



MERSEYSIDE WING ADVENTURE TRAINING

NEWSLETTER – Apr/May/June 07

Introduction

Overall, Adventure Training (Adv Trg) is doing well in the Wing, and every squadron now has at least one qualified member of staff in Adv Trg. Please do ensure that this newsletter is displayed on squadron notice boards and it is also now available on the Adv Trg pages of the Wing website.

Awards & Qualifications

Congratulations go to Flt Lt John Kendal (OC 610 Sqn) and Mr Tom Morris (CI at 2375 Sqn) for both gaining their Level 2 Kayak coaching certificates recently. Also, a big well done goes to Natalie Armitage for completing the Basic Climbing course at NACATC Windermere.

Also I would like to thank the cadets from 610 and 2375 Squadrons for representing Merseyside Wing and for coming second in the Regional Adventure Training Competition (RATTEX). The team included: Flt Sgt Dodd, Flt Sgt Briggs, Sgt Gorst, Sgt Hampton (610) and Cpl Illston & Cdt Hammond (2375). They were just pipped into second place by 2.5 points by West Mercia



The Merseyside Wing team proudly showing their Silver medals

ACP 16 & Field craft skills

Good news, the advanced copy of the ACP16 has arrived. The paper and CD copies are in reprographics at RAFC Cranwell and should be ready for distribution very soon. The running of field craft skills training will be undertaken by the WATTO. The CD splits the training up into lessons that are all linked to one another, with a power point and practical lesson for each topic.

There will be a separate e mail regarding the role out of the ACP, the application form and who will be qualified to train cadets, so watch this space...

Adv Trg Applications

Adv Trg forms are still coming in, but mostly still in paper form. I did state at the OC's conference that I would accept electronic copies and only a few squadrons have done so, so far. Also a lot of applications are coming in with only a months notice; remember the minimum notice period is **6 weeks; as per ACP17**. Failure to meet the minimum notice period may result in exercises being cancelled.

Capel Curig Army Camp

Capel Curig Army Training Camp has now been upgraded to a Level 2 training centre. This means that there are regular instructors stationed there for Adv Trg. Their primary role is to provide training for their own regiments, and so unfortunately there may be less hard shell accommodation available for our units, but there is always the option to camp on the back field.

The new Camp Commandant (ex RAF) has informed me that from July this year, there will be a climbing tower on the camp. It will be built near to the volleyball pitch and will include a small bouldering rock too.

The camp have altered their activity sheets, these **must be completed before any training commences**. Remember to cancel these forms upon your return from your activity. Also due to theft and some units swapping kayaks over etc, all trailers will have to be left in the main car park, although this is not locked during the night, it does have several security cameras.

Items For Sale

If there any units that have any Adv Trg equipment they wish to sell, then why not advertise in this newsletter?

Brand New & Unused Montane Venture Jacket (Size XL- 46'' (114cm) Chest) Grey/Black colour £85.00 ono...See WATTO for details



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