



Wilton Review

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A message from the Group Scout Leader

Welcome back to scouting activities for the new term. I hope you all had a good summer and are ready for the new challenges that await you this term. Those of you starting new schools, I wish you well, I'm sure among all the new people you will meet you will find new friends and maybe you see some familiar faces too.

As you can see from the camp reports all sections have had good camp experiences and my thanks goes to all the leaders and helpers who give their time and expertise to give you all the chance off these residential experiences. I attended all the camps and was very pleased to have the chance to spend time with you all.

As we look forward to the coming term I would challenge you all to try some thing new. A new sport, a new food, a new way of doing things.

See you all soon

Yours in scouting

Joyce

All sections re-start their weekly meetings on Wednesday 12th September 2001.

Group Kit

Do you have any kit belonging to the group?

We are aware that people have borrowed kit and have not yet returned it. If you have any kit please bring it along one Wednesday as soon as possible.

The is for the benefit of all members of the group and should always be returned immediately after any activity or at the end of the sessions where the activity run over a number of weeks.

We were very short of Canoe Helmets for the summer camp!

Can You Help?

Are you able to supply the materials or make some tressels for camp tables?

Can you help make wooden boxes for storing and transporting tentage?

If you can help please contact Charles Marshall the Group Quartermaster.

Group Membership Subscriptions

Termly membership subs of £15 for all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers (Ventures) are now due.

Please send cheques made payable to "1st Wilton Scout Group" directly to the Group Treasurer, Mr Bob Fairbairn.

Word Search

A word search puzzle with a "Summer Camp" theme can be found at the end of the newsletter. Try your skills at finding the words.

The solution will be included in the next newsletter.

The Wilton Review

Members of the group are reminded that this is Your newsletter. Cubs and Scouts are encouraged to write reports about their scouting activities for inclusion in the newsletter. Remember these can be used to complete sections of the progressive award badge work. Articles may be handed in on paper or preferably on disk as text files.

If you have kit (such as walking boots) that are no longer of use to you but may be of us to other members of the group, why not advertise them in the Wilton Review.



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Registered Charity:

Beaver Colony Sleepover and Cub Pack Weekend Camp.

Marske Guide Headquarters.

Friday 29th June to Saturday 30th June.

After arriving at Marske the Cubs were split into their sixes for the camp. These were the Rolling Stones and the Limpets.

We then took a walk down to the beach to collect shells and stones with most of the lads getting soaked from the sea. Some of the lads were thoughtful enough to take their socks and shoes off before diving in and swimming fully clothed. After we collected up the socks and shoes, which seemed to have doubled in number, we then walked to the old church and graveyard. We heard the story of the Smugglers treasure hidden in the secret passage to the sea from the oldest grave in the graveyard. After a search of the yard the oldest one was found but unfortunately the slab covering the doorway couldn't be lifted. Missing out on all the treasure we returned to the hall.

The evenings activities started, with the beavers making seaside mobiles and the cubs making razor shell tea lamps. Then after supper it was time for bed.

Before breakfast on Saturday the lads took part in an obstacle course then spent a bit of time in the park. After breakfast and inspection the morning activities began. For the cubs these were making plastic bottle rockets for the competition later and making boats from paper, cork and plastic cups. The stones from the beach were also painted with a beach scene. The beavers designed their own sunglasses and made candle holders by covering bottles with putty and sticking beach shells over it. Lunch was a picnic out in the garden and was finished with a few ball games. We then went to the beach to sink the boats made earlier. Most were hit with the stones but a couple got away and were last heard of near Holland.

We had a sandcastle competition but these were all built together in the dry sand so merged into one sand heap. Since the lads were in their swimming costumes they headed off for a swim but seemed to end up dryer than yesterday. We then had a water bomb fight, which lasted longer than expected as the balloons wouldn't burst on the sand. So with the boats sunk, the sand castles trampled and the balloons burst we headed back to the hall. The cubs launched their rockets, which worked well and was one of the highlights, and the beavers put coloured layers of sand into a jar to make a sand paper weight.

The hall was then cleared and gear packed and the awards given out. These were:

Best Cub - Calum K.

Best Beaver - Mathew E.

Best First Time camper - Billy M.

Best Six: James E. Jack D.

 Ellis N. Billy M.



Kinderland (Colony and Pack)

Sunday 15th July 2001.

We left Lazenby Village hall at 10:00 with six cubs and four beavers. The journey took an hour and a quarter with games of "I spy" and joke telling in full flow in the van and Beaver songs played and sung in the car with Big Beaver.

Once there we took over one corner of the cafe patio, under the clock tower and set the lads free in to the wild. Some of the attractions on offer were Roller skating, crazy golf, carting, trampolines and the adventure playground. Everyone had a go at all of these, even Akala.

In the afternoon the base was moved to the lakeside where everyone had a go on the boats. Some in Canoes and some in pedal boats. Just by coincidence, a water fight started about the same time as Mark got on the water. With everyone soaking wet we moved on to the highlight on the day, the water slide. A big carriage, pushed down a slide into the water. After a few goes on this and last goes in the park, it was time to go.

So every last penny was spent in the shop on jelly pizzas and we set off. We arrived back at half five (ish) with everybody having great day out.

