

Scouting

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1st Copmanthorpe Scout Group News

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Making a Splash



Our Cubs and Scouts had a great time on the water at Aldwark during our recent water sports camp. For many this was the first time in a kayak or canoe, but they did a great job meeting the challenge. As well learning skills we went on a river trip and played games on the water.

Top Cubs

One of our Cub Scouts gained a top award across all of North Yorkshire. Along with other Cub Packs around the County we nominated 3 Cub Scouts for awards in the following categories: Thinking of Others (Thomas), Doing Your Best (Benjamin), and a Friend to All (Jake). Thomas was also our Cub Scout of the Year. Jake won top prize in the latter category, and attended a presentation evening with a number of VIPs, along with a very proud mum.

Volunteers

One of our long standing Cub Scout Leaders (Bev) has decided to retire next year. She has been a key part of the team for over 7 years. We rely on adult volunteers to keep the Scout Group running. We also need someone to manage our equipment stores and another to help keep the hall clean and stocked with consumables. If you can help the Group in any way let our Chairman (Chris Hogg, Tel. 07920 760490) or Group Scout Leader (Pete Jennings, Tel.07801 929611) know.

Diary Dates

4 Sep: Family BBQ , Pinewood Derby Races & Games

25 Sep: Group Camp (for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorer/YLs)

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Fundraising Team News

Our newly created fundraising team have done us proud with help from lots of others. The summer raffle raised £800, Carnival refreshments raised £380 (plus £120 for the Recreation Centre) and the catering at the District Highland Games raised over £150.

This has helped subsidise adventurous activities such as the Water Activity Camp, and the forthcoming Group Adventure Camp. However our core fundraising activity of collecting paper for recycling urgently needs more support as the number of regular helpers have dwindled again. With sufficient adults and young people for just a couple of hours each month we can earn over £3000 p.a., which is a lot of cake sales or circa £40 higher subs per person. We have been providing this service for over 30 years, which retains our profile in the community and demonstrates how we follow our values and promise to help other people. This will be a particular issue at the end of September when our regulars will all be at Group Camp. Please do your bit to help out by popping along to the Recreation Centre. From 09:30 on the last Saturday of each month (no collection August and December). We cannot continue without more adult support.

Chief Scout Boredom Challenge

Bear Grylls has challenged all young people to have a go at 6 activities this summer. Tell us about how you have done when we get back in September:

- Spend a night under the stars** – this can be in your own back garden or as part of a camp.
- Learn a new skill** – whether it's learning to ride a unicycle, play the ukulele or how to canoe.
- Do something for someone else** – help a neighbour, your parents, siblings or relatives.
- Get fit** – get in training for an adventure with some jogging, climbing or cycling.
- Build something** – a den, a tree house, a go-kart, a boat, you name it.
- Go on a wild adventure** – on foot, on your bike, on the water or in the air!

Beaver Section have had an exciting and varied summer term making the most of the weather with plenty of outside activities. We've done backwoods cooking at Snowball, a village walkabout and with the help of parents ran a football skills session and Olympic Games night. We finished the term with a visit from Owl Adventures who did a fantastic falconry display. The Beavers got the opportunity to hold some of the birds and even got to see a baby owl.

It's been a fantastic yet challenging year for the new leaders, who would like to say a massive thank you to the Scout Group and the parents for all their help and support.

