



News

1st Bagshot Summer 2012 Newsletter

Cub Camp Report

Runways End, May 4th-6th

When I arrived I found out my tent people, I was with; Jake, Joe and on the last night Thomas, and we put up our tents for the night. We went out to explore the campsite and play. I went round with Lewis to see what was there. We found out that there was a path that went from the entrance of the campsite running right up through the field, most of the campsite was bushes, trees and a lot of logs. If you walked down the path you would see our campsite on the first left turn, go up the path and you reach a field where me and my friends played cricket both nights. When you go up the field you will see two left turnings, the first one is where the brownies were camping and the other one was empty. When you get to the end you will see a big clearing with a tyre and fence barrier.

At about 7.30pm people were allowed to start whittling sticks with knives, we learnt about the dangers of knives, how hurtful they could be and what the most dangerous knife is, a penknife; if you hold it with the blade up it could slip down and slice your grip and fingers. At 8pm everyone came back into the campsite and we talked about getting ready for bed.



At 8.05pm we sat round the camp fire to sing songs like "The Quartermasters Stores" and we made up our own verses, it was incredible fun, the fire was scorching my face as I roasted my marshmallows. We sat down and drank Hot Chocolate and ate our marshmallows. Fraser became an official leader by earning his leaders wood badge through scout training. At 8.30pm when the leaders had

finished talking we went into our tents, got dressed for bed and took our wash kits up to the bathrooms. When we had finished we went to bed, but it didn't go very well, everyone was being very annoying, shouting and screaming. We gradually became more tired by the minute and finally we fell asleep.

In the morning of the second day we came out and stood round the fire to wait for everyone to wake up. The leaders let us have breakfast while the others were still asleep. I had multigrain boulders and every one kept saying it was mouldy grey boulders. When everyone was finally up we had a run through of what we were going to do today. First we were going on a 5 mile hike geocaching, which means you go out and find little boxes that you can trade things in for some of the stuff in the other boxes. We managed to find all of them and when we returned I felt like falling asleep I was so tired.

We had our lunch and got on with the air activities badge. We got into 3 groups, one was making helicopters, another was making hot air balloons and the last was making water pump rockets. I was first doing the hot air balloons, we made a balloon by tying a plastic bin bag to a metal plate with string. We put some cotton wool inside the plate and poured flammable liquid on top. Pat put his lighter near to start the flame but it went out easily as it was drizzling with rain. The rain stopped after a little while and we poured more flammable liquid on and tried again. Pat lit it again and surprisingly and hilariously the whole thing caught fire. We then went to make our air pump rockets, we watched the others do theirs and then made our own. We chose our flag to mark our records and it was from A to E, but we had an extra person so they had a stick. Lewis' rocket went the furthest.

We went to make our helicopters, first we coloured an outline, put glue on positions, stuck balsa wood on it and pinned it down. The leaders put the propeller and the handle on it. We went out to play until late then we had dinner. We went round the camp fire again to warm ourselves up, did the bedtime routine again and went to bed. It was more successful and there was no shouting. In the morning everyone woke up around 8 o'clock, we had breakfast and played with our helicopters as they were finished. My Dad came for me and he watched me get my badges: the air activities badge and the runways end badge.

I had a great time and I can't wait until next year – Thank you!!!!

Connor Pearce, Sixer

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Scout Back to Basics Camp

The camp we went on was very fun and we learned a lot about cooking and knife work. The camp took place at Polyapes camp site and we got a really nice clearing with lots of nice woods to run around in. We learned how to make our breakfasts on a fire and we learned how to make a cool twisty roll to cook over our fires. On the first day we arrived early that evening and found our camp. When we arrived there we pitched our tents and started a fire in our groups. We went to bed late that night and didn't get much sleep. Breakfast was o.k. and afterwards we practiced knife work. We crafted a load of sharp sticks before the hike. The hike was long but we enjoyed it and stocked up on sweets at the store. The evening was great as we cooked a lovely curry and played wide games in the dark. Overall it was amazing.

And a huge thanks to all the leaders that helped out on the event and giving up their weekends for us!

Julian Woodward, Scout

Silver Chief Scout Awards Presented

Just after Easter two well deserved Silver Chief Scouts awards were presented by Paul Shepard, Assistant District Commissioner for Cubs.

James Hoare and Christopher Gurd had worked hard to complete all of the requirements for their six Challenge Badges and thus earn the coveted Chief Scouts Award which they can wear with pride on their Scout uniforms.

Replacement for the Stores

As was mentioned in the last newsletter we have a plan to replace the current solution for the equipment stores. We have had some success with fundraising, but we really need someone with some time to help manage the project and others to help with raising the outstanding funds. We are looking to a number of sources to raise the outstanding sums or reduce the costs:

- Workplace giving schemes – many employers such as Lilly, GSK and Amoco have corporate giving schemes that can be applied for by employees
- Other charitable organisations – The Lions, Round Table, Rotary Club etc
- eBay for Charity (more on this below)
- Local construction companies who could potentially do some of the work at a lower cost or for free

If you have some time or experience with this sort of project, or fancy gaining some, please let a Leader or exec member know.

eBay for Charity

If anyone could give some time to help keep the momentum going with listing, selling and shipping items or if you have anything cluttering up the garage or loft that we might be able to sell then please get in touch with Andy Woodward or Stefan Nahajski.

Changes in the Exec Team

We have had some changes in the Executive team.

- **John Bauld** has stepped down as Chairman after a number of years and taken on the role as Quartermaster.
- **Stefan Nahajski** was proposed to take over from John by Spencer (it's the Group Scout Leader's privilege) and was appointed at the AGM.
- After 17 years(!) dedicated service as Group Treasurer **Claire Bates** has also stepped down with her role being taken by **Adrian Ringrose**.
- **Lorraine Gunn** has taken on a role of overseeing our Safeguarding procedures.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to both the outgoing and incoming members for the service past and future.

Useful Information

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Badge Information including requirements and where to sew them on the uniform can be found at www.scoutbase.org.uk

Future Dates

September 21 st to 23 rd	Family Camp, Walton Firs.
November 10 th	Family Night, St Annes Hall