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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.

There were no competitions this month as most got cancelled due to the foot and mouth crisis. Things in the scouting world are slowly getting back to normal, with more and more campsites opening and hopefully footpaths will be opening again. Once we get the go ahead that footpaths are now open, the scouts can finally put in to practice all the hiking with all the equipment and stuff for a weekend camp which we trained for at the beginning of this year.

There are a number of competitions and things happening in May and early June. One of these is the 7 a side football for Beavers and 5 a side for Cubs and Scouts. If you son/daughter is picked for the team please let us know if they cannot make it as soon as possible.

Thank you to all Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who attended St George's Day Parade and service. Nice to see the correct uniform being worn. Well done.

We are hoping between now and the end of June help the cubs and scouts gain a number of badges. Please could you help and encourage them if we have to ask them to do any of the requirements at home.

All camp monies should now be paid.

See you soon

Thank You...

...to all the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Parents & Leaders that attended St. George's Day Parade on Sunday 29th

District Website

www.barking-dagenham-scouts.org.uk

The District now has its own website. This contains information on upcoming events as well as reports and photographs of previous events.

If you want to learn more about Scouting, or want to check the date of a District event or want to see Baggy drowning, Akela dancing and Mr T sleeping then take a look.

If you do not have access to the internet then ask Baggy on a Tuesday...he will show you the site (and others) on his laptop.

May Camps

There is an accompanying sheet that contains some general info on the Camps in May:

Equipment List
Directions to Thriftwood
Map of Thriftwood
Contact Numbers

Scouts **must** pack their own gear and ensure they have the correct equipment. Cubs: You need to pack your kit too...you will have to pack coming home...don't let Mum do it!

Everyone will need a full set of waterproofing clothing, including good boots/wellies.

If you have any questions please speak to one of the leaders.

Contact Details

Scouts - www.scouts.org.uk **Scoutbase** - www.scoutbase.org.uk **County** - www.glne-scouts.org.uk
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Beavers

Sat 9th June
7-a-side Football
May & Bakers Sports Ground
Dagenham Road
9 a.m.

Scouts

Fri 4th May to Mon 7th May
Scout Camp
Thriftwood Scout Campsite
Brentwood, Essex

Sat 12th May
Scout Rally
Crow Camp
11:30 a.m. [Details to follow]

Sat 9th June
5-a-side Football
May & Bakers Sports Ground
Dagenham Road
9 a.m.

Cubs

Sat 19th May
Funday
Hargreaves
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fri 25th May to Mon 28th May
Cub Camp
Thriftwood Scout Campsite
Brentwood, Essex

Fri 8th June
Athletes Badge
Mayesbrook Arena
Mayesbrook Park
6 – 9 p.m.

Sat 9th June
5-a-side Football
May & Bakers Sports Ground
Dagenham Road
9 a.m.

Events

There is an accompanying sheet with more details of the equipment needed for both the Scout Camp at the beginning of May and the Cub Camp at the end of May, including directions to Thriftwood campsite.

The football teams will be chosen during May and more details will be passed out to the team members.

All Cubs are welcome at Athletes Badge Day.

Sat 23rd June
Sports Day
Mayesbrook Arena
Mayesbrook Park
[For Cubs and Scouts]

Sun 24th June
Beaver Outing
Walton-on-the-naze
[For Beavers]

Dear Mum & Dad...

Dear Mum & Dad,
We are having a great time here at Lake Typhoid. Skip is making us all write to our parents in case you saw the flood on TV and worried. We are OK. Only 1 of our tents and 2 sleeping bags got washed away. Luckily, none of us got drowned because we were all up on the mountain looking for John when it happened. Oh yes, please call John's mother and tell her he is OK. He can't write because of the cast. I got to ride in one of the search & rescue jeeps. It was neat. We never would have found him in the dark if it hadn't been for the lightning.

Skip got mad at John for going on a hike alone without telling anyone. John said he did tell him, but it was during the fire so he probably didn't hear him. Did you know that if you put gas on a fire, the gas could blow up? The wet wood still didn't burn, but one of our tents did. Also, some of our clothes. Lee is going to look weird until his hair grows back. We will be home on Saturday if Skip gets the car fixed. It wasn't his fault about the wreck. The brakes worked OK when we left. Skip said that a car that old you have to expect something to break down; that's probably why he can't get insurance on it. We think it's a neat car. He doesn't care if we get it dirty, and if it's hot, sometimes he lets us ride on the tailgate. It gets pretty hot with 10 people in a car. He let us take turns riding in the trailer until the policeman stopped and talked to us.

Skip is a neat guy. Don't worry, he is a good driver. In fact, he is teaching Terry how to drive. But he only lets him drive on the mountain roads where there isn't any traffic. All we ever see up there are logging trucks. This morning all of the guys were diving off the rocks and swimming out in the lake. Skip wouldn't let me because I can't swim and John was afraid he would sink because of his cast, so he let us take the canoe across the lake. It was great. You can still see some of the trees under the water from the flood. Skip isn't crabby like some leaders. He didn't even get mad about the life jackets.

He has to spend a lot of time working on the car so we are trying not to cause him any trouble. Guess what? We have all passed our first aid badges. When David dove in the lake and cut his arm, we got to see how a tourniquet works. Also Peter and I threw up. Skip said it probably was just food poisoning from the leftover chicken. I have to go now. We are going into town to mail our letters and buy bullets. Don't worry about anything. We are fine.

Love,
Your son

P.S. How long has it been since I had a tetanus shot?

You might be taking Scouting too seriously if…

You have the arrowhead symbol as your Living Room wallpaper

The first choice you make for your holiday home is whether or not to storm lash it

You put a string fence around the barbecue in your garden

You store your garden hose in a large turks head woggle

You new car is purple to match the colour of the Scout window sticker

Your best dinner plates are metal, chipped and made in Poland

Don't Panic

Hopefully we can get our usual number (loads!) of camps in this year despite F&M.

Going to camp is one of the most enjoyable aspects of Scouting...it simply cannot be beaten for Fun, Experience and Learning.

Don't take this months jokes too seriously, Cubs & Scouts at camp are well looked after...and **enjoying themselves!**