



Akela says...

Hi everyone, hope this issue finds you well.

Since the last issue we have had Cub Camp, 7 and 5 a side Football, AGM, Scout Back to Basics Camp, Sports Day and the County's Party in the Park.

First, Cub Camp. Weather was hot just as I like it. The Cubs did loads of stuff over the week-end including following me round the park a couple of times because I couldn't find the right footpath. I will try harder next time. The Cubs all enjoyed themselves.

Next was Football. The Beavers came 1st. Well done to Michael Sherwood, Daniel Lees, Dean Reed, Charlie Jones, Luke, Daniel Oxley,

The Cubs came 3rd. Well done to Ryan Blake, Ryan Sherwood, Bradley Reed, Drew Searle, Stuart Bastides.

The Scouts came 2nd. Well done to Daniel Elliott, Lewis Pruce, Geoff Morley, Jamie Reed, Adam Oxley, David March and Sam Harvey.

Thank you to Billy Marbe, our Scout coach, and Simon Reed and T for the training sessions.

Next up was our AGM. We have to have this meeting once a year and this is your chance to see and hear what your child has been up to. Thank you to all those who attended.

Next was the Scout Back to Basics Camp. All we were allowed to take was a bowl, spoon, sleeping bag, change of clothes, wash kit and a penknife. We had tin cans, foil and cabbage leaves. We managed to cook breakfast in a cabbage leaf and a sea bass. I also drank nettle tea which to my surprise was very nice. Well done and Thank You to the Scouts, Baggy, Explorer Scouts and T for a very enjoyable weekend.

Sports Day was next and after a wait due to the weather we started. Well done to Lauren Morley, Ryan Blake, Stuart Bastides, Mason Creamer, Bradley Reed, Jamie Reed, Sam Harvey, Daniel Elliott, Geoff Morley, Adam Oxley. Thank you to Julie and Karen for watching over the kids.

On Saturday 3rd July 11 of us from the 9th joined with about 30 others from Barking & Dagenham district to attend the first Party in the Park at Gilwell Park paid for by the County (Greater London North East). I thoroughly enjoyed myself and I think the others did too.

Blimey June was a very busy month. Well that's it from me, take care

AKELA

'Subs'

Please remember that subs are payable every week except for August, Christmas and for weeks you are on holiday.

Scouts - www.scouts.org.uk
District Website - www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk

Scoutbase - www.scoutbase.org.uk
Scouting Resources - www.scoutingresources.org.uk

County - www.gln-scouts.org.uk

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Contact Details





Beavers

No events this month

Cubs

Pack Holiday

Sat. 21st - Sat. 28th August

Downe Camp Site

Cost £100

There are still a few places left. Please see Baggy or Akela for a form

Scouts

Weekend 10/11th July Camping Competition

Cost £10

Please let Baggy know if you are going

Summer Camp

Sat 31st July - Sat. 7th Aug.

Camp forms to be issued next week.

Please let Baggy or Akela know if you will be attending.

Knife Safety



- A knife is a tool, not a toy
- Cut away from your body , not toward
- If you drop your knife, let it fall - don't attempt to catch it
- Don't run with a knife
- Don't throw a knife - hand it to them handle first
- Don't point a knife at anyone
- Keep your knife sheathed or folded when carrying or not using it
- Keep your knife clean, lubricated, dry & sharp
- Do not sharpen on a power grinder - use a sharpening stone
- Use in a well lit area so you can see what you are doing
- If the blade doesn't lock open watch for collapsing
- Close the blade with the palm of your hand
- Use the right tool for the job. Don't use the knife as a pry-bar etc.
- Concentrate on what you are doing and take your time
- If you get cut, seek first aid immediately

I cut my thumb rather deeply at the Back to Basics camp and had to have it glued back together. I wasn't really doing anything dangerous I simple stopped concentrating on what I was doing for a second. My knife was very sharp and there was always the chance I could have cut my thumb off or worse.

Hopefully we can all learn from my mistake without any further injuries. Knives are useful and important tools, but tools that you have to learn to use and respect.

Only Scouts and Explorers are allowed to use knives in our group. Even then they have to pass a knife and axe instruction and test. They are only allowed knives with the permission and supervision of a leader.

Upcoming Events



Camping Competition in July
Sixers Camp, PL Thingy, Beaver Sleepover in September
Cub Quiz, Scout Activity Day, Spooky Welly Walk in October
Jungle Rally, Connect 4, Beaver Kids Kingdom in November
Cyclo Cross, Carol Service in December

Those are just District events!! + zillions of group events including summer camps for Cubs and Scouts, 5 days out, and survival camps!!

Other Events

Please keep your eye on the notice board to see what we are doing on the 10th, 17th and 31st August as the hall will be closed for repairs.

Dagenham Town Show is 17/18th July at Central Park. If you are up in the park please pay our tent a visit.

Fundraising

Thanks to Reede Road Residents Association (and Eddie Jago) for letting us have a stall. We were successful in raising £177.30 for the group.

Wanted

- Soft Toys
- Bric a brac
- Unused toiletries

that we can use for a raffle or tombola to raise funds for the group.

Contact
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