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Hi I'm the Beaver Leader Jackie (Esk) we currently have 28 Beavers with 10 of those going up to Cubs after Easter. We have been very busy this term doing all kinds of activities, a games night with new games played, blow painting and finger people painting where the beavers and helpers got quite messy, 2 weeks of mothers day card making and then the last two weeks will be dedicated to Easter activities.

In the coming year we have the Big Camp where 10 of my Beavers are staying overnight. And we are organising a joint district Cub and beaver jubilee party at Fanwood on the 16th June.

I would like to thank my parent helpers without them we could not do the activities we do.



We currently have 16 Cubs with 10 coming up from Beavers after Easter. We have been very busy since Christmas doing a varied programme of activities. Some of the activities we have done include the home safety and emergency aid stages one and two badges. The Cubs have also enjoyed bringing in different things to show off their skills and hobbies out of scouting, some of these included Swimming, Gymnastics and Martial Arts.

During the coming year the cubs can look forward to doing their chef badge as well as completing their community challenge award. Also coming up is the big camp in May which is a big opportunity for all the cubs to take part in a camping experience also there is the district Sixer's and Secondar's camp in June for all the older cubs to take part in.



Big Camp

Don't forget Big Camp Friday 4th—Monday 7th May 2012, please ensure you bring the health forms back ASAP, and any further info will be given out near the time.

Gala

Don't forget Sunday 20th May is the Annual Group Gala, we still need help manning the stalls and of course we need as many people to come along on the day and help support the group. If you can help please contact any of the leaders ASAP

Group AGM

Please note **Wednesday 16th may at 7:30pm** at the Scout HQ, please come along and find out about your group!



During January & February, the troop has been represented in three district competitions – 5 a side football, swimming & cooking, whilst we did not win any of them, the team of Samuel & Matthew were second in the cooking competition. Well done to everyone who took part in any of the events.

Whilst working towards the Global Challenge badge, the scouts learned about homelessness, the causes and effects that it can have on individuals and families.

To get a feel for how it might be for people sleeping rough, some of our hardy scouts slept the night in the archery range at Fan Wood, where the temperature reached a chilly minus 7 degrees C. This was followed up by a visit to the Salvation Army in Batley, where we learned about the work carried out by the 'army' with homeless people. Finally the scouts have been asked to donate tinned food that can be donated to the 'army' for distribution to the needy.

During February half term, four scouts took part in a caving expedition in the Yorkshire Dales where despite the cold conditions; they had an enjoyable time underground. Over the coming weeks, in preparation for the Fitness Challenge badge, scouts are taking part in a number of practice walks that will see them complete the 20Km Bah't at walk (Ilkley moor bah't at) on the 29th April.

On the 30th March, our team of 'eggheads' will be defending the District scout quiz, which they won at last years' event.

St Georges Day

This year, the 11th are hosting the District St. Georges Day parade & service at Birkenshaw, on Sunday 22nd April. It is very important that we have a full turn out of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorer Scouts and Leaders.

Many of our members will be asked to take an active part in the service, which should enable them to gain the Faith Partnership award, Parents, please support the leaders by ensuring that you child attends this very important event.

Help from parents will also be required in the form of parade marshals, please contact one of the leaders if you can help



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