



Fundraising

Well done to all parents, friends, family and scouts who supported the quiz night on the 21st March. Thanks to Julie Morley's friend who did the questions, Jackie Reed for booking the hall and to scouts John Gazley and Adam Oxley for collecting the papers and doing the scoring. Oh, and to Baggy for keeping me supplied with refreshments.

We are having an Easter raffle the tickets are £1 per strip available from Akela or Mr T.

- 1st prize is a big egg
- 2nd prize is a medium egg
- 3rd prize is a medium egg
- and we have 5 small eggs

If your not in it you can't win it! Draw will take place at 7.45 on Tuesday 15th April. Good luck.



Akela says...

Hi everyone, hope this issue finds you well.

First event for Beavers & Cubs was the Handcraft Competition. Well done to everyone who took part. The Beavers ran away with the trophies this year winning both Section A under 7 and Section B over 7 plus the overall trophy. Well done to every Beaver and Cub who entered.

Well done to Billy Marbe who represented us at the County Chess competition. Our district came a commendable 3rd overall.

Next we had the Cub County Chess competition and Lewis Sibbons from our pack and 3 Cubs from the 17th represented the district and they came 4th overall. Well done

Then came the County swimming gala and representing the District from our pack was Geoff Morley and Lewis Sibbons, and from the Scouts, Hayley Barham and John Gazley. Well done all of you. Four must be our lucky number because the Cubs came 4th, the Scouts came 4th and we came 4th overall (both sections points are added together to get this result).

If you require any information about investure, competition or trips then please speak to either Gaz the Beaver Leader or Akela the Cub and Scout leader.

We are hoping to get the forms out for the Cub camps in the next few weeks. Please remember you can pay of weekly, monthly or as and when provided all the money is paid before we go.

We are hoping to have a separate camp for the scouts and because of leaders getting the time off work we are thinking of going Wednesday evening to Monday afternoon. So parents could you please let Baggy or me have the dates of when you will be going on holiday so we can work the camp dates around them.

See you soon, take care

Akela

Akela's Shout

Scouts - www.scouts.org.uk
District Website - www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk

Scoutbase - www.scoutbase.org.uk
Scouting Resources - www.scoutingresources.org.uk

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Beavers

Saturday 12th April
Easter Egg Hunt
Hargreaves
See Gaz for details

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.

Scouts

Sat. 12th - Sunday 13th April
Scout Rally/Pioneering
Thriftwood
Cost £15
Forms to be completed as soon
as possible

Saturday 10th May
Scout Incident Hike
Details to follow

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

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.

Camps

Friday 2nd to Monday 5th May
District Camp
Belchamps
Cost £35
Open to all cubs/scouts
All monies for this camp should now be paid

Beavers will be visiting for the day on Saturday 3rd May. Please see Gaz or Shere Khan for details.

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 6)

About troop kit

Don't leave tent pegs in the ground

In a few years time they will either crack or rot and leave a sharp spike which could go through someone's boots or hurt an animal

Don't try to get pegs out by just hitting them, they will snap off
Carefully hit them backwards and forwards with a mallet then pull them up with a loop of rope, a lever, or another peg as a "T" handle

Don't put a tent away when its still wet

The damp will make the canvas rot and mildew will spread and ruin the

tent. If it is wet at the end of camp get it out and dry it as soon as you get home.

Don't walk on tents

This will force dirt into the pores and ruin the water proofing

Always clean and dry off tent pegs before final packing

Wooden pegs will rot and after a while fail when they are put under pressure, like in a storm when you need them most

Carry a spare 6" nail for replacement of spike on patrol tent pole

If the spike comes out or the pole splits the pole can be turned upside down and a nail banged in with a mallet

Don't use aerosols (e.g. deodorant) in the tent

Side spray produces instant deproofing.

Do not poke fingers at the mantle of Tilley/Coleman lamps

it ruins them.

Don't stand on ropes

It forces dirt into the fibres which acts like sandpaper cutting through them. Use light coloured rope for guy lines you are more likely to see them in the dark..

About personal kit

Don't let your mother pack your kit

If she does, you'll never get it all back in and you won't know what you have got with you. PLUS she will only pack the things she "knows" you'll need... and not very many of the essential things from the kit list... because she can't see a use for them!

Don't carry your sleeping bag in a bin liner

They are biodegradable and designed to melt when wet, leaving you with a damp and miserable nights sleep. Keep your sleeping bag in a tough plastic bag inside a stuff sack. The plastic bag will keep it dry and the stuff sack will protect them both from tears and cuts.