Upcoming Events

Beavers			
No events this month			
Cubs			
13 Jan	Chess Competition	17th HQ	9 for 9:30 a.m. start.
10 Feb	Swimming Gala	Dagenham Pool	5 for 5:30 p.m. start See Akela
Scouts			
13 Jan	Chess Competition	17th HQ	12 for 12:30 p.m. start.
27 Jan	Mark Sutton Competition	6th HQ	9:30 for 10:00 a.m. See Baggy
10 Feb	Swimming Gala	Dagenham Pool	5 for 5:30 p.m. start See Akela
All Sections			
4 Feb	Church Parade	St. Elisabeth's	Times to be confirmed

Camps

Beavers Only			
5 May	Day Visit to District Camp	Chigwell Row	Please see Julie or Leigh for further
Cubs Only			
25-28 May	Whitsun Cub Camp	Thrift-wood	£45 A set of forms is available
18-25 August	Pack Holiday	Hesley Wood	£120 A set of forms is available
10 Feb	Swimming Gala	Dagen-ham Pool	5 for 5:30 p.m. start See Akela
Cubs & Scouts			
4-7 May	District Camp	Chigwell Row	£45 A set of forms is available from

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Websites	
District	www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk
County	www.glne-scouts.org.uk
Scouting Resources	www.scoutingresources.org.uk
Scouts	www.scouts.org.uk
Scoutbase	www.scoutbase.org.uk

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Akela's Shout

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Akela Says...

Hi everyone, I hope this issue finds you well.

Winter Camp was cold but very good. I would like to thank those parents that came to campfire on Saturday night. It was great to see you joining in, especially with the action songs.

What a wonderful Carol Service, made all the better because the DC and her team(I am part of the team) ran it. The numbers could have been better. Rehearsals for this years service will start in September as, hopefully, we will be running it. I will let you know the date and what we intend to do as soon as I have conformation from the DC that we are organising it.

The 16th December saw us visit Santa Claus and his helpers and a good day was had by all who attended.

We need to know by the 16th January if you wish to attend Thriftwood's Dinner and Dance on the 30th March. I think the cost is £30 plus drinks. It should be a good night.

2007 is Scouting's Centenary year so please make sure you read the Shout and check the notice board for all that is happening during the year. There will be loads of stuff run by District and County besides all the normal stuff that we do as a group. Please encourage your son or daughters to attend at least one if not all of them. Some of these events will involve a cost especially the camps so if you would like to start paying off for them each week or month then please come and see me.

That's it for me, well nearly may I wish you all a happy and peaceful new year and thank you for your support in 2006 and I hope to see you at an event in 2007.

Akela

Growth, Recognition, Celebration

centenary of scouting 2007

2007 - A centenary of Scouting

In 2007 Scouting will celebrate its Centenary with a programme of events and activities in the UK and worldwide. The world will come to the UK for the 21st World Scout Jamboree, the highlight of the World Scouting calendar.

2007 will be an occasion:

- to demonstrate the unity of World Scouting
- to promote a more peaceful world
- to provide enjoyable and beneficial experiences
- to demonstrate a commitment to nature and the environment
- to show concern for all communities

Join-in-Centenary

The Join-in-Centenary programme aims to actively involve each member of Scouting in Scouting's Centenary year. It is not just for those attending the 21st World Scout Jamboree in July and August 2007. Join-in-Centenary is for everyone.

Scouting's Sunrise

On 1st August 2007 Scouts of every age from around UK will join with 28 million Scouts from around the world to celebrate the dawn of a new Century of Scouting.

Scouting was founded on 1st August 1907 and so this day one hundred years on provides an excellent opportunity to celebrate and demonstrate the relevance of 21st Century Scouting for 21st Century young people.

Bring a Friend

2007 is an amazing recruitment opportunity for Scouting. More young people will want to get involved and we will need more adults than ever to join the adventure.

Every Member of the Movement is encouraged to 'Bring a Friend' during 2007.

Centenary Camps

In May 2007, Groups, Units, Districts, Counties/ Areas across the UK will be staging Centenary Camps to celebrate 2007. The aim is to get as many Members of the Movement under canvas at the same time.

Chess Competition - 13th January - 17th B&D HQ

Cubs arrive: 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Scouts arrive: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Full details at: http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/chess/
An information pack will be handed to those wishing to take part, see Baggy for details.

Mark Sutton - 27th January - 6th B&D HQ

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Full details can be found at:

http://www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk/marksutton/

An information pack will be handed to all Scouts and the Patrols arranged at a later date. We will be practicing some of the required skills during January.

A busy year ahead

2007 will see us celebrate 100 years of Scouting. Our District and Group has always been extremely active but with the Centenary year upon us that activity looks set to increase even more, if that is possible!

There are going to be some incredible events and opportunities this year for all ages.

We do appreciate it can be difficult to afford the time or money to attend these events but we are looking to help each child get the most they can out of this once in a lifetime schedule.

We suggest that parents look at the calendar ahead for 2007 and start planning for all the major events. You can start up a 'bank' with us whereby you can pay a small amount each week towards the cost of camps, competitions or days out.

We would also appreciate as much advance notice as possible of you and your child being able to attend or not attend these events.

Camp forms for the major Cub camps will be available over the next week.

Here's to a fun and action packed year in Scouting!