BOLTON SOUTH DISTRICT SCOUTS
5th PIKE HIKE WEEKEND 2006

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Dear Scouter

In April 2005 the 4th Pike View Hike was held, and for the first time took place at the brand new Bibby's Farm campsite, where 39 teams entered the competition - making it the largest Pike View Hike yet.

If you haven't joined in these events before, here's a brief description:

The three events are aimed at Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Brownies, Guides and Rangers, and allow a young person to compete from the ages of 8 to 18. Each event consists of teams of 4 competitors, with a defined age range per event, and a combined maximum total age per team.

Three events are run as follows: Pip Hartley Memorial Trophy (ages 8-10 years), Pike View Hike (10-14 years) and the Bibby's Farm Yomp (14-18 years). Please see the enclosed rules for further information.

"Pike View Hike" and "Bibby's Farm Yomp" teams must camp on both Friday and Saturday evenings; "Pip Hartley Memorial" teams will camp only on Saturday evening - unless distances traveled would make this impractical. Pip Hartley Memorial teams will be advised of their time to arrive on site in the weeks prior to the event – but it won't be before 08:30 in the morning.

Every team has its kit checked over by Bolton Mountain Rescue Team before they are allowed to start, and teams then plot a preset route (unassisted) which is issued in the same format of a Scout Association Route Card. (Fact sheet FS120409)

At various checkpoints en-route, the team will be asked to perform a range of tasks, in addition to completing the "ongoing incident" which begins as soon as they depart on their hike. The format of all events is the same, but the distances walked are longer, and the tasks performed are more taxing as they progress through the age ranges.

The 2006 events will take place over the later than usual weekend of the 12th – 14th May at Bibby's Farm. Since the 2005 event, the Bibby's Farm Scout Campsite & Activity Centre has become fully operational and is now open for business.

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The entry fee for the 2006 event will be £40 per team, for all teams entered before the 1st April 2006. We will accept entries until the 29th April 2006 (subject to availability), however the price for entries sent after this date will be £45.

The £5 increase for entries sent after 1st April has been introduced to encourage earlier team entries, as you may well appreciate that it is increasingly difficult for the organizing committee to make last minute arrangements to order medals, additional checkpoint materials, etc.

On receiving a completed entry form and fee we will send you the necessary number of "Composition of Team" sheets for each event. Please enclose an A5 stamped addressed envelope for this purpose.

Please note that we do not require your "Composition of Team" sheets until the 5th May 2006.

For further details, visit our website at www.pikeviewhike.co.uk, or contact me via email or on the telephone numbers below. We would be most grateful if you could circulate this information within your respective Scout/Guide communities.

Finally, as the aim of these events is to allow as many young people as possible to compete, if you have any "spare" prospective competitors but you are unable to make up a team of 4, then via our website you'll be able to communicate directly with other leaders across the country in order to make up a mixed team – these teams have traditionally done quite well! This new feature will be called the "Swap Shop", and will be online by the 1st December 2006.

Yours in Scouting

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