme to qualify for parts of the Cyclist proficiency badges. Training for the RoSPA test takes place at the Baldock Road and Daunts Way playing fields on Mondays and Tuesdays, with the test on Tuesday 20 August,

## OPPORTUNITY TO ENTERTAIN

Please remind all your talented Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies that they have a chance of winning quite valuable prizes in the Letchworth Diamond Jubilee "Top Talent" Competition. Entry forms are available at the Play Leadership sessions, and must be sent in by Monday 19 August for the first heats at the Howard Hall on Wednesday 21.

## BOOKSTALL

The Press Secretary still has a few copies available of these HQ publications.

Camping Standards .....1s.  
Religious Obligations of Scouts...3d.  
The Group Committee.....3½d.  
The Proficiency Badge Scheme.....2d.  
Smartness in Scouting.....7d.  
Over 15.....1s

Also copies of "Common News" for 1963, at 2d. each or 6d. a set, postage 2½d. Please apply to KJ at 80 Spring Road, Letchworth.

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- 1 - 11 Eleventh World Jamboree, Marathon, Greece (as if you didn't know)
- 19 Letchworth Jubilee "Top Talent" contest (under 18) entries close
- 20 ROSPA Cycling Proficiency tests, Grange School 2 pm, and Baldock Road rec, 3.15 pm
- 20 First Freshwater-Totland troop camp (SM Colin Chalkley) starts at Astwick
- 21 Letchworth Jubilee "Top Talent" contest, first heats, Howard Hall, 7 pm
- 26 Scouters' Council, DHQ, 8 pm : someone from each troop, please!
- 31 Beating the Bounds of Letchworth : Scouts and Guides invited to take part or help

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- 2 District Cub and Scout Swimming Sports, Letchworth Pool, 6.15 pm
- 2 LA Executive Committee, DHQ, 8 pm.: Scouter and lay member from each Group, please!
- 7 - 8 Thirty-seventh Gilwell Reunion
- 14-15 Icknield Shield Competition, Nortonbury Farm
- 17 Letchworth Jubilee "Top Talent" finals, St Paul's Hall
- 21 Letchworth Jubilee Carnival : including a float entered by the District's Scouts
- 28 Gang Show reunion, DHQ, 6 pm

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- 4 - 6 Hertfordshire Senior Scout Gathering, Kinabourne Green, Harpenden
- 5 - 6 Cubmasters' preliminary training course, South West Hertfordshire
- 19-20 County Scouters'.Conference, Stevenage
- 20 "How To Cope With The 1960s" - 3 : National Government, by Martin Maddan, MP. This is a meeting of Letchworth District Rover Crew to which all Scouters, Guiders, Rangers and Senior Scouts are invited. 8 pm at DHQ.
- 21 - 2 November: Gang Show, Golders Green Hippodrome
- 26-27 Scoutmasters' preliminary training course (first of two weekends), east Hertfordshire
- 27 British Summer Time ends, 2 am

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- 16 B-P Guild Cup Competition, Westbury School, 2 pm

MORE FROM TEE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

As readers of the "Citizen" Scout notes will know, Mr & Mrs Brown heard recently from Mrs Cardwell, Ernie and the family. The letter said: "We are all still alive and kicking and after nearly five years away from home we are at last settled down. Life hasn't been easy, but we now seem to 'belong' to Australia. Housing has been a sore point, but now we have got an unfurnished place and at last have a home of our own."

The first weekend in June was "Queen's Birthday weekend", and the Cumberland Area (where they are) had a rally at a coastal town called Toowoomb Bay. All troops from Parramatta to Mount Victoria (a distance of some 70 miles) had an equivalent of the Icknield Shield competition. It was a mammoth job for Ernie, as he had, as DSM Upper Blue Mountains, to provide for 44 including himself and another Scouter.

"Out here, no tent poles are provided. When camping, one 'goes bush' and cuts down his own poles. So he had his lads busy one weekend sorting and cutting some 50 poles. His lads all think he's great" says Mrs Cardwell, "and they'll do anything for him."

"Through Scouting, I'm sure we have settled more easily and readily than the majority of migrants. So you see, Scouting is going strong in Katoomba."

Another former Letchworth Scouter, Dave Beech, visited the Cardwells with his family at Easter last year. "Then Angela and Maureen (now 15 and 14) went to Melbourne and stayed with them for two weeks at the September holiday. The next Australian Jamboree, 1964, is being held in Victoria, only five miles from where Dave lives, and already we are planning to go there!" And that's about 400 miles each way.

Anyone who feels like writing to Mr and Mrs Cardwell should make a note of the address now: 61 Bent Street, KATOOMBA, New South Wales, AUSTRALIA.

FIFTY YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

(from 1-to 10-August 1913), sixteen Letchworth Scouts had their summer camp at an international camp at Ghent in Belgium. French, German and Belgian Scouts were there; the cost of the trip for the Letchworth boys was fl a head.