



PG TIPS

The Newsletter of Pinkneys Green Scout Group



GROUP NEWS

August 2007

PG 100 - CENTENARY FAMILY CAMP

In February 2009, PG are 100 years old, we are going to be holding a Special Family Camp as part of our celebrations

Friday 5th - Sunday 7th June 2009 Make a note of the date

Families and Friends of PG are welcome to camp with us for the weekend
(Note: ALL Adults camping need to complete a CRB Form, this can take 3 months to be processed)

Cubs, Scouts and Young Leaders will camp in their Sections. Beavers are only allowed to camp with their own parents

Family Fun Day

Thank you goes to every one who came along and took part in our family fun day; every one had an enjoyable day.

We also held our AGM, with reports from the Beavers, Cub, Scouts and GSL reports. Maidenheads retired District Commissioner Ray Tucker presented some service awards to the leaders and committee members. The executive committee officers have agreed to carry on in their positions for another year Tony Curley as Chairman, Jane Courtier as Secretary and Sue Giles as Treasurer. Steve Mitchell, David Shepherd, Maureen Hoggarth & John Robinson Grant Wallace have agreed to serve for another year.

Date for 2009 AGM – Saturday 6th June 2009, at our Family Camp

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BEAVER NEWS

The first week in July, the Scouts came along and showed the beavers how to put up a patrol tent, which the Beavers seemed to enjoy. Boys from the Scout section came to run the meeting and showed the boys how to put up and take down tent. It was tent pitching with a difference; the Scouts put the tents into the hall pitching them there, with the Scouts acting as the pegs. It was amazing to see that we could only fit two Patrol tents in to our Scout Hall. There was also plenty of time for a few games as well. Another meeting outside was held to allow the boys to have a go with cooking on an open fire. We walked down to the woods where Benny had already built a fire, we all crowded round in the very hot atmosphere around the fire to cook sausages and marshmallows. This activity proved very popular, the experience of cooking using only natural materials was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The last meeting of the Summer Term, the Beavers sang campfire songs around the campfire. There are some photos on the web www.pgscouts.org.uk



The Beaver section will not be meeting during August, but we hope you all enjoy the break and enjoy the summer holidays!

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CUB NEWS

This half term has been very busy with Tents, Fires and Trails. A big thank you to all the people who helped in running these activities, especially to Tarka and his team for the fire lighting (but I think Barry enjoys it more than the boys!). All these activities go towards badges, so we should be presenting some more soon.



We also spent the evening making shelters, which is always great fun.

Thank you to the families who attended the family fun day – we hope you all had a great time!

Cubs will not be meeting over the summer holiday. We will see you again on Wednesday 3rd September, ready for Cub Camp on Friday 5th.

Don't forget Cub Camp on 5th-7th September - Please return your forms to Jakala

SCOUT NEWS

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

As normal, Scouts will continue to meet during the School Summer Holidays. We hope to be arranging some activities - Friday evening 6.50pm - 9.15pm -. Don't forget to check your emails on a Thursday – for any changes

Uniform is not to be worn during August, Activity Dress is (PG Tee Shirt, plain shorts and old trainers) don't forget to bring a coat, if it looks wet.

SUMMER CAMP – Bodmin Moor

60+ members of the Troop Survived two weeks in Cornwall, despite the eleven days of rain we had. It was one of the wettest camps we have had, with plenty of mud thrown in

We camped on a Green Field site on the edge of Bodmin Moor.

A big thank you goes to the Farmer for allowing us to camp on his land. We update the PG web site www.pgscouts.org.uk every day we were at camp, with photos of the activities and events we did.

The Scouts were camping in patrols, the activities; include a visit to Bodmin Jail. mountain biking, Sailing, Windsurfing, Kayaking, 24 hour back packing hike, visit to

beach, Cooking Competition, where they cook a three course cordon blur three course meal for 7 people with a £16 budget, visit local sport centre as traditional Scout training and games. The Scouts were working in patrol of 6-7 Scouts and cooked all their meals on a wood fire, including full English breakfast and things like chilli sweet and sour chicken, sir fry and stews.

Congratulations go to Panthers - PL Alan Tarleton on winning the Cooking and Camp competitions.

I would like to thank Alan Hoskins for driving the lorry to / from Camp. Dave Chesterman (District Chairman) for coming down to Bodmin, from Maidenhead to judge the Scouts Cooking Competition. Nick Hinchliff and Anita Rogers for judging the YLs Cooking Competition. *All the parents and friend for helping with photocopying & binding the camp booklet and supplying various items for Camp.* I would also like to thank all the other parents and friends who helped us this year with donations and time.

A Special thank you goes to the following leaders and helpers, *John Bannerman* for looking after the food, money and driving, *Chris Parker*, for driving one of the Mini Buses *Robert Stroud*, *Jon Corbitt & Mark Courtier* for all their help. *Phill Bristow* for towing a large trailer down at the beginning of camp and bring another large trailer at the end of camp. *BoB & Matt Weingarh* our other mini bus driver, & *Phil Page*. Can we thank them all for taking time off work etc. and helping for all or part of the camp and surviving this year's camp.



Simon Wheeler, Scout Leader, August 2008

District Water Activities

This year 16 PG Scouts enjoyed the District Water Activity Event, they joined Scouts from all over Maidenhead for an activity pack event. They did water activities like canoeing, rafting, sailing, gig pulling dragon boating as well. Thanks goes to *Rob Ayre* and *John Boothman* for helping with the Canoeing, *Toby Ayre* for helping with the sailing and *Alex Jones* for helping with the climbing. and *Simon* for all his hard work

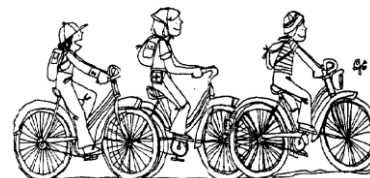
Beaver Meeting

A big thank you goes to the eleven Scouts and Young leaders who helped run a special Beaver meeting in July. The programme was for the Beavers to help pitch Patrol tents, due to the very wet weather, they had to be pitched in the hall, before *Simon* told them a story about camping. The Scouts also organised some games,

Cycling

Can all Parents and Scout / Explorers note the following:

- (i) Any Scout / Explorer who cycles to the Scout Hall must have his bike in a roadworthy condition with working front and back lights
- (ii) All Scouts/Explorers Cycling to/from Scout activities wear a **Cycle Helmet**.
- (ii) That there bike is securely locked in the compound - We have had bikes stolen from outside the hall.



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