

Scouts Winter Camp

This year, the Scouts embarked on an exhilarating journey filled with camaraderie and exploration as we ventured to the newly discovered winter haven nestled in Banstead – the renowned Park Farm Campsite. Situated amidst the breathtaking beauty of nature's canvas, we were privileged to have exclusive access to its abundant amenities. Surrounded by the serene vistas, our Scouts immersed themselves in a myriad of outdoor pursuits, ranging from mastering the art of backwoods cuisine to forging lasting bonds through the harmonious melodies of campfire songs.

Adding an extra dash of excitement to our already memorable escapade, participants were treated to the invigorating challenge of rifle shooting, an experience that elevated our adventure to new heights. Against the backdrop of snow-kissed landscapes and under the guidance of seasoned instructors, our Scouts embraced the thrill of marksmanship, fostering a sense of accomplishment and adrenaline-fueled excitement.

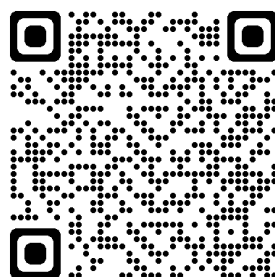
As the sun dipped below the horizon and the campfire crackled with warmth, memories were woven, friendships were strengthened, and the spirit of adventure lingered in the crisp winter air. Our expedition to Park Farm Campsite will forever be etched in our hearts as a testament to the boundless wonders of exploration and the enduring spirit of scouting.



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GSL's Update

Dear all,

First of a big thank you to Shane, our Scout Leader, for organising and producing this amazing news letter on top of his other Scouting Commitments not to mention the general busyness of life! It's great to be able to share what all the sections are doing with each other - we are more than just the Beaver Colony, or just the Cub Pack or just a Scout Troop - we are one Group. I think for the Beavers and Cubs it is especially exciting to see what the older sections are getting up to - something for them to aspire to as they continue their Scouting adventures.

As always, I want to thank our leaders and helpers, who do a sterling job and without them there would be no Scouting adventure for anyone. I also want to thank those parents and carers who support their sections and the Group generally by signing up to parent rotas and supporting the additional events such as Church Parades and fundraisers - you know who you are and thank you. It's corny, but as they say "team work makes the dream work". We would love to see

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Beaver Colony Update

Dear Beaver Parents,

We have had a very busy and varied programme of activities at Beavers since Summer 2022. Seven of our Beavers participated in the one day Beaver fun day at Frylands and enjoyed the assault course, the small climbing wall and collecting lots of wood for the camp fire.

We have again enjoyed making pitta pizzas as well as cheese pinwheels and the young people enjoy all aspects of food prep and cooking which counts towards their cook badge which many of your Beavers have now gained.

In November we started on the emergency first aid badgework, how to tie bandages and what to do in a first aid scenario. I would like to continue with the next modules in the spring term. We had a well attended Christmas party and lots of food and games with pin the nose on the snowman!

I introduced a treat box and a medal for good behaviour at meetings and we always have our toy Beavers Billy and Bertie who go home with the most helpful and listening Beaver for a whole week!

For Burns night we had our very own highland games complete with tossing the caber! (the cardboard tubes at the hut) All the Beavers enjoyed this and we will make it a regular event.

Pancake day came round again and we had some fun prepping and eating the creations. Our world book day meeting was very fun with superb fancy dress and we had a good log chew about our favourite books and characters.

The big event in May was King Charles III Coronation and we had our very own tea party and games with a heraldry theme. We also designed postcards which were put in a district wide time capsule and buried at Bears wood for future Scouts to find!

All the best

Lizzie Brown



more regular helpers within the sections - not necessarily every week, what ever you can spare - but regular is the key, so that leaders can plan with confidence. Is this something that you could do? Once a month perhaps? Talk to me or a section leader to find out more. Maybe working with young people isn't your thing or maybe a regular commitment wouldn't work for you, there are however, other ways to help. Have you got a skill you could "lend" us - is DIY your thing, do you have a background in safety and could become our Safety officer, could you offer a dump-run now and then for the Group? Have a think, I suspect that there is something you could offer us - again, talk to me or a leader if you have ideas.

Helping on a practical level is very important, but I also need your help with our administration. Please check Online Scout Manager (OSM) and make sure that your child's details are up-to-date. I have looked and can see that there are some parents who have never logged on - I suspect this in part is down to poor communication on our behalf - so please please do. OSM is where we keep your child's important medical notes, where you pay subscriptions and where you can sign up for additional activities when they are advertised. If you don't use OSM, not only could your child miss out, but it prevents us from giving your child the best Scout experience.

