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THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE 9TH BARKING & DAGENHAM SCOUT GROUP

Akela's Shout

Akela says...



Hi everyone

Hope this issue finds you well.

February was another busy month for us.

First up on the 7/2 was the Sponsored Swim and Fun Splash at Dagenham Pool. Well done to all those who took part. The Fun Swim was really good and I will be seeking revenge for all those who splashed or threw the balls at me. You know who you are and you have been warned. Please let me have the sponsor monies as soon as possible.

On the 14th 8 Scouts, Baggy and myself went to the indoor climbing centre at Mile End. A good time was had by all. Baggy has arranged another session for the 24 April and this will be open to Scouts who attended Founders Day and Mark Sutton.

Sunday 22/2 we had a church service to celebrate Baden Powell's (the founder of the scout movement) birthday. Well done and thank you to those that attended (4 beavers, 2 cubs and 6 scouts).

March looks like being another busy month so as I said before keep your eyes on the notice board.

That's is from me for this month

Take care

Akela



Fundraising

We have 2 fundraisers for March

1. Every Beaver, Cub and Scout will be given a tube of Smarties which, once they have eaten the sweets, can be filled with 1p and 5p coins. Every time they return a full tube of money we will exchange it for a new tube of Smarties. This is only for the month of March.
2. Easter Raffle
Tickets will be on sale from Angie from Tuesday 9th March until Tuesday 6th April when the draw will take place at around 7.45

Thanks for your support

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Beavers

**Saturday 6th March
Handcraft Competition**
6th B&D HQ
St. Mary's Church Hall
Grafton Road
1:00 p.m.

**Saturday 3rd April
Easter Egg Hunt**
Hargreaves
Please see Gaz for details

Cubs

**Saturday 6th March
Handcraft Competition**
6th B&D HQ
St. Mary's Church Hall
Grafton Road
1:00 p.m.

Scouts

**Sat/Sun 20/21 March
Scout Rally/Pioneering**
Thriftwood
See Baggy for details

**Several Weekends
Hiker Badge**
Please see notice board for details

**Saturday 24th April
Climbing Wall**
Cost £10
Selected Scouts only
See Baggy for details

Camps

CUBS ONLY

Friday 28th-Monday 31st May
Thriftwood Camp Site
£42.50

Sat. 21st - Sat. 28th August
Downe Camp Site
Cost £100

Please see Baggy or Akela for a form

Details of Scout camps will be given shortly

Hiker Badge (Scouts)



The Scouts will be working on their Hiker badge as well as practising outdoor Scouting for the Scout Rally/Maurice Pass Pioneering on March 20/21.

As part of their badge they need to be able to take an appropriate amount of equipment, along with wearing the right gear, and be able to walk a fair distance. We will need to practise and work our way up to carrying a light load ready for the real hike.

There are several practice dates planned:

**March 13/14th
March 27/28th
April 10/11th**

Please keep these dates free in your diary.

Over the next few weeks we will be running over the clothes and equipment required for hiking. I shall bring in some suitable and not so suitable items and the Scouts will decide amongst themselves what they need and what they don't. Once they have carried what they decide (!) for several miles then the next week we will have a rethink and hopefully they will learn what they really need and what they don't need!

If parents have any questions about suitable equipment or gear please feel free to talk to me. I also have a booklet outlining appropriate clothing and equipment that you may find useful.

Scout Rally & Maurice Pass Pioneering (Scouts)



This is an outdoor competition which will test the Scouts on a variety of skills:

Scout Rally Pitching/Striking a tent
 Firelighting/making a cup of tea
 Map and Compass/Orienteering
 Outdoor First Aid

Maurice Pass Pioneering Constructing a camp dresser

Those who wish to attend should speak to Baggy urgently. A camp form will be available shortly and the cost should be around £15 or less for the weekend.

Cub Badges



Scientist Badge Some people still have to complete their experiments before they can gain this badge

Swimming Badge A booklet is available that can be given to swimming instructors to help determine what level of the swimming badge you qualify for. Ask a leader.