

1st Thurstaston Scouts Newsletter

Summer 2014



Survival Camp in June. Who needs tents!



Camps, Camps and more Camps!

Since the last newsletter the Scouts have attended 3 quite different camps.

Camp 1: Group Camp.

This took place at the beginning of May for all Sections, with a sports theme. A walk down to Thurstaston for a game of rounders was followed by a walk back up through the Dungeons. Although the mini bus met the Scouts at St Bartholomew's church, those tempted to wimp and take the easy ride home were soon persuaded to walk (passed the sweet shop!)

Camp 2: Survival Camp

The Scouts Spring programme was based on acquiring and practicing skills to attain their Survival Skills Activity Badge. The Scouts practiced shelter building, fire lighting, axe and saw work, backwoods cooking, first aid and map reading.

On the day of the camp, the Scouts hiked from Winsford to Sandiways Camp site. There they had to construct their own shelters from natural materials and build fires to cook their meals on.

For their evening meal apart from vegetables, potatoes and ingredients to make a pudding, the Scouts were presented with rabbits and pigeons (that needed to be skinned and plucked!). Feathers everywhere but all the Scouts managed to cook and eat a decent meal.

The Leader sat down to their spit roasted rabbit at midnight!



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Camp 3: Chamboree

14 Scouts, along with 7 Young Leaders and 3 Leaders from the Group attended the week long Chamboree at the Cheshire Showground early in August.

Over 5000 people attended this international camp with Groups attending from countries such as USA, Slovenian and Egypt.

The Scouts enjoyed an action packed week with a wide range of activities and entertainment being available to them. They took part in the following: a Brazilian Soccer Skills session, singing session, science activities (including a planetarium in a tent), craft activities, a circus shows (with reluctant Leader participation), Superhero training (a collection of extreme inflatables), a survival skills base (more rabbits losing their coats), bell boating, slack lining, grass-boarding, 3 man catapults, caving, go-karts, assault course, global challenge, air rifles, archery, laser tag, catapults and quad biking. And that was just in the daytime!

The week was a great experience for the Scouts (apart from those who fell victim to the Zombie plague!).

The photos on this newsletter are just a small selection of the ones on the Group's Facebook page or on the Group's website: www.firstthurstaston.co.uk.

