

MAY 2010

Welcome to May's Scouts' newsletter!

The Troop is once again full of Scouts after Rhys W, Rhys P, Kai and Daniel came up from Cubs. Welcome to them!

THIS TERM

We've got plenty of camping coming up this term.

First of all we've got a joint bivvy down Cox Wood with the Cubs – this means sleeping in shelters made from natural materials and a bit of plastic sheeting instead of tents!

We've then got a decent number of Scouts joining over 700 others from all over Wales in Builth Wells for the All Wales Scout Camp.

Finally in July we've got the Wrexham District Centenary camp at Bangor-on-Dee Racecourse, REXJAM. We've got loads from 1st Rhosnesni going to that.

We've explained before about Summer Camp at Chamboree being a bit of an issue. Firstly not many Scouts wanted to go, and Leaders are having difficulties getting time to attend.

Luckily I have friends at the 7th Nottingham who are attending and they have said that any Scouts from our Troop who want to attend would be welcome to camp with them. Please ask me for more information if your child wants to attend as soon as possible.

ANNUAL HEALTH CHECK

There's been a slight change to the way we manage health forms.

We've combined the Essential Information & Health Forms, and the resulting form is to be renewed every year.

This is so we can ensure that the information we have is up to date.



We'll be handing the forms out to Scouts on the anniversary of them joining the Scout movement (Beavers, Cubs or Scouts), and as soon as they're returned we'll give out the next Participation Award badge (above).

The forms are available on the website if you ever need to update information, or just as me for one.

BADGES AND AWARDS

Every term we feature a different Activity badge in this newsletter. Some of these badges can be earned in a Scout's own time.

This term, as the World Cup is almost upon us, we'll look at the **Sports Enthusiast badge**:

This badge is designed for those who follow a sport, rather than participate.

While many Scouts might choose football or



basketball, the requirements could encompass sports as diverse as archery, motor racing and water polo.

Demonstrate your interest in a sport that you follow by completing the requirements below:

1. Explain the rules governing the chosen sport.
2. Describe the levels of achievement within the chosen sport either locally, nationally or internationally.
3. Show knowledge of some of the personalities, champions or other experts within the sport and explain how they might have inspired you.
4. Talk about the equipment required for the sport.
5. Describe a recent major event, championship or landmark in the sport.
6. Explain how you follow the sport and how you keep up to date with developments

If any of the Scouts can get an independent person to sign to say they have completed the requirements below, then we'll award them the badge.



AMAZING FUNDRAISING

Just as last term started, the news came in of a huge earthquake which devastated the country of Haiti. Thousands of people lost their lives.

As Scouts, we promise to do our best to help other people, and so we couldn't leave the survivors of this disaster without help.

Coincidentally, the Scout Association had just started a link with a small charity in Cornwall called Shelterbox.



Shelterboxes provide big green boxes full of all sorts of life-saving essentials for people who have lost everything, be they refugees or – like the people of Haiti – victims of natural disasters.

We decided that we'd see how much money we could raise for Shelterbox by holding a sponsored sleep rough. The Scouts would see what it'd like to be without a roof over their heads, and at the same time help those in Haiti.

We set a target of £490, which is what it costs to

put a box together and get it to where it's needed. In the end though far exceeded all our expectations and raised over £1,300, helped by a £700 donation via Laura's dad from BNI Wrexham.

And it didn't stop there. As we were doing the Fitness Challenge, we decided to take part in the Sports Relief Mile, and sponsor money for that came to over £400.

Thanks hugely to everyone who donated money, and to the Scouts who worked hard too!

LAST TERM

While the rest of the country ground to a halt due to the snow, we proved that there's no such thing as bad weather by starting the year at Winter Camp.

We travelled down to the home of Scouting in Gilwell Park to join hundreds of other Scouts at the sub-zero weekend camp.



Another freezing event that we went to was the first Crusaders rugby match to be held in Wrexham. All the Scouts had a great time.

By the time of the District Frost Camp the snow had all gone, but the Scouts still had a go skiing at the dry-slope at Runcorn.



Cox Wood campsite has just had a new shooting gallery so we spend an evening using the air rifles down there.



The Scouts got the fitness bug later in the term with the Fitness Challenge. My cousin Jon came in to do a bit of circuit training, we then visited Total Fitness who gave us a free go at their gym, before completing the challenge doing the Sports Relief mile.

For St George's Day we held a Middle East night (St George was from Syria) and then took part in the District trip to Liverpool where the Scouts renewed their Promise onboard the Mersey Ferry.



SUBS DUE

Subs are now due and MUST be in by the end of May please. Bring in a cheque for £25 if you pay termly and hand to Angela.

Make cheques payable to '1st Rhosnesni Scout Group' and write your child's name and 'subs' clearly on the back.

1st Rhosnesni Scout Troop

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