



GROUP NEWS

CLEANING ROTA – Can you help

We are looking for parents to go on the 2015 Rota. To replace the parents who sons are no longer in the group.

Do not worry if you have not done it before...full training is given! You need about 30 to 45 minutes of your time.

A big thank you goes to the 36 parents who have cleaned the hall so far this year

For more details and information, please contact PG's Parent Cleaning Rota Coordinator. *Pauline Patel*
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BEAVER NEWS

Winter Hill Colony

Well, what a year it has been at Winter Hill Beavers - we have had a fantastic year and summer term of activities and are very excited to have welcomed our first girls into the group. We have loved joining up with Littlewick Green for lots of evenings this term and being able to enjoy the outdoors has been fantastic. From all of us at Winter Hill, we would like to thank all our parents who continually support the group and hope that everyone has a lovely summer break. We will see you all in September!

Hathi (*Catherine Weeks*).

Littlewick Colony

We've had a good few weeks. We are mostly joining up with the Winter Hill colony again, making use of their availability to go into the woods at the Thicket. We have been practicing fire lighting and cooking over the fire. Thanks to *Scott Rendell*, who taught the Beavers all about how to build a camp fire and what wood to use etc. The Beavers then cooked sausages over the campfire. The next week, again at Winter Hill we did tent pitching. The fact that it had rained on and off all day did not deter us, as we went inside the scout hall instead. We were taught how to correctly put up and take down a patrol tent (minus of course the tent peg bashing in!) and all about the names of the parts of the tent and how it is used at camps. We then got out the parachute and we played the cat and mouse game for a while. For our last week of term we will again be going into the woods to sing songs around the camp fire with Winter Hill Beavers.

As this is going to be my last PG Tips report I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped me fulfil my role, especially *Simon Wheeler*, *Sheila Stinton* and *Erica Hunter* who have always been very helpful and have answered any questions that I have had. Thanks also to *Hawkeye (Veronica Martin)*, who is a very enthusiastic and super-organised leader! I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as an Assistant, each week is varied and exciting and for anyone thinking of helping out in the future, it is a really rewarding role. I will still help out at the jumble sales and summer/Xmas fairs, so I look forward to catching up with you all then.

Bubbles (*Ruth Ford*)

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CUB NEWS

Littlewick Pack

We had an active second half of the summer term. Most of the cubs earned their water activity badge by kayaking on Taplow Lake with Engage Watersports and dragon boating at Longridge. Both activities were fun, full of teamwork and wet as the cubs attempted walking along the kayaks or jumping straight off the pier at Longridge ☺

We enjoyed the woods with lighting fires, cooking (marshmallows remains the favourite!), tracking, pond dipping (where we caught and let go of a fish!) and learnt/ built a shelter from what we could find around us.

Looking forward to an equally fun and adventurous Cub Camp!

LG Akela (*Nathalie Watson*)



Winter Hill Pack

We have thoroughly enjoyed spending the last few weeks outside. Cubs have taken part in tent pitching, laying trails and fire lighting. The last week of term was spent building shelters in the wood.

I am sure all the cubs have enjoyed these outdoor activities, the weather has certainly worked in our favour.

Cub Camp will take place on 4th-6th September and we will be camping at Furze Platt Scout campsite in Cookham. Please return your medical and permission forms as soon as possible. More information will be sent out during the holiday.

Best wishes for a relaxing summer break!

WH Akela (*Rob Harris*)

SCOUT NEWS

Littlewick Troop

The LW Scouts finished the term off with an outdoors month including two weeks of map reading/navigation and two weeks of fire lighting/cooking. Having learnt how to light a fire the first week, we cracked open the sausages and marshmallows the week after to great success. My apologies to the parents for returning their Scouts smelling of smoke! Unfortunately our final meeting of term which was planned to be games on Littlewick Green was forced indoors as the heavens opened, but it didn't stop the fun.



As the year draws to a close it is a good time to say thank you to all the volunteers who have supported the Troop in its first two terms. There are too many to mention individually, but starting a new section is never easy so requires a team effort. Finally many thanks to everyone who attended or assisted with the Summer Fair - it was a great afternoon and a great advert for Scouting and PG. I hope everyone has a great summer and I look forward to kicking off again in September.

LG Scout Leader (David Barns)

Winter Hill Troop

Summer Holidays

As normal, Scouts will continue to meet during the School Summer Holidays. We hope to be arranging some activities - Friday evening 6.45pm - 9.15pm -. Don't forget to check your emails on a Thursday - for any changes.

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

Beaver Meeting

A big thank you goes to the eleven Scouts and Young leaders who helped run a special Beaver meeting in July for Winter Hill and Littlewick colonies. The Scouts had to put up two patrol tents. It was a challenge with the Beavers & mallets knocking in the pegs, half way through the evening the skies opened, everyone got soaked before we carried on putting them up in the Scout hall. Once the tents were pitched the Beavers were told a story about camping.

District Land Activities

WH Scouts, will be taking part in this year's District Land Activity event, on Saturday 19th September. Activities will be Climbing, Archery and Shooting. Cost £15. Any Scout interested in taking part, please contact Simon for more details.



SUMMER CAMP – Brecon

Special Thank you goes to farmer Mr Phillips for allowing us to camp on his farm, near Brecon.

Nearly fifty members of Winter Hill Troop are currently camping in Wales for two weeks, at their annual Summer Camp, so far the weather has been fairly good, they had only a day of rain.

The Scouts have a busy programme of activities, which include Gorge Walking, Pony Trekking, Mountain hill walking as well as normal PG camping activities. Photos are being updated while the Scouts are at summer camp, on PG's web site www.pgscouts.org.uk

Full report in September's PG Tips

Simon Wheeler Scout Leader

23rd World Scout Jamboree

Three members of PG *Grace Marshall*, *Patrick Ashe* and *George Knott* joined 30,000 Scouts from nearly every corner of the world and took part in a once in a life time opportunity of fun, challenge and adventure at the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan. After years of planning, preparation, Scouts from over 200 countries were camped together in a tented-city near Kirara-hama, Japan, following a spectacular Opening Ceremony that started the global event.

Throughout the event, which involved almost as many young people as the Olympic Games, the thousands of Scouts had the opportunity to take part in literally hundreds of activities focused on discovering new cultures, the environment, sustainable development and global issues.

The PG members have spent 18 months planning and training for this unique cultural exchange. Each had to fundraise £3,000 in order to experience the Jamboree, with part of this fee supporting Scouts attending from Bhutan, Botswana and other developing countries across Eurasia.



Berkshire Project Africa

Two members of PG *Ben Williams* and leader *Kieran Patel* joined 70 other Berkshire Scouts for three weeks to work on two rural schools in Uganda, building new buildings. A full report will be in a future PG Tips

Photo of Kieran at Terminal 3 Heathrow on his way to Uganda

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