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Akela's Shout

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE 9TH BARKING & DAGENHAM SCOUT GROUP

Akela says...

Hi everyone, hope this issue finds you well.

Steve Sparrow and I had a meeting with the Vicar a couple of weeks ago and we have agreed that the after school club can meet till 6 o clock providing we can bring our gear in and start promptly at 6.15. This means that Cubs will now finish at 8.15 and Scouts will start at 8.15 and finish at 10.15. If these times are a problem please let me know. We were under the impression that the after schools club was beginning in April, but I have been informed by Social Services that this is not so. I will let you know as soon as possible when the times are to change.

Only had one competition this month, Cub and Scout handcraft on Saturday 10th March and Beavers handcraft Saturday 24th March. Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to those of you who gained a placing.

I am sorry to announce that the Beaver Easter Egg hunt on Sunday 8th April has had to be cancelled this is due to Hainault Forest being closed because of the Foot & Mouth crisis. Because of this crisis other events and competitions may have to be cancelled. As soon as we receive information from the Scout Association as to where and where not we are permitted to go I will inform you.

At present Thriftwood campsite is still open, so all camp money must be paid by Tuesday 1st May.

The date for St George's parade has been changed it is now Sunday 29th April. This is one of the church services that should be attended by all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and leaders. I do not have full details but I would think that the parade will start about 2.30 and the service at 3. More details as soon as I have them.

See you soon, Akela

Easter Egg Hunt

Please note that the Beaver Easter Egg Hunt has been cancelled.

New Uniform

You can view (and order) the new uniform at:

http://www.outdoors.ltd.uk/

However, please do NOT order or purchase any part of the new uniform without speaking to the leaders first.

Foot & Mouth

The following guidance was issued on 2 March.

General Scouting Activities
Do not camp on, walk across, or visit :-
farmland, or land used by farm animals;
woodland or parkland where deer may be present;
National Parks or open countryside.

At the present moment Thriftwood is still open, so the proposed Cub Camp in May is still considered to be "going ahead". Full payment has to be made by the 1st May. We will notify you as soon as possible should the situation change.

Contact Details

Scouting Resources Website - www.scoutingresources.org.uk **Scouts** - www.scouts.org.uk
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Beavers

Sun 29th April
St. George's Day Parade
More details to follow

Scouts

Sun 29th April
St. George's Day Parade
More details to follow

Cubs

Sat 7th April
Badge Afternoon
More details to follow

Sun 29th April
St. George's Day Parade
More details to follow

St. George's Day Parade

Sunday 29th April

The Bethel Church
Parsloes Avenue
Dagenham

Starting at 2:30 p.m.

All sections welcome

The Voice of Young People

A Discussion Document on Youth Participation in Scouting

[This is taken from Scoutbase]

Participation by young people in the decision making of Scouting is an essential part of good Scouting. This principle applies to all levels - local, national and international. World Conferences in Bangkok (1993), Oslo (1996) and Durban (1999) have addressed the theme, and further time will be given at Thessaloniki (2002). Many National Scout Organisations have themselves made great developments.
The Scout Association of the United Kingdom has recently accepted the invitation of the World Scout Committee to circulate this consultation paper as a starting point for further thinking, to invite responses, and then to undertake the collation of those responses. Together, we can share our experiences, our aspirations and our suggestions for the future.
This initial discussion document offers a list of possible principles and methods for achieving the goal of youth participation at levels beyond individual local Scout units. The final outcomes will need to reflect the nature of our global Movement and its diversity.
The thoughts in this paper are designed to stimulate discussion. National Scout Organisations (NSOs), and individual Scouts or groups of Scouts, are invited to respond to the thoughts and suggestions in this paper. All responses will be collated, and the final report will become a valuable resource for the future. The report will be made available to NSOs.
Delegations from NSOs will have the opportunity to discuss the issues raised when they meet at the 2001 Regional Conferences, then more fully at the 2002 World Scout Conference where a full day has already been agreed for discussion of these issues.
This paper may be freely copied, reprinted, publicised or transmitted by e-mail. It is available in English and in French, and it may be translated into other languages. We wish to empower as many of our members as possible to participate in the consultation.
We look forward to receiving your response at the postal or electronic address below. Comments need to be received before 26th March 2001.

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[You can view the form at http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/hq-info/yitw.htm or just ask Baggy for a copy that you can fill in and post]

Handcraft

Well done to all those who entered an exhibit.

The 9th came

2nd in Cubs – Section A

5th overall in the Cub section

1st in Scouts – Section A

2nd overall in the Scout Section

New Websites

Scouting Resources: Information and ideas for those in the Scouting Movement. Run by Baggy.

District: The website for Barking & Dagenham Scouts. Run by Baggy

Scoutbase: The official website of the UK Scout Association

Scouts: The nice looking website for prospective members to Scouting.

The County website is undergoing a revamp and should be ready by the summer.

You might be taking Scouting too seriously if…

You can tie your shoe laces with a different type of bow for each day of the week
Your wife tells you to wear your best clothes and you put on your uniform
You only have one meaning for the word camp
You take the ink blot test and can only see patrol badges
You prefer the taste of coffee from a plastic mug

More to come next month...