

Akela says...



Hi all, hope this issue finds you well.

February was another busy month for all sections.

First up was the Swimming Gala. Well done and thank you to all the swimmers and the adults that did the various jobs on the night.

Next was Scout Camp. Again well done to all who attended as the weather wasn't very kind to us. We had all sorts, wind, rain, snow, sleet, hail but we all survived.

I was pleased with the turnout at Founders Day service but as always a few more Beavers, Cubs and Scouts wouldn't go amiss. Next service is St. George's Day and I would like each and every member of our group to attend.

Handcraft was next, well done and thank you to all who entered. We came 1st in section D and 2nd overall.

There is a badge for Cubs, named the Buddy Badge, which is given if you bring a friend and they get invested. So start to bring your friends.

That's it from me. Take care

AKELA

St. George's Day Parade 17th April 2005



We would like EVERY member of the group to attend this very important parade and service. This year's service will be held at St Margaret's Church in Broadway, Barking. The Parade will start from Eastbury School, in Rosslyn Road, Barking.

Please meet at the school at 2:00 p.m. It is important that you wear full and smart uniform.

This is a once a year event and it is vital that we show that the 9th is a living and thriving group.

Chess Champions



Well done to Lewis Pruce and Geoff Morley (and David Fox from the 16th) who represented us at the County Chess Competition on Saturday. Lewis came 1st, Geoff 2nd and David 3rd which meant that Barking & Dagenham won the County trophy for the second year running. Well Done.

Akela's Shout

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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Beavers

Easter Egg Hunt

19th March

See Gaz/Julie/T for details

Cubs

No events this month

Scouts

Scout Rally/Maurice Pass

19-20th March

Thriftwood

See Baggy for details

All Sections

St. George's Day Parade and Service

17th April

St. Margaret's, Barking

More details to follow

We would like EVERY member of the group to go

Available on request

Where to put your badges picture

Introduction pack to the Cubs

Introduction pack to the Scouts

What kit/equipment to buy

Introduction to camping guide

Rules for all the competitions

Maps and locations of events

Booklets for swimming/IT badge

Requirements for badges

If you want any of the above or anything else please speak to Baggy.

Scout Rally/Maurice Pass



Camp forms and information sheets are now available. See Baggy.

Cub Camps



Camp forms for the last weekend in May and the week in August are now available.

April Scout Camp



Camp forms are now available.

How Much!!



I have to laugh sometimes when talking with other Scout leaders. Last month had a long conversation with some leaders at one of the many meetings I have to attend. They were thinking of cutting down on their district events because "they did too many". I was interested and asked how many they did. You know what they said? 4.

"Four?!" was my automatic response.

Of course this meant he asked me "Of course, why? How many do you do?"

A quick bit of thinking and counting on me hands resulted in "Chess, Mark Sutton, Scout Rally, Maurice Pass, Swimming Gala, Incident Hike, Camping Competition, Sports Day, 5-a-side, PL thingy, Survival Camp, Activity Day, Cyclo Cross, Environmental Day.. Lets call it 15".

"15!" he spluttered. "I don't mean group events I just mean district".

"Erm.. Yeah they are just district. If you include my group events that adds something like 3 days hiking practice, hiking camp, 3 climbing trips, bowling, ice skating, trip to park, two trips to Southend, BBQ, group camp, 2 scout camps, week scout camp and some other things I cant remember"

All I got this time was a funny look. A bit of a pause. Then "I help my wife with the Cubs and don't do that much"

"Oh Cubs? Yeah.. We do that too... same sort of list as above really"

"How the hell do you find the time? Why do you do all that?"

And this is the clincher

"Isn't that what we are supposed to be doing in Scouts?" was my reply.

A lot of Scouting is about getting out there and doing stuff. Sometimes you have to learn a bit of the basics like lashings or compass or map or first aid, but this is just to enable you to get out there and do all that stuff safely. This year I think we are even busier than normal as we intend to attend some County Camps and activities as well as laying on not one, but two weeks for the Scouts and one for the Cubs.

If you are interested in getting involved speak to one of the leaders. I know Akela, T and myself are going to have a whale of a time this year with the Scout section!