

ANCHOR BOYS NEWS

The Belfast Battalion Newsletter for Anchor Boy Section Leaders

September 2016



Welcome to the new B.B. Session

The summer goes so quickly and we know we say this every year, but again, it is hard to believe we are at the stage in the year when we are planning our Programme for Anchor Boys for the coming Session 2016/17! The Anchor Boy Committee hopes you can include some of the competitions in your Section's planning.

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It is always good to see new Companies entering these events and the enclosed template for Noah's Ark should make it easy for our Boys to get busy with their pens and pencils.

Potted Sports

We would also recommend the Potted Sports Competition. This event, held in November, is always so lively and the Boys really enjoy it. Starting at 10.00a.m. and finishing about 12noon, the time goes in so quickly and we are home before we know it!

**Potted Sports Competition: Saturday 12 November 2016
Ravenhill Presbyterian Church from 10.00a.m. to 12noon.**

Team consists of 4 Boys but 6 Boys can be brought and used during the competition. Competition rules and registration form are enclosed.

Price per team: £6.00 Entries Due by Monday 7 November 2016

Worship / Craft Competition

Tell the story of Mr Noah and use the enclosed template. Although this is an individual picture there are only 2 entries per company, one from P1/P2, this template has the whole picture of Noah's Ark, and for P3/P4, some items requiring completion by the Boys. Each Boy can use his own imagination to complete either by colouring in with whatever means are available in each company, felt tips, paint, coloured pencils, adding cut out animals and sticking them on, using animal stamps with ink pads, just whatever you have. This hopefully will give you an opportunity to get thinking of things you might need in the meantime before you actually get started.

2 entries per Company one from P1/P2, one from P3/P4

Entries into BB House by Monday 21 November 2016

Price per entry: £2.00



Save the Date!

Anchor Boy Fun Day

Plans are underway to hold the Anchor Boy Fun Day on Saturday 22 April 2017 in Ulster Folk and Transport Museum. Details regarding this will go to each company later in the year.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the year but if you have any concerns or queries or anything you need help or assistance with and you think we could help, then contact BB House and leave a message and one of the Committee members will be glad to contact you.

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A Time to Remember and Re-Commit

Our annual Drumhead Service and Service of acknowledgement and Commitment will be held on the afternoon of Sunday 25th September at Ganaway. These Services are open to all of your staff, family members and friends. With **YOUR** presence we will celebrate the past years of Advancing Christ's Kingdom through The Boys' Brigade in Ireland and give thanks for the many men and women who influenced our lives and re-commit ourselves to serving the Youth of today. This Service is very poignant and is a source of comfort and support to so many of our BB family. In addition to the Service, you will have the added opportunity of being able to visit The B.B. Heritage Museum. A special poster is enclosed for Notice Boards and is aimed at **ALL** Sections.



Anchor Boy Fun Day 2016

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E-mail sign up

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Stedfast Supplies

The enclosed poster for your Notice Board indicates that our Shop will be open from 9.30am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday and 9.30am to 1.00pm on Saturdays - 24th September, 1st October 2016, 11th March and 25th March 2017. We're also open on St Patrick's Day too!! Why not e-mail through your order in advance? We'll make every reasonable effort to have your order ready for you to collect. Send your e-mail to belfast@boys-brigade.org.uk

Online Brigade Manager (OBM)

By now you should be aware that The Brigade is moving to an online management system. As one Leader quoted "*this will totally transform the way we work and take all the hassle out of administration*". As with all systems, OBM will only be as good for you insofar as you will want and make use of it.

It contains a host of features that will make your BB administration so much easier allowing users to deliver quick and easy record keeping, attendance registers, badge records and programme activities from a vast bank of Programme resources. There is also a function that will allow you to communicate directly with parents via e-mail and SMS.

Ask your Captain for more information and to get you logged on.

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The B.B. Object

The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness.