

Akela says...



Hi all, hope this issue finds you well

It has been a slow month in terms of events and suchlike, however, T, Baggy and myself have been quite busy. We have had leaders meetings, ADC meetings, visited the Beavers at their Sleepover, Sixers Camp, PL Thingy, looked at new tents and camping equipment. All this and I still managed a bit of housework and gardening.

Going back to Sixers Camp, Jack Avis and Bradley Reed did extremely well, especially at Scouts Own and Campfire.

PL Thingy was a set of challenges for each Patrol, so they had to work as a team. Well done Amy Oxley and David March.

This Tuesday 3rd October is David's last night with us as a Scout. He is now off to Explorers. We wish him all the best and good luck. I am sure we will see him at group camps and trips.

There are lots of things coming up for Cubs in October so please watch the notice board.

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League Table

District are going to produce a league table of how many district events groups have attended (Cub and Scout sections) in the last two years. We are proud to say that the 9th top **ALL** of the tables, Cubs, Scouts and overall, for both years.

We are very proud of having good, supportive parents and keen, able young people in all our sections. Thank you for helping to provide an excellent and very full programme.

Social Nights

The 9th try to arrange a social night out for adults every month. I don't think we have missed a month in over a year. Recently we have had quiz nights, bowling, BBQ's, May & Bakers, dogs. Coming up we have the District Quiz Night which you can all get a ticket for, it's a brilliant fun night out. The leaders have a reputation to uphold (we always come last because we are messing about so much).

Just recently we realised we were almost going to miss the month of September. In the end we went Bowling on short notice. Apologies for not getting the information out earlier.

Octobers event will be the District Quiz Night.

If you have any suggestions for a good night out please speak to a leader. We are not a bad bunch and you will be certain to have a good, fun night out with us.

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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Contact Details



Beavers

Saturday 8th October Kubadoo

10:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Cost £7

Saturday 19th November Connect 4

See Gaz for details

Cubs

Saturday 8th October Kubadoo

10:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Cost £7

Saturday 15th October Cub Quiz

21st HQ, St Cedds
12:30 for 1:00 p.m. start
Team to be advised

Saturday 12th November Jungle Rally

See Akela for details

Scouts

5th November Annual Southend Outing

Details to follow

19-20th November Survival Camp

Thriftwood
See Baggy for details

Saturday 3rd December Cyclo Cross

See Baggy for details

Adults

Saturday 15th October District Quiz Night

7:30 p.m. for 8
Bar. Bring your own food.
See T for details

All Sections

Tuesday 11th October Non Uniform Week

9-11th December Group Camp

See Akela for details

Explorer Events



The leaders have committed to helping the 9th B&D Explorers do at least one event per month. So far they have had two trips to the Mile End climbing wall, helped at Sixers Camp and PL Thingy.

We are also looking at doing a Pioneering camp at Chigwell Row (just near Hainault) on the weekend of 21-23 October. See Baggy for details.

They have been invited to the District Scout Survival Camp on 19/20 November, although they will be separate from the Scouts and following different rules.

They also will get the chance to attend the Scout Cyclo Cross and our Group Camp in December.

This is in addition to the County and District Unit events (for instance, some of ours are going on the Walk on Water hike).

In the future we have other things lined up such as a Bowling competition against the leaders/parents and a skiing weekend.

We are very proud of how well our Explorers work. Many of them are young leaders and they are very helpful to the rest of the group and a great asset. I know of at least 3 that are already planning to be leaders when they are old enough. They also are a great help at District Cub and Scout events.

We are very pleased with all the Explorers that attend the Unit, especially those that have stayed on there over the last few years.

At the recent Sixers Camp/PL Thingy there was a point in time where Akela and I were helping the Cubs cook and the 5 Explorers that came to help us and a couple of younger leaders were sitting in a circle chatting over their meal. I said to Akela "look... that is a District ADC meeting in 15 years time". I don't think I will be that far out to be honest.

Thank you to all our Explorers. Long may the excellent relationship between you, the group, the leaders and the kids continue.

If you are an Explorer and wish to help out the other sections in our group, or at district events or camps, or wish to attend or organise or startup a particular event or activity for yourselves, please speak to a leader.

Certificate of Excellence



Billy Marbe and Jenny Lewis were awarded a Certificate of Excellence recently for outstanding service as young leaders in countless district events, camps and colony/pack/troop nights. They do an outstanding job, doubling so considering how young they are.

We also have other young leaders that we are very proud of.

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