

1st Thurstaston Scouts Newsletter

November 2013

All about scouting

I like scouts because of **amazing camps**. We all do **fun** games and have a good time. Everyone has loads of fun. Also we like all the fun warm fires, along side the warm fire, Talking whilst warming your self up before the cold night breeze comes through the tent.



One of the posters made as part of the Information Technology Stage 1 Badge. More posters can be viewed on the Group's Facebook page.

Scouts Complete Information Technology Stage 1 Badge

Early in October, over a two week period, the Scouts worked on their Information Technology Stage 1 Badge. As part of the badge the Scouts were required to produce a poster showing what they like about Scouting. One of the posters can be seen to the left. The photograph in this poster was taken at the last summer camp, when the majority of our Scouts had their own fire and impromptu singsong before sleeping out under the stars in bivvies that they made themselves.

All of the posters can be viewed on the Groups Facebook page.



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JOTA – JOTI 2013

This year for the first time ever, we took part in JOTA – JOTI (Jamboree Over the Air – Jamboree Over the Internet). This is an international event were Scouts attempt to make contact with other Scouts across the world.

It is a weekend event with activities and tasks being set by the organisers. As it was our first time taking part in the event we just undertook the tasks that were set as pre-event activities. These involved:

- Making a Peace Tree complete with Origami Tsuru birds
- Recording a Welcome video
- Recording the Scouts version of the Haarlem Shake.

The two videos can be viewed at the following links:

<https://vimeo.com/77298280>

<https://vimeo.com/77264428>

Further photographs can be seen at:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/105874150@N03/10352800475/>

Although we have only dipped our toe into the JOTI experience this year, we are already planning to participate in the full weekend next year, with hopefully more success with contacting overseas Scouts.

Over the next few weeks we are looking at some skills that the Scouts may find useful during their night hike in December.

Group Bonfire Party

A Little Rain Doesn't Dampen a Spectacular Night



But before we got to enjoy a fabulous firework display, eat loads of nice things, have the odd drink and marvel at the extraordinary way the bonfire was lit, a lot of people worked really hard to get it all ready on time. As one parent helper told me "it was worth doing just to see the kids faces when the fireworks were going off". But it wasn't just parents who came to help. The Young Leader team helped marshal safely the crowds on the night and a special mention should go to the following Scouts Matthew M, Matty C, Sam C and Josh Y who gave up their Saturday afternoon to come and help build the bonfire.

Thanks to all who helped prepare for the event which gave us the opportunity to light the bonfire in a spectacular way. Although it was raining hard it was amazing to see a flaming "80" appear on the ground as a trench of fire spread towards the bonfire. An apt way for the Group to mark its 80th year.

District Camp Fire



The Scouts joined with other Scouts from across the District to take part in a Camp Fire at our hut last week.

In my opinion you can keep your "one finger and thumb keep moving", your "Bangalow" is so last year! Lloyds "Fluffy Sheep" wins every time!