

Allander Youth Activities Charitable Trust

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Newsletter

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For administrative reasons our financial year end has been changed from 31st March to 31st December so in future grants will be accounted for on a calendar year basis. During the nine months to 31st December 2010 a total of 45 grants amounting to £20,657 were awarded compared with 53 grants (£24,278) in the 12 months to 31st March 2010. The number of young people benefiting from grants during the nine month period was 946 while the comparable figure during the previous 12 month period was 1217.

The number of grant applications being received continues to grow with no fewer than 32 being considered at our recent meeting. Funds available are not unlimited with the result that it is becoming necessary to cut back on the level of grant being awarded. Early application, particularly if your activity is overseas, is therefore recommended.

As mentioned before not everyone is providing a report after the activities supported have taken place. We must therefore stress again that future grant applications will not be considered until outstanding reports are received. The Grant Report Form is available to download from our website, under "Making an Application". If you fall into the category of those with reports outstanding please download and complete a form now. Tell us how the activity went, the number of young people who took part and what they gained from the experience.

On a few occasions the number of young people taking part in a grant supported activity has fallen short of the number originally indicated on the grant application form. In such circumstances the Trustees reserve the right to request a partial refund, on a pro rata basis, of the grant awarded and paid.

Grant recipients and supported activities since the August 2010 Newsletter were as follows:-

September 2010

1 st Milngavie Guides	Sox and Slides Activity Centre
17thA Castlehill Guides, Ayr	Visit to London
80 th Glasgow Scouts	Camp Equipment
1 st Vale of Leven Boys' Brigade (Junior Section)	Auchengillan Weekend
24 th Glasgow (Bearsden) Explorer Scouts	Lazer Planet, Clydebank

October 2010

2 nd Milngavie Rainbow Guides	Blair Drummond Safari Park
10 th Milngavie Brownie Guides	Blair Drummond Safari Park
204 th Glasgow Scouts	Lochgailhead Weekend

November 2010

24 th Glasgow (Bearsden) Cub Scouts	Glasgow Climbing Centre
20 th Glasgow Cub Scouts	Glasgow Climbing Centre
204 th Glasgow Explorer Scouts	Activity Weekend, Dunfermline
44 th Glasgow Scouts	Ice and Rock Climbing, Kinlochleven
1 st Clydebank Guides	Production of Healthy Cook-book

December 2010

1 st Strathblane Guides	Tubing, Bearsden Ski Club
24 th Glasgow (Bearsden) Explorer Scouts	Weekend in London
44 th Glasgow Scouts	Alternative Christmas Dinner

January 2011

44th Glasgow Scouts

Young Driver Lessons

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1st Glen Lusset (Old Kilpatrick) Scout Group
204th Glasgow Scout

Skiing in Switzerland
Multi-activity Weekend, Perthshire

Some of the comments received from Leaders which may be of interest.

“The Norwegian landscape and the midnight Arctic sun will never be forgotten and I personally will never forget my first reindeer burger” – Joe Morris, Explorer Scout Leader, Great Western Explorers, 24th Glasgow Unit re Scandinavian Expedition.

“An enjoyable physical night out, a great fun way to keep fit” – Lorna Masson, Guider, 1st Milngavie Guides re evening at Sox and Slides, Milton, Dumbarton.

“St Paul’s Cathedral makes no charge for uniformed youth groups even if not in uniform and the charge for admission to the galleries is only £3 per person – I reckon that must be the bargain of the year” - Alistair Burrow, Captain, 1st Bearsden Boys’ Brigade Company re trip to London.

“Aim high. Plan well ahead. Get good support on the ground in the country of choice and have belief that it can be done.” – Kenneth Robertson, Explorer Scout Leader (Acting), Pegasus Explorer Scout Unit re Explorer Belt Expedition, Vancouver Island, Canada.

“It is very definitely worth booking the educational talk from the staff at the park. The staff member came on to the bus and was able to tell us more about the animals we were seeing. He also brought a variety of animal parts (rhino horn, elephant tooth and lion’s skull) which the girls were able to handle” – Rachel Green, Unit Leader, 2nd Milngavie Rainbows re trip to Blair Drummond Safari Park.

“Lochgoilhead is a great place for an Activity Weekend” – William Johnston, Scout Leader, 204th Glasgow Scout Group re Lochgoilhead Weekend.

“The young people learnt all about winter climbing and indoor rock climbing. They learnt the importance of communication when belaying an other person....” – Andrew Minshall, Scout Leader, 44th Glasgow Scouts re experience at The Ice Factor, Kinlochleven.



204th Glasgow Explorer Scouts – Dunfermline, November 2010



24th Glasgow (Bearsden) Scouts – Aberfoyle, July 2010



44th Glasgow Scouts – Young Drivers, January 2011



204th Glasgow Scouts – Lochgoilhead, November 2010



144th Glasgow Guides – Austria, July 2010



80th Glasgow Scouts – new tentage and lighting, October 2010



185th Glasgow Scouts – Kandersteg, Switzerland, July 2010



80th Glasgow Scouts – Castle Semple, Lochwinnoch, July 2010

When you are planning interesting and adventurous activities for your unit in the months ahead please keep the Trust in mind as a possible source of support funding. Application forms can be downloaded by going to the Trust's website www.allandertrust.org.uk and should be forwarded upon completion to Colin Scott, 57 Montrose Drive, Bearsden, Glasgow G61 3LF (tel no 0141 942 3656). Please also refer to the guidance notes re grant applications. In particular note that applications received less than 14 days before the date of an activity will not be considered. We now also seek your confirmation that activities will be carried out under the supervision of properly qualified persons and that insurance cover is in place where appropriate.

Next Meeting The next formal meeting of the Trustees will be in May or June and we look forward to having another batch of grant applications for consideration. The date will be posted on the website in due course.