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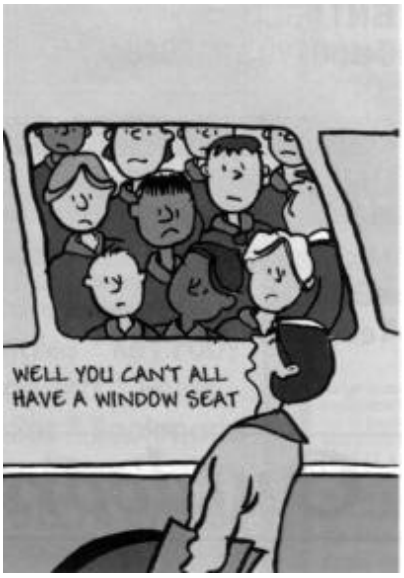
Akela's Shout

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE 9TH BARKING & DAGENHAM SCOUT GROUP



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Parents...get away from your kids for a night out at the District Quiz Night on the 4th October

Beavers - Line yourself up for the Connect 4 Competition (9th Nov.)

Cubs - Get training for the Cub Quiz (19th Oct.) and the Jungle Rally (16th Nov.)

Scouts - Prepare yourself for the County Orienteering Competition (13th Oct.)

Akela says...

Hi everyone

Welcome back. I hope you all enjoyed your holidays and are now fit and raring to go.

Pioneer Stage 1 badge finished with most of the scouts gaining the badge. One or two do have some work to do before the can have it.

Friday 26th to Monday 29th July Camp
The weekend camp for scouts at Cherrywood camp site Purfleet was very hot but everyone had a good time. Lots of water fights. Some good ideas re backwoods cooking (cooking with no pots, pans and utensils).

Tuesday 6th August Ice Skating
Ice Skating was well attended and well done to all the cubs, scouts, helpers, parents and leaders who ventured on to the ice. There were no accidents and most of you managed to stay upright. Ask Julie Morley to let you see the pictures or look at the website.

Tuesday 13th August Tower of London
Next up the Tower of London, we met up at Becontree Station 21 kids and 6 adults. We all had a good day and we also went across the wobbly bridge that doesn't wobble any more.

Saturday 17th-Saturday 24th August Camp
Pack holiday at Southampton was again very good and everyone as far as I know enjoyed themselves.
I understand the scouts now know some wicked ghost stories.

There is an exciting new programme for all section, with more badges, so please come into the hall to collect you son/daughter just in case they need to do some work at home.

See you soon, take care

Akela

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Beavers

No events for this month

Cubs

No events for this month

Sat. 5th - Sun 6th October
Sixers Camp
Hargreaves
Sixers only. Details to follow

Saturday 19th October
Cub Quiz
Team to be chosen and details to follow

Scouts

No events for this month

Sunday 13th October
County Orienteering Comp.
Details to follow

All Sections

Non Uniform Week
Tuesday 15th October
For a payment of 50p towards the district charity you can go without your uniform for that week.

Adults Only

Friday 4th October
Annual District Quiz
Ford Sports & Social Club
Wood Lane

All welcome, see Mr T for further info

Camps

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.

Pack Holiday

Pack Holiday...well we didn't really have a Pack so much as an entire group (what with the Scouts coming) and it wasn't much of a holiday!

Truthfully I think everyone had a good time...the site was in the middle of a country park which gets locked up at 9:30 p.m. so we could go down into the park and use as much space and make as much noise as we wanted - and we did! Especially after we got told off for making a noise on the field on the first night!

Highlights included the boat trip (around the sharks and the sea-weed), swimming (ask the Scouts about the 'birds' on the bus), Manor Farm (lots of animals running around and those were just the ones we brought!) and several hikes.

Whilst there the Cubs and Scouts worked on pioneering (building useful items from poles and ropes), firelighting, first aid, compass work, map work, cooking on trangias and some other scouting work.

Typically of a night time the Cubs would come out to play with the Scouts for a while or stay in and watch a video (actually I think Akela wanted to watch the videos but she needed an excuse)...the Scouts mostly stayed out late on the field playing games, talking, telling jokes and listening to ghost stories.

Some of the ghost stories must have worked because when we walked back to camp the 14 scouts and leaders tended to walk as 'one huge lump'.

And yes...we didn't have a water fight that week due to one thing and another...that's partly my fault, partly down to the weather and program and partly down to too much badgering.

All in all though a very enjoyable weekend...it was unusual having both scouts and cubs but I think it worked out well in the end.