



Troop Camp June 2000

The Troop had an overnight camp at the new District Camp Site in June. This camp was fell in line with the "Light weight expedition" theme currently the basis for progressive training in the Pathfinder, Explorer and Chief Scout's Award work groups.

Most participants chose to cycle to camp making the whole of the return journey from Lazenby to the Bank Foot camp site under their own steam. Others chose to be dropped off part way and then walk to the site.

The theme of the camp being an overnight expedition, all food for the patrols was to be prepared on an individual basis using light weight stoves and Ration Packs.

The majority of the group choose to spend the evening in Great Ayton watching the European Football on a large TV. Those who remained on site put up extra tents for those Scouters who would be arriving later and then had a Camp Fire.

It was a warm day (perhaps that weekend was Summer 2000!) and the midges came out in force in the evening.

Sunday was even hotter and started with a general lack of enthusiasm to get packed up (perhaps because some scouts had decided to have breakfast at 3am).

Eventually everyone was on there way and the walkers successfully made their pickup point in Kildale shortly after the cyclists arrived. Brain decided having walked so far he would join the cyclists and ride the rest of the way back.

Some of the scouts who had decided not to sleep saw the foolishness of their ways, the lack of sleep meaning they had to drop out just before reaching home because they were too tired.

Pack Camp Raven Gill, July 2000

Friday, we met at the village hall to set off for Commondale in convoy. We arrived at approx. 7pm and set-up camp in very good time.

After exploring the site the cubs played a wide game as a campfire was started on the other side of the river. After supper bedtime was ordered.

The early morning run around the site took place. The group on the next site went on a 'route march' singing as they ran.

After inspection, the cubs were split into two groups and took turns doing the morning activities making whistles and plate gardens.

Back-packs were packed and we all went off in the minibus (2 journeys) for a walk. We went to the base of Roseberry Topping where we all stopped for lunch and a well earned rest.

We arrived back at camp mid afternoon to find that the sheep had been in the mess tent again, the campfires were lit for tea the cubs prepared and cooked beef-burger beans and potatoes some even washed up!

After tea everyone made knot plaques. They had some free time until supper which was soup and then toasted marshmallows. Bedtime was a little more sensible.

Saturday night Phil was up again chasing sheep in the middle of the night then the rain started, and just forgot to stop!!!!

We got up from wet tents and wet sleeping bags to find wet clothes. We all took refuge in the mess tent for breakfast and to escape from the rain. From there we watched the gentle river rise and become a raging torrent as it swept over the river bank in places and it swept over the bridges and even swept one away.

It was decided that we should abandon ship for a while and go swimming, we went to Saltburn pool because (we had been told that the road to Stokesley was impassable due to flooding). Swimming turned out to be a great idea the water is much more fun when it is clean and where it is supposed to be.

By the time we got back to camp the rain had stopped plans had to be changed for lunch we could not use the fires to cook the pork chops so we had sandwiches again and set about breaking camp fortunately most of the tents came down dry.

We arrived back at Lazenby feeling tired but every one had had a Great Camp.



Dates for you Diary

(The new 1st Wilton Calendar will be published in September)

July 2000

19h Last Colony and Pack meetings until September
26th Last Troop and Unit meetings until September
29th - 12th Aug.
Troop Summer Camp in Holland

September 2000

6th Section Meetings Restart Subs due.
15th GSL's Meeting (*provisional date*)
22nd - 24th Pack Camp

October 2000

6th - 8th District, Patrol Camping Competetion.
15th, 15th Jamboree on the Internet and JOTA

December 2000

1st District Scout Disco (*provisional date*)
2nd Group Christmas Social

The Beaver Colony and Cub Pack will meet for the last time before the summer break on Wednesday 19th July for a barbeque.

The Scout Troop will continue until 26th July.

All Sections re-start on Wednesday 6th September.

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Subs

There are still a few people with outstanding subs payments, if this includes you, please send your payment to the group treasurer as soon as possible. We are very short of money and have continual outgoing expenses such as the Hall Rent and the Minibus insurance and Road Tax.

You are reminded that next terms fees are due at the start of September and now stand at £15 per person per term.

If you have any fundraising ideas, please contact a member of the group executive.

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