

1st Thurstaston Scouts Newsletter

In this newsletter

- Scouts
Preparing for
their Night Hike.
- Fire lighting,
Map Reading
and First Aid
practiced.
- Promotion News

Night Hike Kit Requirements

Scouts going on the
Night Hike should
have the following
with them:

- A rucksack
- Waterproof coat and
trousers
- Hiking boots
- Working torch
- Drink (water or still
juice)
- Snack
- Empty, clean metal
can (baked bean or
similar)

Scouts Practicing Different Skills



Over the last few weeks
the Scouts have been
practicing various skills.

Some of the younger
Scouts were allowed to
light sod fires on the
activity field. They cut
away a sod of turf and
built small fires directly on
the earth. The Scouts
were coached on where to
find the driest wood and
different ways to light a
fire including using a flint
and steel.

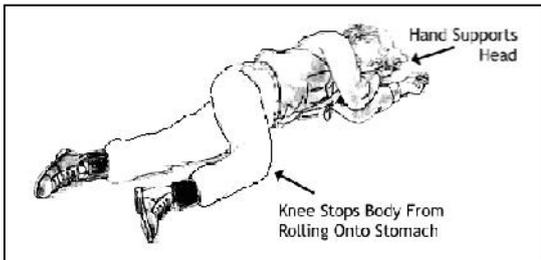
Meanwhile, the Older Scout Practice Map Reading



Different Ways to Find North

The Scouts have had a session on different
ways to find North. Some of the ways
talked about are:

1. A compass
2. At night finding the Plough or Big
Dipper constellation. Two of the
stars in this constellation point to
Polaris or the North Star.
3. By using shadows cast by the sun.
4. By using a watch. How to do this
is explained later in the newsletter.



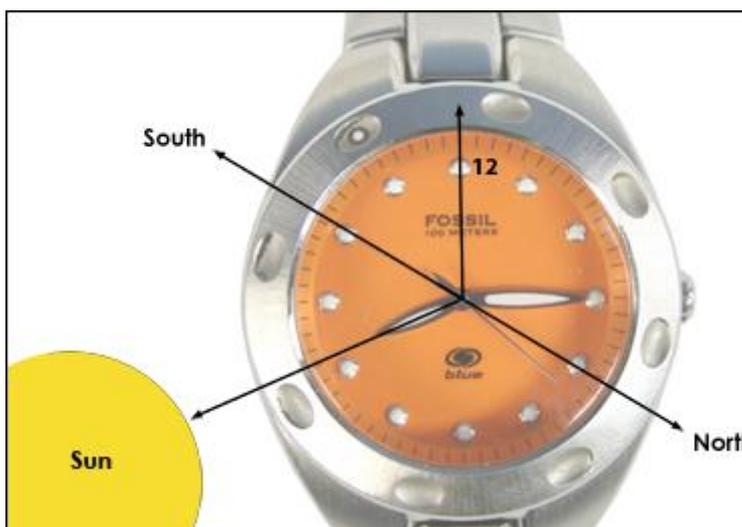
First Aid Training

Early in November the Scouts had an evening of practicing First Aid.

This together with the map reading and fire lighting are in preparation for the Scouts Night Hike on 20th December.



How to Find North with a Watch



1. Take into account daylight saving by subtracting 1 hour in summer time (moving the hour hand counter clockwise 1 hour).
2. Face your analog watch, align it so that the hour hand points in the direction of the sun (you might have to twist your wrist a bit, or take it off).
3. Now imagine a line starting from the center of the dial halving the angle between the hour dial and 12 o'clock. This line will point south.

*Wishing you a very happy
Christmas and a prosperous 2014.*

