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Akela's **Shout**

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Hi everyone, hope this issue of the Shout finds you all fit and well.

There are a number of things happening in October and we will have had Cubadoo (2nd Oct.) and Harvest Festival Church Parade (3rd Oct.) by the time you read this. When I got up on Saturday (2nd) it was pouring with rain and I thought "Oh no!" but by the time we got to Hargreaves Campsite the sun was shining and the Cubs, Baggy and I all had a great time.

Back in September we had a joint camp with the cubs & scouts. I think they all enjoyed themselves.

The cubs came joint 1st in the Jungle Rally competition and the scouts came 4th and 5th in the Camping competition. Well done to those who took part. Speak to you Soon

I hope to see some of you at the events in October, especially the sponsored walk at Thriftwood. Remember that we share the money raised 50/50 with Thriftwood.

See you soon,

Akela

Upcoming Events

Beaver Section

Colchester Zoo trip
Sunday 17th October
See Mr. T. for details.

Cub Section

Cub Quiz
Saturday 9th October
The team will be chosen on the Tuesday before and transport details/times arranged with the parents.

Valance House Museum trip
Tuesday 26th October
Details and times will be issued nearer to the date.

Chess Competition
Saturday 6th November
If you can play chess and would like to enter then speak to Baggy. Times/location details in next months issue.

Scout Section

No scout specific events
But see above regarding Chess

All Sections

Thriftwalk – Sponsored Walk
Sunday 10th October
Have you filled your sponsor form up yet? Details can be found on last weeks sheet or ask one of the leaders. The more people we get going the more money we make.

News & Information

Subs. Increase

by Mr. T.

Due to an increase in rent for the hall and the fact that the Scouting Association insurance costs have increased recently, the committee has agreed to increase the weekly 'subs' in order to fund these extra costs.

This will mean that as from November 2nd the weekly subs. will go up to £1.50 each week.

In addition it has been agreed that the weekly subs. will have to be paid every week.

If you have any questions on this topic please feel free to speak to Mr. T.

Jungle Rally Results

by Baggy

The Jungle Rally is a cub competition

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that tests teams from packs around the district on a wide variety of scouting skills. The teams spend 10 minutes on each 'base' and are scored out of 20 marks. There is also a separate Nature Trophy to be won. The cubs have been working hard on improving their scouting skills as part of the pack night program over the last year. The extra effort that they have put in has really paid dividends this year. When the final points were totalled the 9th Dagenham had achieved an excellent 158 out of 200! This placed them into joint 1st place along with the 17th Barking. Well done to all the cubs! If you want to know what subjects the competition covers read the cubs report later in this issue.

Camping Competition

On the weekend of 25th-26th September two patrols from our group went to Thriftwood to compete in the scout camping competition against patrols from other groups in the district. The camping competition requires the scouts to have prepared the program and menu for the weekend and marks the scouts on their camping and scouting skills. During the weekend the scouts work hard organising their camp, building gadgets, getting their fires going and cooking all their own meals. There are several judges that continually rate their performance (and even have to bravely taste their food!). After an eventful weekend the two patrols achieved a commendable 4th and 5th place overall. Well done!

Food Survey

Please remember to complete the food survey form and return it to a leader as quickly as possible please. This will enable us to plan a varied and interesting menu for future camps.

Boot Sales

Beginning in the new year as part of our fundraising scheme we intend to have a pitch at local boot sales. If you feel you have any suitable material or if you can spare the time to lend a hand then please speak to one of the leaders. Indeed, if anyone has any fundraising ideas, can supply a service or materials or can just turn up and muck in for an hour or two then the leaders would like to have a quick chat with you.

Homemade Cakes

Beginning in the new year we will have homemade cakes available for sale every Tuesday night in the hall. It would be nice if all the parents could pop into the hall when they collect their children and have a quick cup of tea and some cake while chatting to the leaders. As above all money collected will be used for group funds.

Parents

This space was reserved for your contribution.

We need your input. Send in your ideas, reviews, adverts, complaints, thoughts and suggestions.

Deadline for each issue is the last Tuesday in the month.

"It Was Brilliant..."

by The Cubs

This month the cubs bring some more of their views on recent events. First we have the cubs talking about the recent weekend camp:

Daryl Collins – When I went to the archery it was fantastic, I got to shoot every one. I didn't like when we didn't have chips or burgers. It was fun sleeping in a tent. I also like the breakfast and games in the night. And when we played on the assault course and the game when we had a wrist band on our arm and the scouts had to get us. And when we had to hide in the dark and we had no torches allowed.

Chris Sallis – On Saturday we met at the church to go camp for the weekend. When we got there we set out the tents then after that we had supper. Then we went out to play a game then we got our wash kits and went down to the toilet block and washed ourselves then went to bed. The next morning we washed ourselves then we sat down and had our breakfast. Then we had to find as many different leaves as we could. Then we went to the tuck shop and then had some free time. After that we had lunch then we went to play baseball and I won by twelve runs. Then we had dinner and played a game in the dark. The next morning we done archery and then we done Lazerquest and then we had tuck and packed up to go home. I liked it, especially the Lazerquest and archery.

Chris Eve – On Saturday we left for camp. We was all cheering and shouting. Later on most of us were going asleep. Some of us were playing games on the coach. Some time later we got there and we unloaded and played some games. Then they showed us our rooms then we went asleep. The next morning we.....

