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BUCKLANDS BEACH SEA SCOUT GROUP WELCOME TO KEAS

THE GROUP

We are Bucklands Beach Sea Scout Group. The Group is made up of 1 Venturer Unit (14.5-19 yrs olds), 1 Sea Scout Troop (10.5-14.5 yrs olds), 1 Cub pack (8.5-10.5 yrs olds) and a Kea Club (6-8.5 yrs olds).

KEAS meet Mondays 5.00 – 6.00pm during school terms and do not meet during school holidays. We meet at “the Ship” at 32 Morrow Ave in Bucklands Beach, Manukau. Note: as we are a Sea Scout Group we call our hall a “Ship”. We encourage parents to visit with their son and family members to get a feel for the programme and to meet us before officially joining.: Call or email a leader to check details. Our trained Warranted Kea Leaders are: Dianne Patterson, Helen Rayner, Richard Lott & Tracey Everret. We are dedicated volunteers who have been involved in Parenting Scouts, Scouting, Boating, and/or Teaching young children.

UPON JOINING. We expect that every boy who decides to join is in full uniform within 3 - 4 weeks. New entrants are usually invested as Keas on the fourth night of attendance, It is preferable for the new Kea to be in uniform (T shirt / sweatshirt if it's cold) but we realise that it is not always possible. At the investing ceremony the Group provides scarf, woggle, badges and certificate. Before the investing ceremony new Keas are expected to find out about native NZ kea birds and to learn the Kea Promise and Motto (below).

WHAT WE DO We provide a programme within the traditions and guidelines of the Scout Movement and in line with the Kea Promise and Motto that is fun and action filled for 6 to 8 year olds. Some highlights have been a river trip on the Patrol Boat, games, learning about nearby Tamaki Estuary, Bucklands Beach and Pigeon Mountain, helping Scouts plant trees on Motuihe Island and learning to kayak. Our aim is for every Kea to enjoy himself and get water safety smart. Keas can earn badges to wear and follow a system of advancement: Bronze, Silver and often Gold over a two year period. Attending special activities with other Keas in Manukau Zone earns attendance badges. Generally Keas move up to Cubs at about the time when they are 8 years old at the end of terms 1 and 3. We then hold a short “flying up” ceremony with our Cub Pack.

WHAT WE EXPECT FROM KEAS

1. To try and attend Kea night on a **regular** basis and make every effort to attend any special function or activity throughout the year.
2. To wear the FULL uniform to Kea nights and keep it in a neat and tidy condition.
3. To maintain a reasonable standard of behaviour, manners and attitude in keeping with their Motto and Promise. “To share their fun and help others”.
4. To personally say hello and goodnight to Leaders.

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP We do need help with various activities and operate an informal roster system where we may call for help with transport or assistance on a craft night or supervising an outdoor activity. Please show an interest in your Kea's activities, as parent participation is important both at home (badge work) and on Kea nights. E.g. After meetings we need to leave the bathrooms, kitchen and hall clean & “Shipshape”! & all equipment used for

water activities has to be rinsed and stowed correctly. Please pitch in with your son. . Any parent wishing to help with the regular programmes on a regular basis is most welcome!

UNIFORM



Buckland's Beach Keas wear a uniform consisting of

Gold Kea tee-shirt - Uniform person is currently Donna tel. 274-0128
Navy/Ink Sweatshirt - Available from Donna or stores e.g. The Warehouse.
All badges are sewn onto sweatshirt.

Navy or Black shorts (track pants or longs are acceptable in winter)
Shoes in winter, Sandals or shoes in Summer. Watershoes are useful for beach activities (Not jandals as deemed unsafe for activities).
Optional: BBSS Caps are available for purchase; funds used for BBSS.

GROUP SCARF Upon investment new Keas will receive the Group Scarf and Kea woggle. Our group scarf is red in colour with a yellow band by its edge and has the Group Badge on the peak at the back. The Group badge comes from part of the Crest of the Buckland family who settled and farmed this area. Keas are expected to keep their scarf clean, named, ironed and neatly rolled. No other Group has a scarf like this - it is a special part of the Bucklands Beach Group Kea, Cub, Scout, Venturer and Leader uniform.

PROGRAMME A programme outlining events, activities and dates will be posted on the BBSS website and/or handed out to all Keas at the beginning of each term. Leaders meet to plan the term to ensure a quality programme is maintained. Follow-up reminder notices and permission slips are handed out for specific events and outings etc. and we would ask parents to note and put information onto your family agenda and to return completed slips promptly to avoid missing out on the event.

COSTS Subscriptions for the 2012 year are \$160 per Kea. A subscription form will automatically be given out to enrolled Keas when it's due, 20th March 2012. There is a family subsidy when you have more than three children in the Group.
Please write any cheques to "BUCKLANDS BEACH SEA SCOUTS"

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PROMISE AND MOTTO

THE KEA PROMISE



I will try to share my fun and help others



THE KEA MOTTO

I share
I care
I discover
I grow

