

Upcoming Events

Camps

Beavers			
31 Mar	Easter Egg Hunt	Hargreaves	See Leigh or Julie for more details
Cubs			
No events this month			
Scouts			
14 April	Maurice Pass Pioneering Day	Thriftwood	See Baggy or Akela for more details
All Sections			
First Sunday in April	Church Parade	St. Elisabeth's	10:15 a.m.

Beavers Only			
5 May	Day Visit to District Camp	Chigwell Row	Please see Julie or Leigh for further
Cubs Only			
25-28 May	Whitsun Cub Camp	Thriftwood	£45 A set of forms is available
18-25 August	Pack Holiday	Hesley Wood	£120 A set of forms is available
Cubs & Scouts			
4-7 May	District Camp	Chigwell Row	£45 A set of forms is available from

Do you know a business that would be prepared to support local Scouting by paying a small fee to advertise in a newsletter that is read by people all over the borough?

If so contact a leader for more details.

Contacts & Resources

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Websites	
District	www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk
County	www.gln-scouts.org.uk
Scouting Resources	www.scoutingresources.org.uk
Scouts	www.scouts.org.uk
Scoutbase	www.scoutbase.org.uk



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Akela's Shout

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Akela Says...

Hi all, I hope this issue finds you well.

Well done to everyone who swam at the District Swimming Gala. Congrats to the Over 9½ team of Abigail and Daniel Lee, Jay Jarrett and Charlie Jones who came 1st in Section D. Congrats also to the Scouts who came 1st Overall. Well done and thank you to all and most of them will be going on to represent us at the County Gala on 17th March.

Well done to all who entered the Hand-craft Competition and congrats to all those who got certificates.

Well done and thank you to Harry Avis, Dana Jones, Jay Jarrett, Lauren and Geoff Morley, Luke Willcocks, Charlie Jones, Daniel and Gemma Bailey, Sophie Clark and Jack Avis who attend Church Parade. Please could I ask you to support us at Church Parades on the

first Sunday each month, 10:30 to 12:00. We have only recently started Church Parades again and we are hoping that it will stand us in good stead for rent negotiations when a new vicar is appointed.

There is still time to book for District Camp, 4-7th May, the closing date is 13th March. This is the FINAL date.

Whitsun Camp and Pack Holiday still have a few places left so see me if you would like a form.

We have one or two ideas for the Scouts camps and outings and more information will follow as soon as we have decided.

That's it from me, take care

Akela

In the UK, the total Membership of Scouting is growing . It currently stands at 446,352.

(Source: Census of Membership 2006.)

Growth, Recognition, Celebration



2007 - A centenary of Scouting



The Join-in-Centenary Badge is part of the special year-long Join-In-Centenary programme, which encourages Scouts to celebrate 100 years of Scouting through specially-themed programmes such as adventure, international friendship, community and the environment and others.

Join-in-Centenary is also totally interactive, allowing it to be adapted to suit local needs, local priorities and activities.

Taking part in Red Nose Day 2007 is therefore a great way for young people to think about people in need around the world, and show their friendship by fundraising.

By planning, organising and running a fundraising event for Red Nose Day 2007, Scouts could gain their Join-in-Centenary Badge, one of four to collect during the 2007 Centenary year.

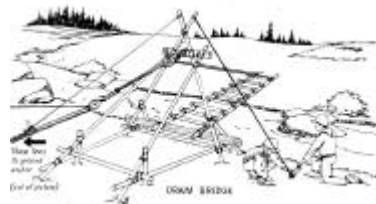
Find out more at: <http://www.scouts.org.uk/jic>

St. George's Day

St George's Day celebrations offer a major public opportunity for Scouts to have fun and renew their Promise.

Historically these have taken the form of a parade and a faith service which includes the renewal of the Scout Promise. However a growing number of celebrations now take the form of activity days for all involved in Scouting or finding new and exciting ways of young people and adults renewing their Promise. St George is the Patron Saint of all that we do in Scouting, so it should be like all of Scouting, fun!

The World Scout Movement began in the United Kingdom in 1907 with an experimental camp on Brownsea Island, Dorset. During the week-long camp, Robert Baden-Powell and a small party of boys put into practice his ideas for training young people in responsible citizenship. following year, the first official Scout Camp was held at Humshaugh, near Hexham, Northumberland. Today, there are well over 28 million Members in over 216 countries and territories and the Movement is still growing.



Maurice Pass Pioneering Day - 14th April 2007 - Thriftwood - Site 5

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. No previous experience of pioneering is required as the morning will include training sessions. All Scouts welcome.

<http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/pioneering/>

Beaver Easter Egg Hunt - 31st March 2007 - Hargreaves

See Leigh or Julie for more details.



Be proud of your achievements

A history of recent achievements by the group in District competitions can be found on the notice board but here is what the young people have achieved in just the first 2 months of 2007.

Cubs

2nd Chess
2nd Swimming Gala
3rd Handcraft

Scouts

3rd Chess Troop Trophy
3rd Mark Sutton
1st Swimming Gala

Beavers

2nd Handcraft

Our group is probably also the most active group in the District. Not only do we take part in every District Competition and Event but we also give our young people the chance to attend camps, special activities, trips, days out, hikes and much more throughout the year. These have included activity days at Thriftwood where we put on every activity Thriftwood had to offer, ice-skating, bowling, cinema, Southend trips, hike camps, meals out with the Scouts and much more.

We also have regular social activities for adults where parents can go out and relax with the leaders. In the past these have included a night at the 'dogs', bowling, meals out and more.

There are also fund raising events like Quiz Nights.

Even the regular Tuesday night meetings are packed full of activities and give the young people a chance to earn over 150 different badges.

If you want to learn more about our activities speak to a leader.