

1st Thurstaston Scouts Newsletter

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Wild West Camp - Yee Haa



Adam and James get soaked on the bottle rockets.

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Fire, Fire!

Just after half term the Scouts had an opportunity to practice their fire lighting skills.

If the Scouts managed to light a fire this was quickly extinguished to give them the harder challenge of re-lighting the fire, this time with slightly damp wood.

An additional challenge of lighting a fire without matches was also provided. This was achieved by using a flint and steel and some cotton wool. Many of the scouts had success with this method including Lucas Hughes (who now has his own flint and steel), Dan Callaghan (who had difficulty letting go of the flint and steel) and Jack Shaw who set an impressive fire with his effort.

Some of the Scouts took advantage of the fires to cook bread (damper) on a stick.



Thurstaston Win!

At the recent Wild West Camp, 1st Thurstaston took the top prize in the premier competition for best Camp gateway. This was a saloon style doorway with Fort Reed and Fort Ismay on either side. There was also some wanted posters with particularly ropey looking characters, "Boss" Sue flush, Andy "40 Winks" Costall, Jon "Wayne" Oliver and Alan "Hairy" Parr. In the lesser competition for the best totem pole, we had the biggest totem pole and that is about the best that can be said!

During the weekend the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts enjoyed a variety of activities such as; shooting, archery, catapults, bouncey castles, Wild West re-enactment; bottle rockets and the Samba man.

Over 70 young people and leaders from the Group attended what was a very warm weekend. Although there were some hiccups this did not detract from the enjoyment the children had.

Group Games Night.

Friday 12th July

Our Big Summer Fundraiser

Ok so it was a little damp last year but still those who came said they enjoyed it (some liked the mud most!).

Hopefully this year the weather will be a little kinder to us. However due to the fresh food and the bar licence the event has to take place on the night. Postponement is not option. Please book this date in your diary; it can't be another monsoon surely!

The games the Children will be playing have yet to be finalised but the provisional list is:

- Football
- Tug-of-war
- Team pulley game (when you see it you will understand)
- Crossbows
- Crazy Challenge

The Games night does require a lot of help from parents to make it a success. If you are able to help then please send me an email at alan.parr@talktalk.net.

Thank you

Scout Community Week

Last week the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers held a charity car wash at The Pensby hotel. As a Group we raised over £500, with 75% of the total being retained by the Group. The remaining 25% of the funds raised will go towards helping disadvantaged children join the Scouting movement.



Penknife, Hand Axe and Felling Axe

We have recently had an evening of understanding how to use safely, penknives, hand axes and a felling axe. The Scouts had the opportunity to use the Groups new penknives.

