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**September Patrol Camp 9909 (District Competition)** report by Mark Tallon (9th Redcar)**Friday**

The traditional Comondale bad weather was nowhere to be seen as patrol by patrol the competitors arrived at 18:30. Two patrols from 6th Redcar, one from 4th Southbank, one from 2nd Normanby and one from 1st Wilton were about to do battle with their camping skills for one weekend, the victor to take away a £50 prize.

The weekend started the same way as any other camp as the patrols carried their equipment over the beck to set up their home for the weekend. After the leaders left the site at 19:30. The patrols were on their own until 15:00 on Sunday.

When the patrols had their sites set-up (which took a long time as Wilton's one patrol had enough equipment for the whole troop). A PL's meeting was held to inform them about the format and inspection for the weekends.

One by one the patrols reluctantly went to bed, depending on the times stated in their programmes. 6th Redcar Hawkes, disgusted with their stated bed-time asked to change their bedtime to 02:00, but programmes weren't allowed to be changed without severe point penalties, which eventually convinced them that bed at 22:30 was a better option.

**Saturday**

The patrols woke early on Saturday morning to collect wood to cook breakfast. 09:30 was inspection time. Each patrol had their personal kit and patrol equipment inspected. 6th Redcar "bird" patrol had a lot of exercise as they collected their dirty equipment that had been flung out across the field to encourage them to clean it properly in future. 4th Southbank, having one of their first inspections made a very impressive attempt to get their personal kit laid out properly, and had a very well organised site. 6th Redcar Hawkes continued where their "bird" patrol had left producing a mess of personal kit and the dirtiest equipment ever seen by man.

The sun began to shine as the patrols battled on with their morning programmes, camp gadgets, river walks and games just some of the attempted activities. Camp gadgets figured on everyone's programmes, an easy way to gain much needed points in the battle for the £50 prize. The patrols found it difficult to keep to their programmes. Points were awarded for the proposed programme and the programme execution for each patrol. 4th Southbank executed their programme well, but 1st Wilton didn't do so well as their proposed programme was poor.

The evening meal lost points for 6th "birds", Hawkes, and 4th Southbank due to lack of a balanced menu and poor presentation. 1st Wilton took the easy option using ration packs. 2nd Normanby did well with their cooking. Points for camp gadgets were varied. 4th Southbank gained many points for the sheer number of gadgets. 2nd Normanby's gadgets were good, but didn't get away with calling a sheet of wood on an altar fire a gadget.

**Sunday**

Sunday morning Sunday morning arrived, (Mark still in bed when the first patrol was ready for their breakfasted to be inspected). Time for inspection. There was an all round improvement on the previous mornings, with the exception of 6th Redcar "Bird patrol", who made little effort.

All the patrols chose to give up on valuable points by not even attempting to keep to their programmes. Sunday lunch, the main meal brought out an excellent display from 2nd Normanby, who produced a very well cooked and presented meal. 1st Wilton were the other patrol to successfully complete Sunday lunch and 4th Southbank made an attempt but were unable to keep their fire going. Both 6th Redcar patrols had no food left after feeding the sheep and burning the rest in the fire.

Eventually 15:00 came, all the kit was stacked by the road, and the patrols in uniform for the presentation. "Bird" patrol was reunited with their burned axe-head from the fire. The well deserved winners, *1st Wilton Smurfs* were presented with their £50 prize, £12.50 each, and the rest will have to wait for their next chance next year, which I'm sure can't come soon enough for 4th Southbank, who came a well deserved 2nd ahead of 2nd Normanby and 6th Redcar.



### **September Cub Camp 9909a** Report by Thomas Power (Scout)

The Cubs set off on Friday night from Lazenby Village Hall at six o'clock to go to Commondale for a weekend camp based on a naturalist theme. When we arrived we were divided into two patrols "Sheep Ticks" leader Adam and the "Bog Beetles" leader James. We went for a walk around the campsite and into the village looking and listening for bats and owls.

When we returned we played games and had a quiz. After supper the cubs went to bed but it was a few hours before any of them went to sleep.

