

THE
BBIG EVENT

ANCHOR BOYS PROGRAMME

SATURDAY--SUNDAY
6TH-7TH MAY
1995

WELCOME!

TO ALL ANCHOR BOYS TEAM MEMBERS.

I am delighted to welcome you to the team concentrating on the Anchor Boys at the BBig Event on the 6th and 7th May 1995. The team will be made up of volunteers from Scripture Union and regular Boys Brigade Anchor section staff. At the moment we are expecting something in the region of about 1,000 Anchor Boys who are in the Primary 2-4 age group.

The event provides us with an opportunity to share just how valuable we all are in the eyes of a loving God in a way that is a lot of fun for the children and for ourselves. It will be an opportunity to work together, sharing Christian fellowship and service. It will be an opportunity to support the ongoing work and ministry of the Boys Brigade in Scotland as it seeks to enable Boys to grow in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and men.

The intention in giving you this handbook is to provide you with as much information as possible before the event itself. There is a planning meeting scheduled for 30 March 1995, venue to be arranged, but given the wide geographical spread of all those involved it is likely that we will not all have met before the event begins. The plan is that if you read the Handbook before the event you should have some idea of what its all about. You should also bring the handbook with you as a reference to what is going on at different times throughout the day.

Our theme for the Sunday is Fullness of life in Jesus and with the Anchor Boys we want to concentrate on the idea of how special we are to God because of His love for us. Our aim is to present this theme in a lively and challenging way and we want to do this in the context of an established friendship with the children. To help us establish our friendship we are offering an Anchor Boys games programme at different times through the day on Saturday and if you are able to attend some of these then that would be helpful.

Meantime, may the Lord bless you in all that you are involved with and I look forward to seeing you at the earliest possible juncture.

your servant in Jesus

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SCRIPTURE UNION:- WHO'S WHO:

John MacKinnon: Team Leader and co-ordinator for the two days. I work for Scripture Union as their national evangelist and will be the master of ceremony as well as delivering the team talk.

Robert Latta: Robert also works full time with Scripture Union as the North Ayrshire and Renfrewshire regional worker. He has played professional football for Ayr United and as a qualified fitness instructor will be our Mr Motivator and zany quiz master.

Mandy Craig: Mandy is a qualified nursery nurse and has led many Scripture Union holiday clubs. She will be in charge of our music group, leading our time of worship and keeping us right at the group time.

Helen Christer: Helen is one of Scripture Union's year team, an able children's worker and will be the person responsible for our technical equipment on the day.

BOY'S BRIGADE:- WHO'S WHO:

Stuart Rose: Development Officer and Battalion Secretary for Edinburgh - Liaison Officer with SU and Boys Brigade.

Haisley Moore: Scottish Secretary - Boss Man.

Johnston Millar: District Secretary - Lanarkshire Division.

It will be good for you to know the people listed above but the real work is carried out by you the individual group leaders. The children will relate more readily to those leaders that are around them in the hall. It is a real team effort and to make the day successful and fun we all have to play our part.

WHAT TO EXPECT: The idea of almost a 1,000 boys in the civic centre at Motherwell looking for an exciting worship event is a little daunting. They will be hoping for lots of fun, exciting things to do, to meet people who are easy to get along with but they won't have a clear idea of what to expect. Almost certainly they will be full of energy and very lively. There will be a variety of different natures and backgrounds. They will be noisy, inquisitive, sometimes rude or cheeky but generally they will be enthusiastic. Our programme tries to reflect the different stages and needs that the boys will have allowing for healthy and helpful outlets.

It will require us to help them understand in a fun and loving way what's happening next. We must also remember that the boys are at an age when "heroes" are still important and one of the things we want to do is be good role models pointing to Jesus as the only one really worth following.

SAFETY AND SECURITY: As well as giving the boys a really good event with lots of fun and enjoyment we want to do everything possible to ensure safety at all levels. It means that all of us will have a team badge, identifying us to the boys and to any other adults. Our concern for the children's safety means that we will familiarise ourselves with those boys that we are responsible for and will not allow them to leave the arena without a reliable adult accompaniment.

From a slightly different angle, we need to be aware that we live in a society where parents are increasingly concerned about those looking after their children. It is, therefore, of great importance that we are wise in our behaviour with the boys, avoiding undue physical conduct and not leaving ourselves isolated.

On a more positive note, we need to help boys feel part of the event, helping them to feel secure, accepted and valued.

YOU AND YOUR GROUP: Your key job as a group leader is to see that each of the boys in your group is made welcome, helped to feel part of the group and valued for the person that they are. You will be leading in the work-out time in the programme, seeking to teach the relevant material and encourage participation in the group activity. You will be required to bring some basic materials with you and the rest will be supplied. Try to help your boys enjoy the programme and get the most out of the teaching material. Having said all that, children don't always behave in exemplary fashion and the rowdy behaviour of a few can mar the enjoyment of others. Sit with your group during the up-front times, unless of course you are needed up-front yourself: be firm without nagging and refer any persistent problems to any one of the people listed above.

PROGRAMME:

SATURDAY 6TH MAY 1995:

The idea for the Saturday is simple and reasonably straightforward. We will offer three games sessions for this age group at a set point in Strathclyde Park repeating themselves three times during the course of the day.

The three sessions on offer will be Parachute games, Earth Ball games and Team games.

They will be available from 11.30 am until 12.30pm.: 1.30pm until 2.30pm: 3.30pm until 4.30pm:

It may be possible to give them some kind of visa or passport tying in with the overall theme of the day.

SUNDAY 7TH MAY 1995:

1.30pm Hall Open.

2.45pm- 3.00pm: The Boys arrive and find a space on the floor with their officers and team leaders.

3.00pm: Mr Motivator leads everyone in an Aerobics work out.

3.15pm: Mandy and the musicians lead us in a Lap of Honour: a time of fast moving worship songs and choruses.

3.30pm: John MacKinnon gives us the team talk based on Psalm 139:

3.40pm: The Boys all divide into their groups with their leaders to do the Team Work Out: This is where the team leaders really start to motor. Follow the instructions given at the end of the handbook.

3.55pm: Robert leads us in the Zany, Wacky fun quiz where the odd member of staff or team leader may get gunked.

4.05pm: Video Action Replay: A quick look at The Hannah Barbera Creation Story on the big screen.

4.15pm: The shake out will be a final song and prayer before the Boys depart.

TEAM WORK OUT:

Every group will be given a large sheet of news reel paper, you are to lie one of the Boys on top of it and draw round them. While some are doing this others can begin to look through magazines and cut out pictures of people and faces, different colours, hair styles, weight etc. Then encourage the group to create a montage of people on the drawn body shape by sticking all those people onto your sheet. As this is taking place the leader should ask the boys what it is that makes each of their chosen pictures special. Write above the montage "Everyone is Special to God" and when you are finished get the group to hold it up above their heads sitting on the floor.

As a group leader you will have to bring about enough coloured pens, scissors and glue for about ten people. The big sheet of paper and the magazines will be available as you come into the centre.