Jimmy Ross – We did..... and then we bought water pistols and lots of sweets. We had free time. .....
P.S. We did log cabins and it was fun.

Referring to the Pack Holiday week camp in August:

Chris Barret – I went week camp and we did four badges. The badges were Astronomer, Craftsmen, Entertainer and Artist. I got the Quietest Cub Certificate. We went swimming one day some of us went up the deep end then we got changed and walked home. We made a diary of what we did at camp and we went Shuttleworth.

Rebecca Ratford – When I went to Pack Holiday I had a brilliant time. The thing I liked best was the swim-

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ming, it was really good. The thing I didn't like was finding all the wood and getting lost. We were time travellers and we went to Rome, cavemen, Tudors, futuristic, modern and Vikings. There was an assault course and a big field. We went to the Shuttleworth Collection and it was all about aeroplanes. It was a bit boring for girls but alright. Out the front we made big Viking boats while Bags was making a fire then we had to burn all of them. We went over the field and nearly got hit over the head by a rugby ball.

Cubs

If you do not have a Cub Scout Handbook you can always borrow one from the group. Akela has several that we can loan you. The Handbook contains all the information about what you need to do for your badges. Ask for one and decide what badges you want to do.

The last view let us in on what happened at the Jungle Rally competition.

Matthew Sallis – On a Saturday afternoon me and 4 other cubs went on a competition, The Jungle Rally. We were tested on our skills, Compass, Knots, First Aid, Nature Trophy, Pack a Rucksack, Mapping, Tracking, Carry a Message and Country Code. We got 16 on knots, not good on first aid. Very good on mapping, very good on compass. Well on country code, bad on carry a message. We got one wrong on tracking. Not too bad on nature trophy. In the end they were giving out awards. The group that won the nature trophy was the 10th/18th Dagenham. We came joint first with the 17th Barking. Then we went home and told our family. First Callum gets the trophy, then me and my brother, then Billy, then Tracey. We get it for six months, and each of us get it for one month, that's the team that is. Then we have to give it to the 17th Barking for six months. Then they give it back to the other person that gave it to us.

Billy Marbe – At the Jungle Rally we came joint 1st. We managed to get 158 points. The best subject is mapping which we got 20 points. I didn't like compass points because Mr Akela was doing it. I liked packing a rucksack the best. Mapping was easy.

Tracey Martin – At the Jungle Rally Christopher Sallis as Sixer, Callum, Billy, Matthew Sallis, Tracey Martin as Seconder. First we went to knotting, carrying a message, packing a rucksack, first aid, nature, Kim's game then after lunch we moved onto the country code, then feats of skill, then tracking, then mapping signs and the compass then the certificates. 3rd it was 21st Barking, 2nd 6th Dagenham, 1st Joint was 9th Dagenham and 17th Barking.

Callum Sparrow – On Saturday we went to Jungle Rally and we WON and we did mapping and first aid, knots, country code, compass, feats of skill. Chris, Matt, Bil., Tracey and me went and it was brilliant.

For Sale

Sega Saturn Steering Wheel.
£15 ono. Good Condition.
Speak to Baggy or Scott Andrew

Weekend Camp

The cubs enjoyed the Pack Holiday week camp so much that we decided to organise a weekend camp at the last moment. This also gave us a chance to take two patrols of scouts away in preparation for the scout Camping Competition which would be on the next weekend after camp.

The cub program ran very smoothly over the weekend and the leaders and cubs enjoyed themselves immensely. The cubs got a chance to show off their pioneering skills (putting the scouts to shame!), build a shelter and complete most of the work required for the Camper and Explorer activity badges (take a look in the Cub Scout Handbook for details on what they had to undertake). Plenty of time was found for games, the cubs in particular liking the wide games we play at night in the forest like 'wrist band tag' (where they gave the scouts a lesson in playing 'physical' games!) and 'Baggy getting us lost in the forest'. They also had a go at some Archery and Laserquest (shooting the scouts of course).

All in all an excellent weekend without any problems. The only trouble is they want to go on another camp now as soon as possible!

Competition Time

Let's start with the answers to last months competition:

1. None. Noah took them!
2. Only halfway (then he would be running *out* of the wood)
3. Two apples (*take* two apples...)
4. Nine. (*all but* nine die...)
5. You would light the match first of course!
6. Polar Bear. (if all the walls point south you must be at the North Pole).
7. 1 hour. (1 now, 1 half hour later then the third an hour later).
8. Part of the wheels as they rotate.
9. None. (monkeys can't *say* anything)
10. 0% (or at least close to 0) If the sun is shining then 36 hours later it will night time!

Well done to Deren who managed to get all but 1 correct.

This months competition is a practical one. All you have to do is complete the requirements below and hand them in to Baggy. The best effort from each section will receive a small reward.

Beavers – Draw/paint a picture of one of the leaders

Cubs – Make a simple 'knotting board' clearly displaying at least 5 different knots.

Scouts – Design a logo for the County Millennium Fair. (The Country still urgently require a logo for this upcoming event. Get to see your logo design plastered all over the badges, paperwork and Gillwell campsite!)

Check out the website and email me your comments. (URL at foot of each page)