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Akela's Shout

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE 9TH DAGENHAM SCOUT GROUP

Akela says...

Hi everyone, hope this issue of the shout finds you well.

I don't know what's happened to the summer but after our 2 very wet camps in May our PL's and APL's Camp in June was nice and sunny so let us hope the next few camps will be the same.

Athletes Badge was well attended and every cub gained at least 1st Stage.

Five-a-side football again was well attended with both the Beaver and Scout section coming 2nd. Well done to everyone who took part.

At Sports Day we could have done with a few more Cubs and Scouts there however there were a number of certificates won by the children. The Scout section came 3rd. Well done to all those who took part.

Whilst we were at sports day the Beaver section went to Walton for the day and I am told by Mr T that all had a good time.

These are all the activities that have taken places this month, so come on kids lets have your reports and views.

There are still some places for the weeks camp in August (18-25th Friday to Friday), cost £90. See me for details.

Speak to you soon

Akela

P.S. At the district AGM this group won a trophy called the Law Trophy for teamwork and True Scouting Spirit. So well done every one.

"I don't want to go home"
A cub at Hargreaves

"That was brilliant!"
A cub after Pond Dipping

Why are we in scouting?

District Camp

A great (wet, muddy) weekend was had by both cubs (from 4 groups) and scouts (from 2 groups) at Thriftwood over the Bank Holiday weekend. The cubs spent Christmas, New Year and Easter at camp!

Sports Day + Walton Trip

Well done to those scouts that turned up and ran, jumped and threw their hearts out to achieve a third place overall. The few cubs that came did very well. Where was everyone else?

The beavers and beaver leaders (errrmmm all 5 beavers and 4 beaver leaders) had a great day out at Walton while the rest of use were at sports day.

Athletes Badge

A fine weather Friday night (makes a change) saw hundreds of cubs attend Mayesbrook arena to try for their Athletes badge. All of our cubs that attended managed to better themselves and gain a stage.

Don't forget the AGM

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Beavers

- **No events for July or August**

Cubs

- **Fri 18 August – Fri 25** Pack Holiday at Kettering, Northants.
- **Sat 23 – Sun 24 Sep** Sixers Camp at Thriftwood.
- **October** District Cub Quiz.

Scouts

- **Fri 28 to Sun 30 July** Camp at Thriftwood.
- **Sat 23 – Sun 24 Sep** District Camping Competition
- **October** District Scout Chess competition.

Parents

- **Fri 20 Oct** District Quiz Night, 7:30 p.m.

Bowling

The Tuesday night outing for cubs and scouts to the local bowling alley saw Baggy score an incredible 254 beating everyone else hands down.
Great fun for parents and kids (lets leave the kids behind next time eh?)

Millennium Centre

The next Tuesday saw the cubs do some pond dipping (catching a water scorpion!) and the scouts go on a nature walk across the nature reserve by the Chase. Thanks to all at the Mill. Centre for their time.

The 9th Dagenham win the Law Trophy

At the District AGM the leaders were pleasantly surprised to find that the 9th Dagenham had won the Law Trophy. The Law Trophy is awarded each year for outstanding effort and achievements. We gained the Law Trophy as a result of our Outstanding Teamwork and Scouting Spirit. This sort of accolade can only be achieved by true teamwork and **all** members of the group adhering to the spirit of Scouting. On behalf of all the leaders at the group we would like to thank each and every Beaver, Cub, Scout, Helper, Instructor, Parent, Guardian and Friend at the 9th Dagenham for all their efforts over the past year. Without us working together we would not be such an excellent team.

5-a-Side Football

The Beavers and Scouts played some excellent football and managed to come second place overall. The Cubs did their best and had a laugh during the day.

AGM

Our AGM is on Tuesday 18th July at 6:15 in the small hall. I would ask that at least one parent attends as we have a number of things regarding our meeting in the hall to discuss and we would like your views. Please be there to help your son/daughter get the most from Scouting. All the trophies that the children have won this year will be on show.

"Which way up does this tent go?"

The Training Camp

Over the course of a weekend the PL's and APL's learnt how not to camp and began to understand just how much there is to learn. The idea of the training camp was to give these scouts the chance to pick up a trick or two and get more practice in before we took away the scouts to camp as a patrol.

Camping can be fun but if everything goes wrong or you have not got a clue what you are doing it can be a chore. Myself and the other leaders have been on a huge number of camps but I know that we have still got a lot to learn.

The main point is that they were willing to learn. The beginning of wisdom is the statement "I don't know"