To wrap up my section, I hope that everyone is looking forward to the Spring and getting out and about a bit more and Scouting is no exception, with Beaver fun-days and camps to look forward to! If you ever have any questions, please do get in touch.

James, Group Scout Leader

Cub Pack Update

A Season of Growth and Joy at 1st Selsdon & Addington Cubs!

As the autumn leaves turned, our cubs embraced a season filled with new skills, creativity, and community engagement. We began with essential kitchen safety and knife skills, where our young chefs learned to chop and prepare dishes without the need for heat.

Our journey through the harvest season was marked by delicious plant-based creations and a meaningful church parade. Our cubs' spirit of giving shone brightly as they packed bags at Sainsbury's, raising funds for our group's activities.

The energy was palpable during our touch rugby session with Old Beccehamians and our adventurous night hike. Our Halloween celebration was a delightful mess, with games that left everyone in stitches (and perhaps a bit of goo!).

Creativity flowed as we crafted guys for Bonfire Night and designed custom mugs, which will make treasured Christmas gifts. The cubs' artistic talents were on full display as they prepared for their Christmas play.

As we welcomed the new year, our cubs shared their festive experiences and the joy of Christmas. We finalized the leadership teams, ensuring every cub has a chance to shine. The Sparks Film Club provided a cozy retreat with cinematic adventures.

The celebration continued with Chinese New Year and Pancake Day, embracing cultural festivities and culinary delights. A games night brought out the competitive spirit and camaraderie among the cubs.

The scent of s'mores and the sound of singing filled the air, creating memories around the campfire. As we looked ahead, our cubs crafted thoughtful gifts for Mother's Day, expressing love and appreciation. It's been an incredible journey, and we're excited for the adventures that lie ahead!



Hall Hire

Looking for the perfect venue for your child's birthday party? Look no further! Our Scout Hut is available for hire at just £20 per hour, with discounted day rates also available.

Equipped with a full-range oven and provided plates and plastic cups, it's the ideal space for hosting children's birthday parties. Whether you're planning a themed celebration or a fun-filled afternoon, our Scout Hut offers ample room for games, activities, and of course, party food!

Contact us today to book your event and create unforgettable memories for your child's special day!

New Email System

The implementation of our new email system marks a significant milestone, made possible by Alex's exceptional efforts in recent months. We are delighted to transition away from Google email and embrace our new group email platform in the coming weeks. With this upgrade, each section will now have an email address tailored to our group's domain, enhancing our presence in the online sphere.

Scout Troop Update

Dear Scout Parents,

Winter Camp at Park Farm was an undeniable triumph, resonating with laughter, learning, and boundless adventure! Our intrepid scouts embraced the call of the wild with gusto, honing their wilderness survival skills and mastering the ancient art of backwoods cooking. Just envision the scene: succulent burgers sizzling over an open flame, paired perfectly with apples stuffed with sultanas, creating a symphony of sweet and savory flavors that tantalized the taste buds. It was a culinary extravaganza, serving not only as a feast for the senses but also as a platform for our scouts to showcase their culinary prowess and creativity.

Amidst our outdoor escapades, we recently embarked on an electrifying evening hosted by Scy, delving into the eerie lore of Croydon's ghostly inhabitants. With tales that sent shivers down the spine, our scouts exhibited remarkable courage as they ventured into the heart of darkness, exploring the chilling narratives that shroud our local area in mystery and intrigue.

Looking ahead, our excitement knows no bounds as we prepare for more thrilling nights of adventure! Max is gearing up to lead a culinary extravaganza, where our scouts will embark on a gastronomic journey, learning new recipes and culinary techniques under his expert guidance. Prepare your taste buds for an explosion of flavours and textures, for a feast fit for champions awaits!

Furthermore, we are thrilled to announce an upcoming visit from Sparks Film School later this term, where our scouts will immerse themselves in the captivating world of filmmaking. From scriptwriting to directing and editing, they will have the opportunity to unlock their creative potential and bring their visions to life on the silver screen. It promises to be an enriching and unforgettable experience for all involved, igniting the spark of creativity and innovation within each scout.

Shane, Scout Leader



Dates for your Diary

Hut Maintenance Day -
8th June

Group Camp 2024 -
2-4th August

Recruitment Day -
14th September

Harvest Festival -
29th September

Remembrance -
10th November

Christingle -
8th December

A colorful poster for Scout Group Quiz Night. It features a tent, trees, a compass, and a fire. The text reads 'SCOUT GROUP QUIZ NIGHT' and 'Sat 1st June'. A red button says 'Doors Open 7:00PM'.

