

Group Camp - May 2009

Our Group Camp took place over the first weekend in May. Cubs and Scouts arrived on Saturday morning to put up the tents and then 12 of the Scouts went off to the District Cooking Competition at 4th Moreton. The Beavers arrived at lunch time and Cubs and Beavers all tucked into their packed lunches.

A convoy of vehicles took the Cubs (29) and Beavers (18) with their Leaders (10) down to Woodside Ferries in Birkenhead and we went on a very enjoyable ferry round trip and then visited the German U Boat and the exhibition. After that we all were transported back to the Scout Hut, where several volunteer parents had cooked our evening meal. The Scouts hiked back from 4th Moreton, a bit of a trek but good experience for them.

When we had done all the washing up etc (takes a while when the kids do their own!) Alan Bennett, one of our District Cub Leaders and a Camp Fire Leader extraordinaire, led an excellent Group Camp Fire, which we are sure the whole village heard.

After that we all went inside to settle down and watch Madagascar 2 - Out of Africa, great fun. By the time it had finished it was time for us all to go to bed, some had already fallen asleep on their chairs! The Beavers settled down in the hut on their roll mats and tucked up inside their sleeping bags, the Scouts and Cubs went off to their tents. Sleep came to most very quickly, especially the Beavers who settled really well.

In the morning after our traditional full English breakfast cooked by the Leader team, the Beavers and 12 Cubs headed off to Thurstaston Visitor Centre for a spot of Pond Dipping with the Rangers. Those left behind, took part in the Marshmallow Olympics, split into teams and given 4 marshmallows each, they attended 4 bases where they had to see who could throw, kick, roll and then 'spit' their marshmallow the furthest - great fun. The quick ones used the same marshmallow on all the bases and ate the rest!

When the pond-dipping group came back, it was time for everyone to pack up their stuff and take the tents down. At 11.30am, the Beaver Parents arrived to collect their tired but happy Beavers and half an hour later the Cub and Scout Parents arrived. Everyone who attended is entitled to wear a Big Adventure 09 Badge which has been distributed this week. A good time was had by all, the Leader team all agreed it was great to camp together as a Group - the kids get so much out of being together, and with such fantastic facilities on our site that we don't use as often as we maybe should. With that in mind we have agreed same time, same place next year.

The following pages contain some photographs of the weekend's activities

Waiting for food



The marshmallow Olympics







The Beavers



On the Ferry









At Woodside







Beavers and cubs pond-dipping





