



1st Thurstaston Scouts Newsletter

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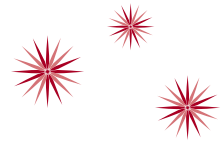


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The Blindfold Trail at The Beavan



Preparation for the Beavan Camp

The early part of the Scouting year was spent preparing for the Beavan Camp. A camp where the Scouts take part in a number of challenges, including hiking, shooting, a water activity, a first aid base and a camp challenge.

For the first 3 weeks of the Scout term

was spent practicing first aid, map reading skills and trying to develop team and communication skills.

The Beavan Camp

After all the practice, time for the competition to start. 12 Scouts came away to Tawd Vale Scout Camp. This was the first year that the event was held at this site which has the advantage of plenty of space but you the ground can be a bit soft in places to say the least.

We had good weather over the weekend although it was cold at night. However unlike most other Scout Groups, we had the advantage of being able to have our fire under our fantastic parachute.



Camp Challenge. We took advantage a particularly soft patch of ground (and added copious amounts of water, some clean and some dishwasher) to soften it a bit more to run the crawling part of the blind trail through.



The hike turned out to be a bit more exciting than usual this year. Most of the teams had difficulty finding one of the checkpoints but the precautions that are put in place before the Scouts set off meant that all the Scouts

As a Scout Group we (Brian) ran the



Dan the Lumberjack

Return safe but tired to camp.

One of the things that the Scouts love about being away for the weekend is chilling around the fire when they do not have an activity or in the evening. Obviously we burn through quite a bit of wood but fortunately we had Dan, one of our big strong cubs with us to break up some tree trunks!

Although we did not win the overall competition, we did do very well in some of the individual events. Well done Jamie in the archery.

All in all a great weekend away.



A bit of DIY

On return for the Beavan Camp we had a go at introducing the Scouts to a little DIY.

The Scouts were shown how to wire plugs, join pipework and using power tools.



Why does fire fascinate us so much?



Jamboree on the Internet

Over the last few years we have taken part in Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) with varying degrees of success. This year we combined our JOTI activity with also attempting to make some go-karts from pallets as part of the DIY Badge.

The JOTI, this year was our most successful ever. We used a dedicated Facebook page to get in touch with Scouts from around the world. The



list of countries we spoke to (and some countries we spoke to many different Groups in that country) includes: Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Pakistan, Philippines, USA, Canada, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Argentina, South Africa, Nigeria, Germany, Sweden, UK, Portugal, Austria, Malta, Denmark, Greece, Netherlands, Spain, Madagascar, Taiwan, Ireland and India.

JOTI (continued)

This was the first time that we attempted to build go-karts out of pallets. After a long day of construction the go karts were for testing by late afternoon. A ramp was constructed on the Village Hall drive ready for the go-karts to be launched.

Ok they didn't go that far or fast but at least they went!



Creative, World & Outdoor Challenges

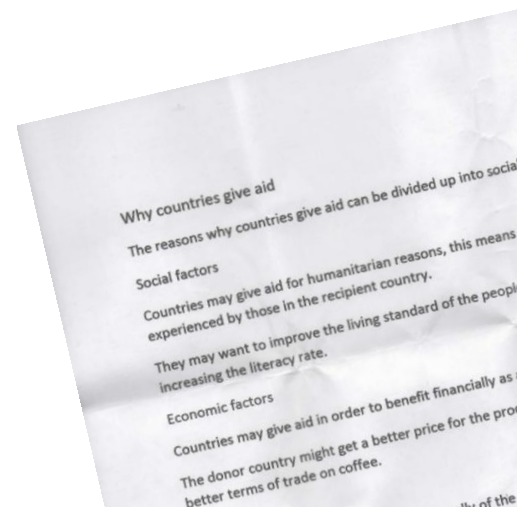
Towards the end of the term the Scouts spent 6 weeks looking at the Creative, World and Outdoor Challenges.

These Challenges involved making fires, cooking, rope work and debates.



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Indoor Golf

Whilst the hut has been used for the Scout Post for two weeks at the end of term, the Scouts took part in activities away from the hut. A rather wet night hike and barbeque on the beach at Thurstaston was the activity on the first week. On the second week the Scouts went to the indoor golf where they had a great time as can be seen by the photos below.



Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

