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Akela's Shout

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE 9TH BARKING & DAGENHAM SCOUT GROUP

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We will not be using the hall in August as it is closed. Instead we will be Ice Skating, going to the Tower of London, going to Pack Holiday and then shutting for the final Tuesday in August.

Money and Permission Forms for the Ice Skating and Tower of London trip need to be in by the 30th July.

Summer camp (week in August) is now available to Scouts.

Scouts - Pioneering Badge on Tuesdays...be at the hall by 6:45...bring waterproofs, rough gear, money and drink.

Scouts - Money and permission form for the Camp at the end of July needs to be in as soon as possible.

Akela says...

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

As you know last month's Shout was out late so events up to and including the 8th June were reported on in that issue.

We have had two events since then, Cub Fun Day and Sports Day.

Saturday 22nd June - Cub Fun Day
This fun event was held at Hargreaves Campsite. 23 Cubs arrived and had a go at hoop-la, getting a ping pong ball into a jar, pulling a nail, painting and drawing and plastercasts. They also had some games and tried rocket flying. Ask the Cubs from our pack if they enjoyed themselves. The 5 to ask are Sophie, Daniel, Tobi, Lewis and Charlie.

Saturday 29th June - Sports Day
Thank you to the four Cubs and four Scouts who attended...these were Tobi, Dale, Lewis and Geoffrey for the Cubs and Daniel, Adam, Gazza and Billy for the Scouts. They all did very well. Thank you also to Adam's mum for helping out and running the tuck shop with T.

As you know we will be closed for August. We hope to be taking the Cubs and Scouts ice-skating on Tuesday the 6th at the usual Cub and Scout times and on Tuesday the 13th we hope to go as a group (Beavers, Cubs & Scouts) to the Tower of London. This is being organised by one of the Scouts as part of her badge work. Letters have now been given out, if you have not got one please see Jiz for ice-skating and Hayley for the Tower. All monies and permission forms for these trips should be in by the 30th July. For the remaining two weeks we are away at Pack Holiday and then on the 27th August we will be shut.

I hope you all have good holidays and we will see you on the trips or on Tuesday 3rd September refreshed and raring to go.

We will try to have an issue for August.

See you soon, take care

Akela

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District Website - www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk **Scouting Resources -** www.scoutingresources.org.uk

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Beavers

No events for this month

Cubs

Sunday 21st July
Conservation Badge
Please see a leader
10:00 - 2:30

Scouts

6/7th July
Camping Competition
More details to follow

Tue 25th June, 2/9/16 July
Pioneering Badge
Thriftwood
Meet at the Hall at 6:45

Saturday 20th July
Pioneering Badge
Thriftwood
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Camps

Fri. 26th Jul. - Sun. 28th Jul.
Cherry Wood, Purfleet
Cost £20
Please see Baggy/Akela for permission form

Sat. 18th Aug. - Sat. 24th Aug.
Southampton, Cost £100
Places available to all cubs & scouts

Fri. 6th Dec. - Sun. 8th Dec.
Thriftwood, Cost £35
Open to all cubs/scouts/helpers/leaders

Please remember you can pay weekly or monthly for these camps to help you budget.

August Events

Week 1- Ice Skating

Week 2 - Tower of London Trip

Week 3 - Pack Holiday

Week 4 - Closed

ADC (B)?

Sometimes us leaders forget that parents and helpers don't necessarily understand how Scouting works in the local area.

Here is a quick breakdown of the main people in the District and their 'job':

District Commissioner (DC) - Jill May
The DC is ultimately responsible for all things Scouting within the Scout District of Barking & Dagenham…

Assistant District Commissioners (ADC)
The ADC's are given responsibility for a certain section within the District. At the moment we have;

ADC (Beavers) - Ron Pringle
Ron is responsible for the Beaver section...this means running most of the admin, keeping an eye on the Colonies within B&D, organising and running district events and a myriad of other activities.

Each section has their own ADC with a similar job description:

ADC (Cubs) - Rosemary Oakwell
ADC (Scouts) - Peter Gentry
ADC (Explorers) - Philip Rees

ADC (General Duties) - Pauline Pass
Anything that needs to be done at a district level that doesn't fall under the direct remit of the above, or in case they need help.

ADC (Special Needs) - Steve May
Steve advises on areas of special needs and helps groups to adapt and understand.

ADC (Leader Training) - Malcolm Beerling
Every leader needs to complete an extensive training scheme in order to hold their position. In addition there are a zillion and one other things that can be gained, First Aid, Climbing, Hill Walking, Rifle Shooting and Archery are just the tip of the iceberg.

District Leaders
ADC's typically appoint a couple of experienced leaders to assist them in helping support the district and its groups.

For example Darren Dowling and David Nickols are District Scout Leaders and help Peter Gentry run the Scout section and support the Troops in the district and can help organise and run district events.

Other important positions in the District include the 'behind the scenes' people. These people do a very important job and perhaps do not get as much thanks as they should:

District Secretary - Pat Jenkins
Pat has a mountain of day to day organising and paperwork to do to keep Scouting running in B&D

District Treasurer - Kevin Stanford
Kevin has a thankless but very important job with very complex finances to keep in order and to help groups out.

Appointments - Margaret Jennings
Margaret has to chase up and organise and check those adults that want to join Scouting

District Chairman - Alex Everitt
Alex has to run and keep in order the District Executive Committee who decide on all the important things that affect the District.

Woodsmoke Editor - Reg Hannan
Reg produces the district monthly newsletter, Woodsmoke.

Thriftwood Representative - Pauline Pass
Barking & Dagenham are 'co-owners' of Thriftwood campsite and heavily involved in its operation and use.

Fellowship
The Fellowship are a group of adults that ably support the district and Scouting in thousands of ways. If you need help you call on the fellowship!

There are many other people who help out at a district level, but suffice to say that from what I have seen of other districts I am glad that we are in Barking & Dagenham!