BOLTON SOUTH DISTRICT SCOUTS
8th PIKE HIKE WEEKEND 2009

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Dear Scouter

In April 2008 the 7th Pike View Hike was held, where 62 teams entered the competition - making it the largest Pike View Hike yet again.

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 (10-14½ 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.

A safety briefing for Team leaders in the Pike View Hike and Bibby's Farm Yomp will take place on Friday 24th April at 22:00, followed by a leader's safety briefing at 22:30.

The safety briefing for Pip Hartley Memorial teams will also take place at 22:30 on Friday night, where at least one Adult walker from each group must attend. As you know, we take safety very seriously, and we hope that this will enhance your understanding of the safety precautions in place.

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.

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The 2009 events will take place over the weekend of the 24th – 26th April at Bibby's Farm Scout Campsite & Activity Centre.

The entry fee for the 2009 event will be £47.50 per team for all teams entered before the 13th March 2009. We will accept entries until the 10th April 2009 (subject to availability), however the price for entries sent after 13th March will be £52.50. The closing date for entries received this year will be strictly adhered to – quite simply because the organizers have been doing far too much running around, chasing entries before the events!

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 17th April 2009; but due to the amount of work required this deadline must be adhered to!

For further details, visit our website at www.pikeviewhike.co.uk, or contact me via email or on the telephone number below.

Please note my change of contact details again this year.

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 feature called the "Swop Shop", will once again be operated this year and will open around the 1st December 2008.

Yours in Scouting

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