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Akela says...

Hi everyone

Hope this issue finds you well.

All sections of the group have been busy this month.

First, 6th March Handcraft Competition. Well done to all the Beavers and Cubs that took part and congratulations to all of you who gained certificates

Next up the Scouts are working towards their Hiker badge and 5 scouts, Baggy and myself walked from the hall to Hargreaves then on to Hainault. Well done.

On 20/21st we had 2 patrols enter the Maurice Pass Pioneering and the Scout Rally. Both patrols worked hard and came 2nd and 3rd.

On Saturday 3rd April, 7 scouts, Baggy and myself set off from T's house with full rucksacks to hike to Crow Camp where we were staying overnight. Then on Sunday 4th April we hiked back from crow to T's.

The distance from T's to crow is 9.7 miles so well done, Nick, Chris, Geoff, Jenny, Emma, Sam Harvey, Sam Wing.

The Beavers had an Easter hunt on Saturday 3rd April at Hargreaves, more details from Gaz or Julie.

St George's Day parade is Sunday 25th April meet in Valance Park at 2.15 p. m. for a short parade to St Mary's, Grafton Road.

That's is from me for this month

Take care

AKELA

Fundraising



As you know we have been collecting money in smartie tubes and also we have had the Easter raffle. We will let you know next month how much raised and the egg winners.

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Beavers

Sunday 25th April
St. George's Day Parade
St Mary's Grafton Road
Meet in Valence Park at 2:15
Service 3 p.m.

Cubs

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Scouts

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Saturday 24th April Climbing Wall Cost £10

See Baggy for permission form

Saturday 8th May Incident Hike Hainult Forest 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

SCOUTS ONLY

Sat 31st July - Sat. 7th Aug. Proposed date of scout summer camp Keep your eye on the notice board for further details.

Proud GSL

I would like to say thank you to Baggy and Akela for organising the hike and sleep-over weekend on 3/4th April and well done to the 7 scouts who completed the walk. I know it was a struggle for some of you and the relief on your face when you reached my house was just wonderful. You can all be very proud of yourselves and you have made me one very proud GSL .

Incident Hike



This will be held on Saturday 8th May 2004. It will be a short (around 7 miles) route around the Abridge/Hainult Forest area. There are two trophies, one for the quickest patrol to complete the route and the other for the patrol who score the highest in the incidents that are to be completed at each base.

You will only need some waterproofs, water, sweets and lunch. Map and compass will be supplied. PL's and APL's are to bring their mobile phone with them.

If all our Scouts went we could put in 4 teams. Please speak to Baggy as soon as possible and let him know if you can or cannot make the Incident Hike.

St. George's Day Parade



This is an extremely important date in the Scouting calendar. You will have to wear full uniform as there will be a short parade from Valence Park to St. Mary's church.

This is a very important year for our group. The Scouts won the St. George's Camping Competition trophy last year which means we have the honour of leading the parade and carrying the flag of St. George.

Please try to ensure that you attend the Parade in full, smart uniform and show the rest of the District just how many young people enjoy Scouting in the 9th Barking & Dagenham Scout Group.

Upcoming Events



Incident Hike 8th May
Football and Sports Day in June
Camping Competition in July
Sixers Camp, PL Thingy, Beaver Sleepover in September
Cub Quiz, Scout Water Activity Weekend, Spooky Welly Walk in October
Jungle Rally, Connect 4, Beaver Kids Kingdom in November
Cyclo Cross, Carol Service in December

Those are just District events!! + zillions of group events including summer camps for Cubs and Scouts, 5 days out, back to basic and survival camps!!

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