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# Storm, what storm! Scouts to become meteorologists

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#### Andy on World Tour

#### Will Summer Camp be in Bejing?

Due to work commitments Andy is overseas for a number of weeks over the coming months. Scouts will continue as normal in his absence.

P.S. Summer Camp is at Kibblestone International Scout Camp in Staffordshire (<u>www.kibblestone.org</u>) not Bejing!.

#### Camping Opportunities for Scouts 2013

- 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> March Great Escape @ Tawd Vale.
- 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April Beavan Competition @ Sandiways Camp
- 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May Group
  Camp @ The Scout Hut
- 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May Bala Canoe Camp.
- 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> June Wild West Camp @ Hadlow Fields
- 27<sup>th</sup> July to 3rg August Summer Camp @ Kibblestone ISC, Staffordshire

## Forecast for Fog Lifting and Clear Understanding of Weather.

Over the next few weeks the Scouts will be working towards the Meteorologist Badge. Part of the reason for looking at the Meteorologist Badge is that as Scouts they need to understand how the weather impacts on some of their outdoor activities and what they need to do to think about when planning expeditions.

As part of the Badge work they will be making weather stations to collect data on rainfall, wind direction and wind strength.

We will also be doing a number of weather experiments which will look at how clouds form, what causes rain, how cold and warm fronts work, where wind comes from (!) and may even have a lightening in the mouth experiment!

The Scout Association has produced a very informative Activity pack that the next few weeks will be based on. You can see this pack by following this link: <u>Scout</u> <u>Meteorologist activity pack</u>



### **Scout Spring Programme**

The programme for the next term concentrates on badge work. Initially we will be working towards the Meteorologist Badge. We then move onto the Guide Activity Badge (nothing to do with Girl Guides!). Our pyromaniacs will probably enjoy the Fire Safety Activity Badge. We will then start the Pioneer Activity Badge before the Great Escape Camp brings the term to a close.

| 11/01/3013 | Games Night / Go through programme |
|------------|------------------------------------|
| 18/01/2013 | Meteorologist Badge                |
| 25/01/2013 | Meteorologist Badge                |
| 01/02/2013 | Meteorologist Badge                |
| 08/02/2013 | Guide Activity Badge               |
| 15/02/2013 | Fire Safety Activity Badge         |
| 22/02/2013 | Half Term (no Scouts)              |
| 01/03/2013 | Fire Safety Activity Badge         |
| 08/03/2013 | Pioneer Activity Badge             |
| 15/03/2013 | Pioneer Activity Badge             |
| 22/03/2013 | Great Escape                       |
| 29/03/2013 | Easter Holidays (no Scouts)        |
| 05/04/2013 | Easter Holidays (no Scouts)        |