When asked what his favourite part was a beaver said,

"The bus trip."

Typical. The next trip is a drive up and down the A66.

Mark Spence.

Troop Summer camp 2001 Stainsacre

Friday 27th July 2001

The Scouters travelled out to the site meeting at Stainsacre Hall between 19:30 and 20:30. By 22:00 the Camp Base (Mess Tent, QM's Store and QM's cooking area) and all the Scouters tents were set up and the Van unpacked with all the bike and kit stored in the Mess tent.

Saturday 28th July 2001

Fizzy and Paul returned to Middlesbrough in the van to Pick up the canoes from Hemlington and went to Nunthorpe.

The Troop met on time at Nunthorpe station and travelled on the train to Ruswarp station near the camp site. Each Patrol was given an envelope containing a route card, map, pictures of the RV points and a treasure hunt. The journey was successfully completed on foot with one patrol completing the treasure hunt.

On arrival at the Stainsacre site the patrol camp areas were constructed (Tents up, shelters and cooking areas). For many of the scouts this was there first weeks camp and for many it was the first camp in tents. This meant that there was a lot to learn and the setting up of camp was a little slower then expected.

The Patrols each cooked their own tea (Camp Casserole) on wood fires.



Cooking Tea

Sunday 29th July 2001

Everyone was up and cooking their own breakfasts by 08:00. After inspection and Flag Break, Mark ran an Axe and Knife session and then time was spent

working on Axe and Knife certificate skills and then using the skills to make camp gadgets.

Each Patrol cooked Ratatouille Chicken for tea.

After tea we went into Whitby where Richard told everyone about the strange and ghostly happenings of the Town.

Monday 30th July 2001

The morning was spent on site playing games before we headed for Ruswarp for Canoeing on the Esk. This session was a change for everyone to learn or brush up their basic skills ready for the canoe trip on Friday. It was clear that the Canoe sessions at Hemlington had paid off.

Tea consisted of Rice "Lily-style" followed by Vanilla Vla.

The evening was spent winking in Robin Hood's Bay.

Tuesday 31st July 2001

The morning was spent working on individual and patrol skills.

In the afternoon everyone cycled to Whitby.

The evening was spent round the camp fire.

Wednesday 1st August 2001

We left the site after breakfast for a day out on the bikes.

It was a circular trip and we returned late afternoon in time for cooking an early tea.

Jane Cooked the Winkles collected the previous evening and there was a change for everyone to have a winkle starter before tea.

After tea there was an opportunity for the patrol to try putting up some on the tents the group has not used for many years. One of the patrols quickly cleared up their tea things and successfully put up the large canvas tent and the square bell tent before the second patrol was ready.

Supper was cake and chocolate Vla.

Thursday 2nd August 2001

After Breakfast and morning inspection we all went into Whitby for the morning.

We hoped to go on a fishing boat for the afternoon but the fishing boats were not going out due to the bad weather forecast.

Plan B: Return to base for some games, but it started raining so

Plan C: A trip to the swimming baths.

On return from the baths Ian cooked Apricot Chicken with Rice followed by Banoffee Pie for the whole Troop.

This gave the Patrols some time for fire-wood collecting and meant we spent less time clearing up after tea thus allowing us more time to go back to Whitby for a treasure hunt.

The Treasure hunt was successfully completed by the Falcons Patrol, the GSL and QM but the Foxes failed to read the instructions and got lost!

On return to camp we had pizza for supper and went to bed.

Friday 3rd August 2001

The morning started as usual with breakfast, inspection and flag break. We then played games until lunch.

After lunch it was time to take down a few tents (the foxes took down their sleeping accommodation and so had to put it back up!) and we then headed back to Ruswarp for a Canoe trip.



Approaching Whitby Town Centre

We canoed from Ruswarp to Whitby along the river Esk.

On return to the camp site, the foxes took down their tents (this time the right ones), whilst the Falcons hung up the canoeing gear to dry. We had a barbecue tea and camp fire which continued to supper of Baked Potatoes and Chocolate Bananas.

Saturday 4th August 2001

Time to clear up and go home. The QM cooked breakfast for everyone and after Flag Break it was time to take down the remaining tents and pack up all

the kit. Fizzy and Iestyn made a trip back home to return all the Canoeing kit and returned with the now empty van for the bikes and the rest of the kit.

The rain arrived as we were packing kit into the van but luckily all the tents were down and in their bags. Lunch was eaten and we had the final Flag-down and points.

Prizes went to

the Falcons for being the best patrol,
Ian E. for being the Best Scout at Camp,
Adam M. for making the most improvement.
and to Philip for being the Best First Time
Summer Camper.

The Scouts then all walked back to Ruswarp Station and caught the train back to Nunthorpe where Fizzy was waiting in the van with their bags.

Wednesday 8th August

Everyone met at the Village Hall the following Wednesday to collect the rest of their kit and to help put away the group kit. This is the most tedious part of a camp but it was disappointing that one scout came to the Village Hall, collected his bike then left without helping to put any kit away!

We also had a "camp de-brief" to see which part of the camp people enjoyed most and which parts they did not enjoy.

Calendar of Events

12th September 2001 All sections meet as usual.
Subs Due.

The full calendar will be circulated shortly.