

Scouts



July 2021

South Berkshire District

Having a Great Summer

After a busy summer term its time to have a break, regroup (and renew any mandatory training) and be ready for next term. There has been lots going on within Scouting.

Numbers in many sections are getting back to where they were before and a huge THANK YOU to everyone for persevering.

Many of our Young People are enjoying scouting again. So its time for you all to have a rest and enjoy your Summer too!

I hope you can read this somewhere nice.

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3rd Sandhurst Cubs have a flying time

An Activity Day at Paccar Scout Camp Site, themed around the Thames Valley Air Ambulance Challenge Badge. It started with bacon butties and closed with a campfire 12 hours later. The full day included a Phonetic Alphabet wide game, building mini helicopter pads, designing posters, building & testing safety helmets on eggs; plus more traditional scouting activities such as crate-stacking, zip wires and cooking lunch on fires. The Cubs not only achieved the occasional badge but also raised a £100 donation for the TVAA.



Young Leader Awards – a fantastic achievement!



A huge well done to Ryan Hall and Elizabeth Hatherly for gaining their Young Leader Belts and Certificates on completion of the Young Leader Scheme.

Length of Service Awards

Congratulations to the following on their Chief Scout's Length of Service Awards:

- Laura Lee Lewis, 9th Bracknell – 40 Years
- Ian Duncan, Active Support Unit – 30 Years
- Andy Pevy, 1st Sandhurst – 30 Years
- Pauline Baker, 9th Bracknell – 25 Years
- Mike Constantine, 2nd Easthampstead – 10 Years
- Daryl Toogood, 1st Easthampstead – 10 Years
- Barbara Pether, 2nd Easthampstead – 10 Years
- Adrian Nash, Gangshow – 10 Years
- Wayne Partner, 1st Owlsmoor – 5 Years
- Dennis Vincent, 2nd Sandhurst – 5 Years

Well done and many thanks for all your contributions to Scouting.

Jamboree in the Mountains – Alps22

There are still places left to join the District Alps22 Unit

ALPS22 is taking place in August next year with lots of exciting activities and adventure in the French Alps. We are sending a Unit of Explorers and Network Scouts. As a Scout Leader please advise your older Scouts, who will be 14 by next August. The total cost will be no greater than £1500 and District will be providing a subsidy in addition to fund raising activities.

Please don't hesitate to contact Rob Pellow: alps22@southberksscouts.uk



Even with the lifting of some restrictions we are still at Yellow status. This means that section meetings can take place outdoors and indoors. Residential activities may also take place.

However, it's important to remember that we're still in the middle of the pandemic and we all have the duty to make sure we're following the letter and spirit of the guidance. Although there is no longer a legal requirement for many things, as Scouts, with a duty of care to others and to young people, we recommend and expect the application of good hygiene and covid-safe approaches to all our meetings, events, activities and residential experiences.

Useful information can be found on the main Scout website at: [Information Hub](#)

First Aid – get it done now

Leaders have until the end of the year to become compliant with their first aid training. County is providing the learning elements of first response training through online facilitated sessions followed by a short COVID safe face to face validation for the practical elements.

District Camp – 6-8 May

We have resumed planning for the District Camp set to be at Walton Firs next year. This will be a camp in Groups for all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Network Scouts.

Make sure you have informed your GSL that you are interested in attending. Bookings will be taken next term.

District AGM

This year's District AGM will be held at the Open Learning Centre in Bracknell, RG12 7GR on Thursday 9th September. It will start at 8pm. Please come along if you'd like to find out more about our District.

No August Issue

Your editor is taking time off in August. Have a great Summer break!

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