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Akela's Shout

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE 9TH BARKING & DAGENHAM SCOUT GROUP

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Beavers - Well done in the latest batch of Competitions
Cubs - Get training for the Chess
Scouts - Prepare yourself for the Mark Sutton
2003 - Looks to be an action packed busy year for Scouting

Akela says...

Hi everyone, hope this issue find you well and getting ready for Christmas.

Beavers
Gaz will be reporting on the two Beaver events in November.

Cubs
A team of 5 Cubs entered the Jungle Rally which is a competition to show off their skills in knotting, mapping, compass, tracking, packing a rucksack and many other things. There is a separate trophy for Nature. We came 4th in the Jungle Rally and joint 1st in the Nature Trophy with the 15th B&D. The team was Sean Levy, Tobi Trott, Daniel Arthur, Sophie Arthur and Chris Andrew. Well done.

Scouts
Now we come to the Scouts. Over 3 Saturdays in November we took a patrol plus the patrol leaders walking as part of their Navigator badge. The PL's had to guide Mr T to a pub in Ockendon. That way T is of no help as the scouts soon found out that T hasn't got eyes in the back of his head. After 1 or 2 misdirection's we managed to arrive at the pub each time. They also managed to find their way around Ockendon, West Horndon and Bulphan. The last hike was full of action and adventure. Common hazards, thick mud, water logged fields, cows and cowpats, wobbly stiles and leaning gates. I nearly fell off the gate and all the scouts and Baggy could do was laugh. I am so glad I've got waterproof boots, trousers and coat. Well done to all the Scouts that attended.

The next event is the District Carol Service on Wednesday 4th at St. Peters, Goresbrook Road at 6:30 p.m. Please see a leader for details of how to get there.

Friday 6th sees us going to camp at Thriftwood. Full report next issue.

That's it for me, thanks for all your support during 2002 and I wish you all a Merry Christmas

Thank You

A big THANK YOU from the group to all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Helpers, Leaders, Parents, Committee members who have put so much hard work into Scouting in 2002. Without you Scouting would not be the success story it is within the 9th B&D and the district.

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Beavers

No upcoming events

Cubs

Saturday 17th January
Chess
17th B&D HQ
See Baggy for more details

Saturday 8th February
Swimming Gala
Dagenham Pool

Scouts

Saturday 17th January
Chess
17th B&D HQ
See Baggy for more details

Saturday 25th January
Mark Sutton
10th/18th HQ
See a leader for more details

Saturday 8th February
Swimming Gala
Dagenham Pool

Gazza Reports

by Gaz

The Beaver section is once again alight with excitement, now that the beavers have a chance to earn badges their interest level has risen. Two projects that they have been doing include making a clown mobile, looking after a pet for a week and preparing a breakfast meal.

On Saturday 12th October Bradley Reed represented the 9th B&D (The Best!) in the County Beaver Connect 4 Competition. It was a tight match where all those who played held their head up with pride.

On Saturday 9th November Bradley Reed, Alana Pettican, Jack Avis and Luke Wilcocks represented the 9th B&D (The Best!) in the District Connect 4 Competition. A fun time was had by all the beavers who all performed well with Luke Wilcocks making the last 8 but losing 2-1 to the overall winner.

On Tuesday 29th October most of the beavers dressed up in a Halloween costume, they all looked very scary and even gave a fright to some of the locals as we took a walk to the nearby shop to buy a bottle of blood (cherryade) for consumption by the many vampires and witches who attended beavers.

There are many activities for the beavers to take part in over the coming months, handicraft competition, easter egg hunt, xmas party at Kids Kingdom, district camp 2003 sleepover, so we look forward to an exciting time ahead.

101 Things my leader forgot to tell me (part 2)

Jobs need to be done at camp

If you are given a job, just do it as well as you can so that you can all get on with the rest of the day

Learn to tie ropes to plastic sheets
Wrap the plastic round a stone like foil round a toffee apple, and twist it. Tie the rope behind that, where the stick would go on the toffee apple and the plastic won't rip. Useful for emergency fly sheets and shelters.

Respect other people's camp area
While you are at camp your tent is your home and the area around it should be treated the same so don't go in unless invited. If you do someone will think that you are stealing.

Don't run around tents
You will trip over a guy road and crack your head open on a tent peg, not to mention damage the tent.

Don't kick the da football on or in other peoples tents!!!!**
Its rude, ignorant, it can damage tents and ultimately can get your head kicked in.

Don't run through tents
You will damage other peoples kit, fall over and hurt your self.

Only fill a water carrier with as much as you can carry
If you put too much in you are likely to injure your self or drop the container and split it.

Rub washing up liquid on the OUTSIDE bottom of billies before using them on an open fire
Alternatively make a paste with washing up liquid and washing powder, and spread on the outside - at the end of the week - it just comes off with all the burnt bits - and for any bits that are burnt the paste acts as a good "abrasive"....

Add 10% water to meths for using it as trangia fuel
This makes the flame burn cleaner and cuts down the amount of soot you have to clean off afterwards, however this may be negligible for short hikes

Make sure a trangia is out before adding more fuel
If the flames have _just_ gone out the meths can ignite when poured in so pick the burner unit up before refilling it just to check. This sometimes means you end up waiting a bit longer - which means waiting for the dinner or cuppa, but its better than getting your hand or face burnt off.

Learn the different qualities of different stoves
There are times when Gas is best, other times when paraffin or petrol are best. And even times when a Trangia is the best solution :-)

Hopefully the January issue will come complete with a calendar of scouting events for 2003