

# **Cú Chulainn Challenge 2011 – PL Information Pack**

This information pack is for Patrol Leaders. Please feel free to share this information with your Patrol in advance of the Cú Chulainn Challenge.

## **VENUE:**

As per our County Patrol Leaders Review of last years Cú Chulainn Challenge, the venue of this years Challenge is Scouting Irelands' National Campsite at Larch Hill.

## **REGISTRATION:**

Upon arrival on Friday evening, each Patrol must present themselves for registration. The Patrol Leader (along with his Scout Leader) must pay their camping fees (€60 per Patrol and €15 per leader) at this time. Each Patrol must also present their Camp Logbook at this time. Registration begins at 7pm and must be completed before 9.30pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May. You will be expected to pitch only your boundaries, sleeping and store tent on Friday night.

## **OPENING CEREMONY:**

The opening Ceremony is at 8.30am on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May. This will be a brief ceremony and Scout uniform is not required at this time (although full uniform will be required for the final Sunday inspection (scouts) and at the closing ceremony (all)). It is your responsibility to be in attendance at the opening ceremony.

## **SITE ALLOCATION/SIZE:**

Each Patrol will be assigned a site number. Each site size will be 12m X 14m. Sites for mixed Patrols will be slightly larger. Patrols may not enter their campsite until AFTER their Patrol has been registered.

## **FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:**

Fire extinguishers are strictly prohibited on campsites in Larch Hill.

## **THEME:**

The theme of this year's Cú Chulainn Challenge is 'Survivor'. Patrols are encouraged to incorporate this into some aspect of their weekend.

## **CAMPFIRE SKETCH:**

The campfire sketch can be whatever you like, but may last no more than 3 minutes. Each Patrol will be expected to participate in "Bush Tucker Trials" during the Campfire – further details will be provided during the weekend. Each Patrol will also be expected to select a number of words/phrases from a 'hat' and use these to prepare a song/sketch.

## **LOGBOOK:**

Logbooks are expected to be completed in the same logbook as was issued to each Patrol at last year's event. For the purposes of logbook entries, the weekend will begin at 8.30am on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May and finishes at 10am on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Only information generated within these times will be considered as valid in terms of marking i.e. no pre-prepared material is acceptable. The logbook should be your Patrols story of the weekend and may include items collected during the course of the weekend. Sketches and use of colour is encouraged. The logbook must be submitted on or before 11am on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May for marking. Late submissions may not be accepted/marked as per full marking scheme. It is the responsibility of each Patrol Scribe to ensure that their log is presented on time.

## **MEETINGS:**

There will be a Scout Leaders meeting on Friday night at 9pm. It is essential that all leaders attend this meeting. Please note that at least one Scout Leader per Patrol must be present at all times for the duration of the

weekend. There will be a Patrol Leaders meeting on Friday night at 10pm. It is essential that each Patrol is represented at this meeting.

#### AWARDS:

The awards ceremony begins at 12.30pm on Sunday 8th May and it is hoped that it will be completed by 1.00pm. Announcements will take the following format: Each site will be announced in numerical order beginning with Site No. 1, to award either the Bronze, Silver or Gold Standard Award. Each Patrol Leader will receive their Patrols award at this point.

The Awarding of Camp Craft Standards Certificates will be followed by the announcement of the winner of each of the Camp Chef, Logbook and the Pioneering Trophies. Following this, the overall Campcraft winners will be announced with the top three Patrols being announced in reverse order.

#### ON-SITE TASKS:

Based on the SPICES, these will take place on Saturday morning/afternoon, when an event organiser will visit each patrol. The details of these tasks are being kept secret until they are presented to each Patrol on the morning. All materials required will be provided.

#### SATURDAY EVENING ACTIVITY:

Patrols will take part in a 'Survivor' themed activity. There is no preparation required for this activity.

#### SITE ACCESS:

No Scout leader is permitted on any Patrol site (unless in an official inspection capacity). This rule will be strictly enforced.

#### PRE-ASSEMBLED GADGETS:

Pre-assembled Gadgets are strictly prohibited. All gadget wood will be inspected before you can commence your campsite build on Saturday morning.

#### PATROL LEADER MARKING:

Patrol Leaders will be responsible for inspecting Camp Gate Gadget at some stage during the weekend.

#### VISITING TIME:

On Saturday afternoon (4pm – 5.30pm), guests including Cubs from across the county will be invited to have a tour of the campsite. Scouts are encouraged to be friendly and welcoming to all guests of the county.