Early Saturday morning Phil took the cubs for a run. After breakfast and washing up duties the cubs prepared for inspection. Inspection over we divided into patrol for activities Sheep Ticks were indoors to make bird feeders and bird seed mosaics on a nature theme with Lesley (Akela), Margaret, Lynn and Louise.

Outdoors, Phil, John, Michael and Mark went with the Bog Beetles to look at fungus and go pond dipping. After a juice break we changed over.

After lunch we walked to Danby to visit the Visitors Centre. While we were there we tried the compass course and an indoor quiz.

When we returned to camp tea had already been cooked for us by Lesley's Mum and Dad.

Saturday evening was the highlight of camp when we had a conker competition, which was won by Michael Walsh. We then joined 1st Kirklevington cubs for an indoor camp fire and sing song because it was raining.

Sunday morning was another early morning run. Once breakfasts over everybody went outside for archery. A good time was had by everyone.

After we had lunch and tidied up, point and prizes were awarded.

Best Cub at Camp: Adam

Best Patrol: Sheep Ticks

Best first camp: Greg.

### **Jamboree on the Internet 1999**

A numbers of Cubs and Scouts from 1st Wilton joined other cubs and scouts from throughout the county to take part in JOTI '99 which was again hosted by the University of Teesside, School of Computing and Mathematics.. JOTI takes part every year and runs for 47 hours 58 minutes starting at 00:01 local time Saturday morning and ending at 23:59 Sunday.

Saturday saw over 80 Cleveland Cubs, Scouts, Ventures and Scouters web browsing, internet chatting and e-mailing. Contact was made with many other groups world wide and we able to chat to Martin and Lily in Holland.

The fun continued on Sunday with everyone eagerly awaiting e-mails to arrive from other scouts from local groups and from distant countries.

### **District PLs Meeting**

PLs and APLs from the district met at the University of Teesside during JOTI to discuss future district events.

Grant Smith (ADC Scouts) would like information from all groups in the district so that the district events can be arranged for the next year comprising activities chosen by the Scouts themselves.

## **1st Wilton Christmas Social and Silver Jubilee Celebrations**

**Saturday 27th November 1999**

at

**Whale Hill Social Club**

**£ 2.50**

**Tickets now available.**

### **Sammy the Spiders Party**

Whilst the cubs and scouts took part in JOTI, Beavers from all over the district had a party at 2nd Normanby on Sunday 17th October.



## Congratulations!



Congratulations go to Joyce Spence for successfully completing her leader training (including Cub camping). Geoff Frewin (District Commissioner) is shown above, is shown presenting Joyce with her Wood Beads.



At the same time, Geoff presented Rickie with his Assistant Scout leader's warrant. Rickie started at 1st Wilton as a Beaver, and progressed through Cubs, Scouts.

## Calendar of Events 1999

### Every Wednesday

17:30	Beavers
18:00	Cubs
19:30	Scouts & Ventures

### October

- 10th Car Treasure Hunt, Start Lazenby Village Hall 10:00
- 11th Group Executive Meeting 20:00 at the Nags Head,
- 14th District Beaver Leaders Meeting
- 16th-17th Jamboree on the Internet
- 16th District PLC.
- 17th District Beavers "Sammy Spiders" party.
- 23th District Scouts 5 a side Football
- 27th District Scout Leaders Meeting, 19:30 at 6th Redcar

### November

- 8th Group Executive Meeting 20:00 at the Nags Head,
- 12th -14th Scouters summer camp planning weekend.
- 17th Recruits evening.
- 19th District Scouts Rollerblading.
- 19th - 21st Recruits Camp (Danby).
- 27th Group Social (Whale Hill).

### December

- 3rd - 5th Troop Camp.
- 6th Cubs Carol Service.
- 13th Group Executive Meeting 20:00 at the Nags Head
- 22nd No Section Meetings
- 29nd No Section Meetings

### April 2000

- 16th St George's Day Parade

### May 2000

- 26th - 28th Millennium Camp

### June 2000

- District AGM

### July 2000

- 29th - 12th Aug. Troop Summer Camp