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Easter Raffle Results

We had 9 eggs and raised £50. We obtained all the eggs on vouchers from Sainsburys and Tescos which should have been used for the Christmas raffle. The winners were

2nd

Angela Barham Mrs Noonan T Pettican 351-355 Yellow (Unclaimed)

Jan Sibbons Julie Morley Lorraine Oxley Mrs Skinner Mr Reed

Mobile Phones

Please note that Beavers, Cubs & Scouts should NOT take a mobile phone to camp or to the meeting on a Tuesday night. In the event of an emergency a home contact will be contacted by the leaders who have mobiles and access to landlines. There are several reasons for this rule, a minor one being a matter of insurance, a more important one being a matter of communication in the event of an emergency or unforeseen circumstances.

If you have any questions please speak to a leader.

Akela says...

Hi everyone, hope you are well and enjoying the sunshine.

Due to a minor op. I have been confined to stay at home until Monday 19th. If you need to contact me I will be on my home number.

Well done to Charlie Lewis & Daniel Pike for turning p for the County Kim's Game, unfortunately we couldn't find the venue (Akela was navigating, say no more - Baggy) so we went to the park and had an ice cream instead.

Well done to Billy Marbe, Joanne Noonan, John Noonan, Rebecca Ratford, Lewis Sibbons, Nicholas Barrett, Hayley Barham, Chris Barrett, Adam Oxley, Tracey Martin, Jenny Lewis, Sam Harvey and Jamie Reed for taking part in the Scout Rally & Pioneering Competition. In the Scout Rally the Tigers Patrol came 2nd and the Panthers came 3rd. In the pioneering the Tigers came 1st.

The first 5-a-side practice session went well although there were only 6 Scouts & 1 Cub. Next practice date is Saturday 17th May from 2 to 4. Please see notice board for the other dates.

District camp was good and I hope your son/daughter had a good time. Well done to the 28 Cubs and Scouts, and the 5 Beavers who visited us on Saturday, they did the 9th proud with no arguments or fights (well...apart from the water fight).

The rest of May and June are very busy months for all sections so please make sure you read the notice board.

That's it from me, take care

Akela

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Cubs

Saturday: 26th April, 17th May, 31st May, 7th June 5-a-side Practice See a leader for details

Friday 6th June Athletes Badge

Mayesbrook Arena 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 28th June Sports Day Details to follow

Scouts

Saturday 10th May Scout Incident Hike Speak to Baggy or Akela

Saturday: 26th April, 17th May, 31st May, 7th June 5-a-side Practice See Gazza/Bizza for details

Saturday 28th June Sports Day Details to follow

All Sections

Saturday 14th June 5-a-side Football (Cubs/Scouts) 7-a-side Football (Beavers)

M&B sports and social club More details next issue

What's going on?

The Scouting calendar is very busy this year, not just with group activities and work but with district and county activities. Keep an eye on the notice board and newsletter but please feel free to chat with a leader regularly to keep updated with the myriad of opportunities.

Upcoming events include:

Athletes Badge, football, sports day, camping competition, may camp, pack holiday, scout camp and various visits and days out to be organised by the patrol leaders.

Camps

Friday 23rd - Monday 26th May Camp

Thriftwood, Cost £40, Open to all cubs, Forms to be given out shortly

Sat 9th - Saturday 16th August Pack Holiday

Well End Campsite, Borehamwood

Cost £85, Open to all cubs. Forms to be given out shortly.

Summer Holidays Scout Camp

Scout Camp sometime during the school summer holidays. Let Baggy or Akela have the dates of when you are going on holiday.

Please remember you can pay weekly or monthly for these camps to help you budget.

101 Things my leader forgot to tell me (part 7)

Get a roll mat

You lose as much body heat through the ground as through the air, a cheap mat (£10) will keep you warmer and keep your sleeping bag drier if the ground gets damp.

NEVER EVER wear that days clothes to bed

Clothes damp from the days sweat, rain or evening dew will make for a clammy cold and miserable night. Either keep a separate set of clothes for night time or put on tomorrows dry clothes.

Wear a hat in bed if its cold

A wool (or fleece) hat will make ALL the difference in keeping you warm at night, and will reduce the body area outside your sleeping bag by 50%

Put clothes in a stuff sack as a pillow

Don't take a normal pillow they get damp at night and are a pain to carry. Keep your clothes, not including your uniform, in a stuff sack wrapped inside a jumper and it will be just as good.

Keep your clean clothes in plastic bags

Even the best bags and tents can leak, but a plastic bag won't.

Keep your dirty clothes in a net bag

That will stop them rotting or going mouldy if they are wet.

Take baby wipes to give your hands and face a quick clean

Or better still get a hand full of wipes from KFC and keep them in the pocket of your bag.

Keep your face cloth damp in a poly bag

If it gets a good lathering up at the end of each day (and it does, doesn't it?) it smells sweetly all day!

Take at least 2 pairs of everything to camp

One lot on and the other drying out.

Take a pack of waterproof playing cards

and learn some games before you go. This is lighter than a book and can provide entertainment on the occasions you are stuck in the tent.

Water activities

Wear yesterday's clothes or the most grotty ones, and always leave a dry set to go home in, which may well be your uniform.

Do not use any perfumes, smelly soaps, shampoos or deodorants

If you're camping in an area that is buggy or populated by hoards of mosquitoes, stick to biodegradable soaps with no perfumes. Most insects are drawn to "nice smelling" soaps and perfumes and will make your life miserable.

Put your name on everything

Unless you want to end up wearing someone elses underpants or for them to go home with your new torch

Don't use nail varnish to mark your cup

It comes off after the first wash and it doesn't prove it's yours.

Don't leave money in your tent It will fall out or get stolen.

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