



Annual Review 2013

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The Newsletter of 2nd Farnborough Scout Group

“The Beavers Log” Annual Review 2013

The Autumn Term started with Paralympic Sports followed by archery with the Cubs at Aldershot HQ. Some of the Beavers went on a day visit to the Beaver Sleepover and took part in tracking, pondipping, bark rubbing a campfire and wide games. For Bonfire Night the boys built a guy & after some outdoor cooking they burn him on the fire.

For our Christmas party this year we went bowling at Farnborough Leisure Centre with the Cubs and after some very close games we had a chicken supper.

During the spring term the Beavers found out about health and fitness and healthy eating. They also found out about Chinese New Year, Pancake Day & cooked foods and played games connected to these occasions.

In March the Cubs joined us for a visit to Pets at Home where we learnt about caring for rabbits guinea

pigs & salamanders The boys also attended the alternative St Georges Day celebrations at Camp 49 and really enjoyed the activities.

The Summer term is always the busiest of the terms This year we have been able to spend time outside. making balistas, flying various home made planes, followed a blind trail, played team and parachute games. The Colony entered Sports Day where we reached the final of every event and triumphed in the sack Race.

In June the Cubs and Beavers visited B & Q and made wooden bird boxes. Our Colony also entered the Rushmoor in Bloom Miniature Garden Competition & enjoyed growing the plants & planting them. News just in we came 1st and 2nd in this competition well done boys.

Our highlight of the term was an evening kayaking, paddleboarding and canoeing at The Lido.

“Cubs Howl” Annual Review 2013

Between September and December the Cubs took part in Archery, Outdoor cooking & 1st Aid. Other activities included map reading, knots, codes cypfers and communications. 5 Boys completed the Night Hike at Camp 49,

The pack also took part in the Swimming Gala and were runners Up . 3 Cubs represented us at the District Indoor Games Competition and the whole group attended the Annual Carol Service. The Cubs joined the Beavers for a joint Christmas Bowling Party at the Leisure Centre.

During the Spring term as well as the joint activities with the Beavers we entered 2 District Events the 1st was the 6 aside football we dominated every match but just couldn't score.

The 2nd event was The George Duval Entertainment Competition where the Cubs performed “Lil Mixed Up” & came away worthy winners, 2nd Farnborough will be engraved on this trophy for the very 1st time. The participants will be performing the winning sketch tonight.

With District Camp at the end of term much time was spent preparing for the event and the St Georges Day Celebrations on the Sunday. We joined 1st Aldershot for the weekend & although the weather ranged from hailstones to freezing temperatures it did not stop everyone from experiencing, bivvy & balista building, pioneering, map reading, climbing a campfire and a concert in the evening.

The last activity of the term was Scuba Diving, this was the first time for most of the Cubs and all agreed it was a brilliant evening.

Summer, time for outdoor activities we started with a hike using our map reading and tracking skills we also picked up litter in the local park.

The Scout leaders ran a couple of evenings & also helped with the Athletes Badge and preparation for sports day. We only had a small team but everyone that took part reached the finals and many came away with a certificate.

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Making bird boxes at B & Q was part of the DIY badge, which everyone attained.

activities at Aldershot Lido and it was a great way to finish the year.

The Cubs and Scouts joined the Beavers for water

“Scouts Adventure” Annual Review 2013

In July the Scouts spent brilliant week at Tolmers Scout Camp.



Over the week the boys took part in rafting, archery, air rifle shooting, quad biking, clay pigeon shooting and 2 types of climbing, the 4 sided vertical wall and The Rock, which is climbing from a only a few feet off the ground. Along with these the Scouts completed an 8 mile hike, tried teambuilding skills, backwoods cooking and emergency aid which enabled them to gain the Outdoor Challenge Award and Camper badges.

In the Autumn term the boys continued with the Emergency Aid Stage 1 and started the Pioneering Badge. All the knots and lashings had to be mastered before the structures were built. By the end of the term everyone had achieved this



During the Spring term the Scouts made a conscious effort to improve their fitness which apart from the physical side included how to choose the correct foods to eat and getting sufficient sleep.

This term the boys also gained their hobbies badges and joined the Cubs Scuba Diving with Divecrew. After the safety briefing we had an hour diving in the pool even Kevin and I joined in.

Some of the Scouts attended District Camp and The Alternative St Georges Day At Camp 49. As we were camping with 1st Aldershot we entered a joint team into the ballista building competition but unfortunately we did not win.

This team was very successful on District Sports Day, everyone went home with at least 2 certificates and we were placed 2nd overall a great achievement well done. After the event the Scouts worked towards achieving the Athletes Activity Badge.

In July the Scouts joined the Beavers and Cubs Canoeing at Aldershot Lido and completed the Water Activities Badge.

Over the past few weeks we have been working towards the Entertainers Badge and rehearsing for the show this evening.

