

Akela says...



Hi everyone, hope this issue finds you well.

We have had a lot going on this month.

For the Cub section the Quiz was first up and well done to Daniel Pike, Lauren Morley, Sophie Clark, Ryan Blake, Bradley Reed and Stuart Bastides. They came 1st and, with the exception of Daniel who will be a Scout, will now represent the district at the county quiz on 28th November.

For the Scouts there was the Activity Day at Thriftwood. There were loads of things to do, climbing and canoeing to name a couple. All the Scouts had a great time.

Thank you to all those who took part in Non-uniform week.

The Beavers went on a spooky wellie walk at Eastbrook End Country Park and a good time was had by all.

I think that all from me.

Take care.

AKELA

Environmental Day



Who would have thought that being waist deep in water shovelling mud could be so much fun? Well over 30 Cubs and 18 Scouts cant all be wrong. The young people and the leaders worked very hard during the day to clear large areas of Hargreaves woods and streams. Even within the first ten minutes the difference in water level was noticable (I noticed because I was in it at the time). Our friends from McDonalds also did a sterling job and were extremely helpful. Our thanks goes to them.

At the end of the day everyone went home a little tired but very proud of all their hard work. My thanks to all the Cubs and Scouts for working so well throughout the day. Thank you to all the leaders and the people from McDonalds for all your effort and help.

Activity Day



39 Scouts had an action packed day at Thriftwood. Officially the activities were kayaking, climbing, rifle shooting, cork guns, rafting, laser tag, 3d maze, archery, volleyball and crossbows. Unofficially we also had getting wet, getting muddy, getting cold, wet and muddy, getting lost looking for bases, the scrum for activity allocation slips and just generally having a laugh.

Perhaps we need to drum the idea of spare clothes into the Scouts even harder. I know that several leaders went home with a lot less clothes than they arrived in to ensure that some Scouts stayed warm and dry.

Thanks to all the leaders who helped throughout the day, the event simply could not have gone ahead without all your hard work.

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Beavers

Connect 4 Competition
Saturday 20th November
See Gaz for more details

Kids Kingdom
Friday 26th November
See Gaz for more details

Cubs

Jungle Rally
Saturday 13th November
12:30 for 1:00 start
17th B&D HQ
Baggy & Akela to select team

Scouts

Survival Camp
27th/28th November
See Baggy for details

Cyclo Cross
4th December
Crow Camp
See Baggy for details

All Sections

Christmas Camp
3rd - 5th December

Carol Service
6th December
8th B&D HQ
6:30 for 7:00 p.m.

Events for 2005 include:

County Events

County 5-a-side Football
Scout Water Activity Weekend
Scout Scout Camp
Orienteering Competition
County Cub Sports Day

District Events

a joint district camp with Danish Scouts over 2 weeks in the summer - 1 week camping, 1 week hospitality

Scouting is....



Scouting is the UK's biggest co-educational youth movement. Each week a total of 450,418 people in the UK are involved in Scouting activities. It offers young people aged 6 to 25 and adult volunteers the experience of a lifetime.

The Aim of Scouting is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Scouting provides activities and development opportunities for young people, regardless of religion, race, social or economic background. Outdoor activities such as camping, hiking expeditions, water activities and adventure are still very much at the heart of Scouting.

In 2007, Scouting is looking forward to celebrating its centenary in style with events and activities around the world!

Worldwide, 28 million members are involved in 216 countries and territories. Over two-thirds of worldwide membership operate in developing countries.

Total youth membership in the UK is 360,863. This includes 98,370 Beaver Scouts, 137,612 Cub Scouts, 97,863 Scouts, 25,136 Explorer Scouts and 1,882 Scout Network members.

In 2004, the adult membership numbers 89,623. This includes Leaders, Instructors, Commissioners and Administrators.

There are a total of 24,179 Section units operating: 6874 Beaver Scout Colonies, 8,413 Cub Scout Packs and 6,789 Scout Troops. At District level, there are 1,861 Explorer Scout Units with 242 Scout Networks at County level. All figures sourced from Census 2004

The Scout Association's main training programmes cover the 6 to 25 year age range in five Sections. In 1991 Scouting became fully co-educational; girls have been part of the older Sections since 1976.

The youngest Members of the Movement are the 6-8 year-old Beaver Scouts.

Cub Scouts are 8-10½ year olds, who belong to a Cub Scout Pack under the guidance of their Cub Scout Leader or 'Akela'. Scouts are aged 10½-14 years, and belong to a Troop under the guidance of a Scout Leader.

Explorer Scouts are aged 14-18 years, and belong to District Units. Scout Network is for 18 to 25-year-olds.

Sea Scout and Air Scout Branches of the Movement cater for Scouts and Explorer Scouts especially interested in water and aviation activities.

The Scout Movement has a Law and a Promise at its foundation, which applies to every country, with appropriate modifications to meet the requirements of religion, faith or consideration. Open to all faiths, Scouting takes account of the different religious obligations of its Members while upholding the essential spirit of the Promise. Alternative wordings are available to accommodate all.

Scouting is a truly international Movement. Every year around 20,000 UK Scouts travel abroad to countries such as El Salvador, Romania, Thailand and Zambia. Scouts take part in a wide range of challenging and community-based projects such as building clinics, providing basic education - and climbing mountains!

International Jamborees, usually held every four years, involve as many as 35,000 Scouts from around the world, who all camp together!