

PADDLESPORT CHALLENGE

2011/2012 – AN INVITATION

What do you do when September arrives and your youngsters want to keep paddling but there are limited opportunities in the evenings?

Answer - **The Paddlesport Challenge.**



This Southern Region series aims to keep our younger paddlers paddling over the winter months and at the same time introduce them to the various forms of paddlesport, both in a competitive and a fun way. We have entered up to 20 youngsters each year over recent years – and we came third last season.

Activities are varied and some are more serious than others but are aimed at including mixed ages and abilities. Each team entered can include youngsters that must be under 16 on the 1st Sept of the series year (e.g. 2011 next season) and over 8 years at the same date.(i.e. born between 1st Sept 1995 and 31st Aug 2003 next season).

We aim to have one event a month. We aim for participants to attend as many events as possible but come and try one or two! Each participant is asked to pay an event fee, of £2.50 per event (some events are free) to cover costs and you get refreshments.

This season there will be around 11 events held over 13 dates (allowing for 3 polo sessions). These will include a pool fun event, a pentathlon (kayak, run, swim, shoot, more), Open Canoe Medley, Wild Water Racing, Polo (organised by B3C), Generation Game Indoor Event, Dragon Boating, K1/K4 Sprints, Slalom, and a moving water event. The season will finish Pangbourne Youth Regatta and a prizegiving there.

The provisional program has just been released and the dates (subject to change) are:

11 September 2011, Pentathlon, Reading
16 October 2011, Open Canoe Medley, Pangbourne
19 November, Wildwater Racing, Newbury
17 December, Pool Fun, Willink
7,21 January & 4 February 2012, Polo
17 March, 2012, Generation Game (Indoor), Pangbourne
20 May 2012, Slalom, Mytchett
tba – Dragon Boating
9 June 2012, WhiteWater, Nene (tbc)
tba June 2012, Family Regatta, Pangbourne

Want to take part in 2011/12? Just let me know at pjeffs@ntlworld.com

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