



Yet again we have tried to provide a very full and busy Beaver programme this year to keep interest high and the children active. We couldn't run the activities we have without the help and support of the leadership team and helpers at the Beaver events. Beavers have a strong leadership team and this year we have been fortunate enough to have had a large number of young leaders which have really helped with the organising and running of the evenings. With that in mind I would like to thank the whole Beaver team:

Colin (aka Bald Eagle) - ABSL	Sam (aka Chicken) – Young Leader
Phyllida (aka Puffin) - ABSL	Luke (aka Ostrich) – Young Leader
Wendy (aka Woodpecker) - ABSL	Max (aka Emu) – Young Leader
June (aka Magpie) - ABSL	

Without their help and support every week the programme couldn't be achieved.

We currently have 22 Beavers in uniform and 2 joining in the next few weeks to bring our colony back to capacity at 24, something we have maintained throughout the last few years. The current waiting list remains longer than we would like but it shows that the 2nd Reigate is a popular Beaver Colony to join.

Group Camp 2014

The Beavers went on another Group Camp which had an "Alice in Wonderland" theme. At the camp the Beavers made Coconut Ice Mushrooms, Ping Pong ball Caterpillars and joined with the Cubs / Scouts for various games. Not forgetting our very own camp fire rendition of "The Jaberwocky". All of the Beavers appeared to have had a great time – obviously another very successful camp!

Godstone Farm Dino Trail

Feeling safe with the weather in June we planned an outdoor visit to Godstone Farm's new Dino trail. However, the Heavens 'more than' opened and gave way to torrential rain and extensive flooding just about an hour before we were all due to arrive. Those fantastic Beavers and leaders who braved the weather were rewarded with a tour of the farm & animals, and even got to hold a rabbit or two before playing on the play equipment. It certainly was not a wash-out for our hardy lot.



Scout Community Day

For Scout Community Day 3 willing Beavers helped out at St John's Church. They got stuck into clearing paths, weeding borders and planting bedding plants. A barbecue lunch was held at the Church to thank all the helpers and the 3 Beavers were rewarded with their Gardening badge. Thank you to all those that came and helped.

Beaver & Cub Camp – Walton Firs

For the first time in a while the Beavers were invited to go on a camp with the Cubs and sleep in tents. This was quite exiting for many of them – being their first time under canvas. Activities involved Caving, Skittles and the Adventure course. Another great activity filled weekend.

Reigate District Sleepover

Now an annual event, another District Sleepover at Reigate College was held but this time with a "Pirate" theme. Activities involved making Pirate Cutlasses, Sashes, Hats and Masks, lots of games, stories, puzzles and a bedtime film of Peter Pan to get everyone relaxed. Yet again (and we may be biased) our Beavers were exceptionally well behaved, responsible and went to sleep quickly-ish and quietly-ish. In the morning all Beavers were up early (too early!!!) dressed, fed and ready for the day.

Other landmarks in the colony calendar this year included: Chips in the park, The Cube, Father's Day & Mothering Sunday Makes, Knots, Launching Boiled Eggs, Visit from our local Community Support Officers, Visit to Reigate Fort, Star Gazing with Nicholas Calver at St John's church, Making Snow Globes, Valentines Pancakes, a Bonfire Octopus, making musical instruments and of course lots of fun and games!!!!

In amongst this we have had regular Church parades, Mothering Sunday and Remembrance Day parades. At all of these events we have had support from the Beavers, however we do need to try a bit harder to get our attendance numbers up further.

We have been continuing our progress with the Beavers to achieve badges, whilst still trying to maintain their interest in how they get them. The activities are constructed to allow the Beavers to learn in a friendly, fun and informal way with the badge being a bonus at the end of it. If anyone can think of a fun topic for our programme please let the leadership team know.

A special well done to Bradley Hazelden who achieved his Chief Scout Bronze award this year.

Again we would like to thank everyone who helps at Beavers, especially the leaders and young leaders for their tireless help at all meetings and events but, should anyone fancy it, we would welcome any further help – no experience necessary just enthusiasm and a sense of humour!

Regards in Scouting,

Wendy Wilde (aka Woodpecker) ABSL



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