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# Akela says...



I Hi everyone, I hope this issue finds you well.

Not much happened in any section in October, so we had a couple of free weekends (from scouting) because I did have some family stuff.

Lauren and Sophie (Clark) organised our annual trip to Southend. Thanks to all that came, the Scouts were well behaved and had a great time. Thank you and well done to Lauren and

I went to the groups Beaver Sleepover at the weekend and again I had a really good time. Well done to the 9 Beavers who all got their 1 Nights Away badge.

I was a bit disappointed with the District Quiz because we were beaten to last place by the Explorers. We will have to try harder next year to gain our rightful place at the bottom.

November and December are quite busy for us, so please make sure you read the notice board or the upcoming events section of this copy of the Shout.

That's it from me, take care

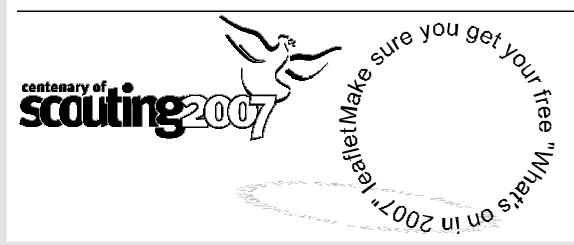
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### Pack Holiday 2007

**Hesley Wood Scout Activity Centre** Celebrate 100 Years of Scouting

Limited Spaces

Spaces are strictly limited on this special weeks camp for Cubs in August 2007. There is a special booklet available where you can sign up for your child. We recommend that you sign up now and start paying a little each week towards the camp. This is open to any Cub who will be 8-10.5 years of age by August 2007. See a leader for details.



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#### **Beavers**

24<sup>th</sup> November Kids Space, Romford See a Beaver Leader for details

9<sup>th</sup> December Day Out at Thriftwood See Akela for a permission form

16<sup>th</sup> December Santa Trip See T for details

#### Cubs

18<sup>th</sup> November Jungle Rally See Akela for details

16<sup>th</sup> December Santa Trip See T for details

#### Scouts

2<sup>nd</sup> December Cyclo Cross Crow Camp See Baggy for details

#### **Cubs & Scouts**

8-10<sup>th</sup> December Group Camp

Thriftwood See Akela for a permission form

#### **All Sections**

## 14<sup>th</sup> December Carol Service

St. Mary's, Grafton Road 6:30 p.m.

No refreshments will be available this year due to the hall being used by Slimming World that night.

#### **Adults Social**

2<sup>nd</sup> December Christmas Meal

Red House, Redbridge See T for details

### Beaver Sleepover

by Julie

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 20 Beavers descended on Chigwell Guide Camp for a packed 24 hours of fun, games and lots more. Can I firstly say a very big thank you to Akela & T Bag for running the kitchen for the weekend and for Baggy being ill (no, I mean also helping out).

The weekend was shared with the Bea-



ver group of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Havering, we had 9 beavers attending ready for action. After camp rules, hundreds of sandwiches and loads of fruit, the beavers were ready and raring to go on the assault course, trampolines and the pedal cars; by 4 o'clock it was beginning to get cold and dark so it was inside, for arts & crafts and then being split into teams for a bonfire guy building competition for use later in the evening. Whilst the Beavers played a game the other leaders did a major clear up ready for the next competition of who could eat the most chicken nuggets, fish fingers and ice cream; dinner

was cleared away, thanks to Baggy, a brilliant job of washing up! Once all the beavers had on shoes and coats, it was off to the camp fire; we joined up with a guide group also staying the weekend and exchanged songs before putting all the competition guys on the fire, then having an enormous firework display. Cold, tired but in high spirits we returned for supper and bed; All but one beaver settled for the night, he insisted on repacking his bag, very carefully and then chatted to himself until 1 a.m.



6 a.m. Sunday dawned very quickly, and in a matter of minutes all of the beavers were awake and doing jigsaw puzzles. Once washed, dressed, fed and bags packed it was outside for a rocket game, then a visit to the site shop, then more games and loads of cakes whilst waiting for the arrival of parents to take them home.



This was the first Beaver sleepover that I have attended and I believe this is the same for the other Beaver leaders from both groups? The beavers all behaved themselves; they mixed together well and made new friends. All those attending received their 1 night's away badge. So well done to Hannah, Saffron, Emily, Reece, Scott, Karl, Jack, Sidney & Jay.

Julie

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