



October 2014

# Raven Troop

## Scout Promise

On my honour I promise  
that I will do my best,  
To do my duty to God, To  
serve my community,  
To help other people and  
to live by the Scout Law.

## Scout Law

1. A Scout is to be trusted
2. A Scout is loyal.
3. A Scout is helpful and considerate to all.
4. A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
5. A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.
6. A Scout has respect for self and others.
7. A Scout respects nature and the environment

## Caw! Caw! Welcome Back!

**Welcome back to everyone at the start of a new Raven year.**



As we kick off another Scouting Year we extend a warm welcome to the brand new members of our Troop. Welcome aboard **Aoife, Chloe, David, Harry, Heather, Jamie, Nicole and Séan!!**

Although our newest members have only been down for one meeting we can already see that the future is bright for the Raven Troop and there will be plenty of awesome times ahead!

This time of year is also a time of year when bid a sad farewell to our older Scouts who are moving on to Ventures. After spending 4 or 5 years as part of the Raven Troop now is the time to move on and face new and exciting challenges..... (but don't forget that you will always be Ravens!)

In this newsletter we will cast an eye back over our amazing Annual Camp and activities which we've done during September. We will also look forward to the Scouting year and the oodles of activities which we have planned!

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## Annual Camp 2014

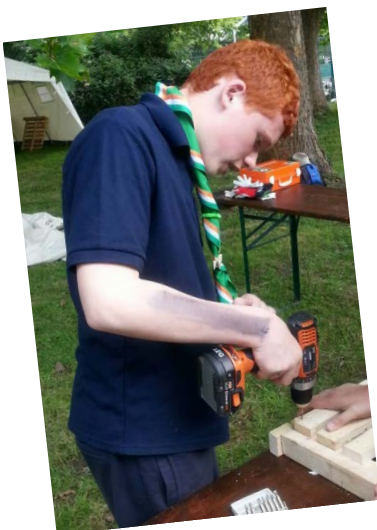
The summer of 2014 saw another unforgettable Annual Camp for our troop; we shared so many amazing experiences and formed memories which will stick with us for years to come. Thanks to all of the Scouts and Leaders involved in making our Camp so special and successful. We are already looking forward to next year's camp... **details of which will be at the end of this newsletter.**

### *Where it all began*



We assembled, bleary eyed and full of enthusiasm at 4:30am (Yes, that's in the morning!) at Dublin Airport's Terminal 2, ready to jet off to Frankfurt. We reached our Camp Site in the afternoon and got stuck in straight away, putting up our tents which would be our home for the next 8 nights.

Over the course of the 9 jam packed days we engaged in heaps of activities - Fishing, Beekeeping, Knife Making, Carpentry, Swimming, Rock Climbing, Raft Building, Treasure Hunt, Clay Oven building, Sightseeing in Frankfurt, Geocaching, Museum visits, Canoeing... not to mention all of the great campfires we had at night time.





## Ravens flying high at Jumpzone

Normally we don't encourage our Raven Troopers to bounce off the walls but on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September there was plenty of Ravens bouncing, flipping and jumping around the place in Jumpzone's indoor trampoline park in Santry.

We had a fantastic time playing Dodge Ball, racing each other, free jumping, performing tricks and launching ourselves into the Foam Pit. 😊



## Raven of the Year 2015

We are running our “**Raven of the Year**” competition, starting in October 2014 until the end of the Scout year. This will judge the “**best of the best**”. Points can be picked up in a number of different ways. For your chance to be number 1, have a look at the scoring system below and try and earn as many points as you can rack up! Bonus points will also be awarded for Scouts who go above and beyond the call of duty!

### Points are fun to earn - so get scouting

- Meeting Attendance: 1 point
- Uniform: Shirt: 1 point
- Neckerchief: 0.5 point
- Woggle: 0.5 point
- Belt: 1 point
- Trousers: 1 point
- Shoes: 1 point
- Drill : Winner: 2 points
- Runner Up: 1 point
- Activities: Attendance: 5 points!
- Badge work: 5 points for each Badge



## Upcoming Events

### Glendalough Weekend

**Friday 17th – Sunday 19th October (€15)**

It won't be long until we will be heading down to 'the valley of the two lakes' in Glendalough. We have booked 2 houses which we will have all to ourselves. From our base we will experience the spectacular scenery, abundant wildlife, rich history and archaeology Glendalough has to offer. There will be plenty of craic and hikes through the amazing surroundings.

**We hope all Scouts can come!**

### Campcraft Training

**Saturdays 12-2pm at the Den**

Our group of Venture Scouts are running training involving all aspects of Campcraft – including putting up tents, pioneering, cooking, building fires and performing skits. We hope you can all attend as it is a great opportunity for to practise and have the "skills to pay da bills". Sessions will be most Saturdays our website is updated with exact dates.

### Annual Camp 2015 - Kerry

**Saturday 18 – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

We're already panning this year's Camp in one of the most beautiful spots in Ireland, County Kerry. We'll have lots of fun, jump into lakes, rent bikes, explore Killarney National Park, as as Kerry is home to Ireland's highest peak, Carrauntoohil. We plan to conquer all 3,406 feet of the monster mountain! Pencil the dates into your busy diaries. We'll keep costs as low as possible and are hoping that all Scouts will be able to attend. Camp Bank is now open so you can start contributing. *We will announce final costs and details closer to the time.*

## Uniforms

We will continue to keep the high standard of uniforms. Everyone must wear black/navy shoes or hiking boots. Neckerchiefs must be worn at all activities including all hikes and outings.

## Subs now due

Subs remain at €180 for the new scouting year.

## Keep up to date:

For more information on any of the troop activities, equipment lists, Raven of the Year tables, badge work or other scouting topics you can log onto our troop website at:

[www.brackenstownscouts.com](http://www.brackenstownscouts.com)

Or visit our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/brackenstown.raventroup](http://www.facebook.com/brackenstown.raventroup)

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