#### MEAL INSPECTIONS:

Every meal will be inspected throughout the course of the weekend. The main meal inspection (5pm – 7.00pm) will include a main course and a dessert. The ingredients for the main meal will be provided on the day and no other ingredients will be permitted in the main course. It is your Patrol's responsibility to provide all other ingredients for all other meals (including your main meal inspection dessert, breakfasts, lunches, suppers). Food storage is essential part of camp life and as such a storage gadget will be inspected.

#### SCOUTS OWN:

There will be a Scouts Own ceremony on Saturday evening. Uniform is not essential for this.

#### RUBBISH:

All Patrol rubbish is to be disposed of in an appropriate manner.

## TOILETS, WATER AND FIREWOOD:

Male and female toilets will be accessible 24 hours a day for the duration of the event. Water barrels can be filled on site also. Firewood is freely available in the woods, but Patrols are reminded not to cut any live wood and to respect the country code.

## PARKING:

Parking space should not be an issue at Larch Hill.

## ICE PACKS:

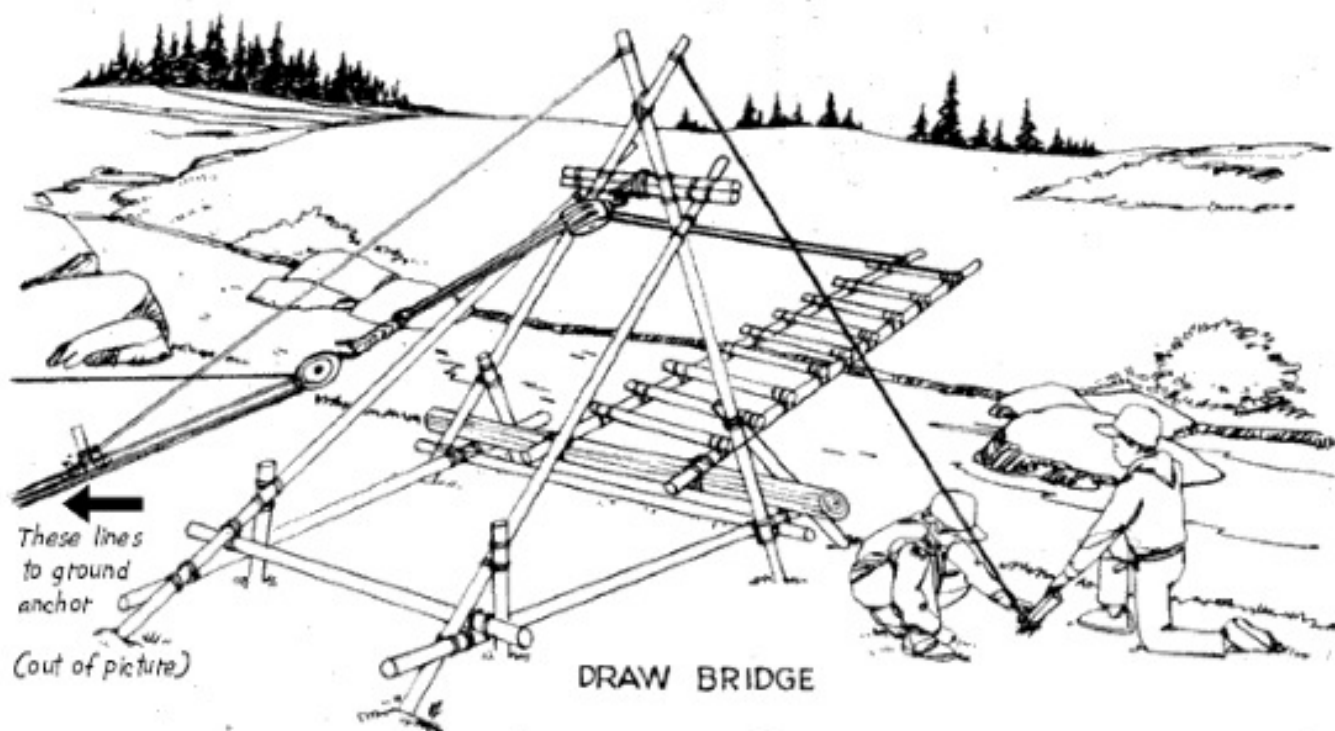
Patrol Leaders can hand in Ice Packs for their cooler boxes at the P.L.'s meeting each night for overnight freezing. These can be collected from 9am each morning.

## PIONEERING PROJECT:

This year the Pioneering Project will be a Drawbridge (see figure below). It is the responsibility of each patrol to ensure that they have sufficient materials to complete the Pioneering Project.

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## *Pioneering Project – ‘Draw Bridge’*



## Note:

While not exactly to scale, this pioneering project is roughly to scale, based on the size of the project in comparison to the size of the scouts in the illustration.